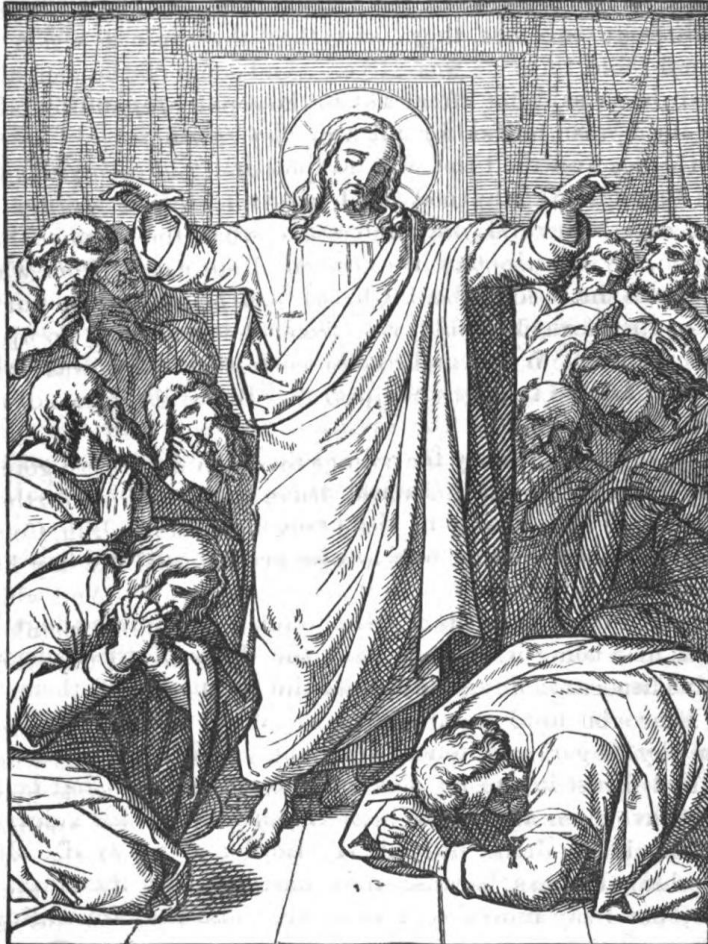


Third Sunday Of Easter

April 14, 2024



Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
48 Greene Avenue
Sayville, New York 11782
SUNDAY 9:30 AM

Welcome to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Rejoice in God's grace. Live as disciples. Love one another.

Our Purpose

The family of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, gathered around Word and Sacrament, enhanced by liturgy and music, exists to encourage its members in a life of discipleship in Christ Jesus and fellowship with one another.

Utilizing the gifts that God has entrusted to us, we engage in acts of mercy, attending to the spiritual and physical needs within our congregation and community.

We bear witness to the Grace of God through living in His Word thus demonstrating the love Christ has shown us.

To Those Visiting with Us Today

We welcome you among us as we gather in God's presence to receive his benefits towards us. If this is your first time visiting, please introduce yourself to the Pastor on the way out. We pray God's blessings upon you in this time, and invite you to continue to join us in the future.

A Guide to the Symbols in the Service

P = Pastor; **L** = Lector; **C** = Congregation

Anywhere the symbol ✝ appears, the sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

As We Gather

The Sundays of Easter celebrate the greatest of all victories - the defeat of sin, death, and the devil by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The theme of victory fills each of the Sundays of Easter and radiates out the joy of the first Easter morning. The Hymn of Praise begins with the words, "This is the feast of victory for our God." This joyful truth is to be re-echoed through all of the worship of God's people on earth as it is endlessly proclaimed by the hosts of heaven!

Today in the Church Year

This is what we are all about as Christians. The season of Easter is the time where we recall that all the promises of what the Messiah would do find their fulfillment. Sin is gone. Death is defeated. Satan is crushed under foot. New and everlasting life is given to us and all creation. For the next 50 days, we will bask in the glory of Easter morning, singing our Alleluias, rejoicing in the resurrection of our bodies, remembering our baptism into Christ, and partaking of the unending feast. The color for the season is white and gold as a symbol of the new life, of the purity of Christ, and of the riches of heaven. This is indeed a sacred, holy, and blessed season. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✠ IN NOMINE JESU - IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Voluntary: Variations on *With High Delight*

setting: Raymond H. Haan

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

*Opening Hymn: He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480

Tune: WALTHER

Invocation, Confession and Absolution (*Matt. 28:19b*)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (*1 John 1:8-9*)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:19-23*)

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast (*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*)



■ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 3:11–21

L The First Reading for The Third Sunday of Easter is taken from Acts, the third chapter.

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Psalm 4** (The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)

Antiphon



You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine a-bound.

Tone K



1. Answer me | when I call,
O | God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was | in distress.*
Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!
2. **O men, how long shall my honor be | turned in - to shame?***
How long will you love vain words and | seek af-ter lies?
3. **But know that the LORD has set apart the | godly for himself;*
the LORD hears when I | call to him.**
4. **Be angry, and | do not sin;***
ponder in your own hearts on your | beds, and be silent.
5. **Offer right | sacrifices,*
and put your | trust in the LORD. **Antiphon****
6. There are many who say, “Who will | show us some good?*"
Lift up the light of your face up - | on us, O LORD!*"
7. You have put more | joy in my heart*
than they have when their grain and | wine abound.
- +8. In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;*
for you alone, O LORD, make me | dwell in safety.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Ämen. **Antiphon****

Epistle

1 John 3:1-7

L The Epistle is from First John, the third chapter.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

*Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

**The term "catholic" means the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.*

Sit

***Hymn of the Day: With High Delight Let Us Unite**

LSB 483

Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sermon: How quickly we forget

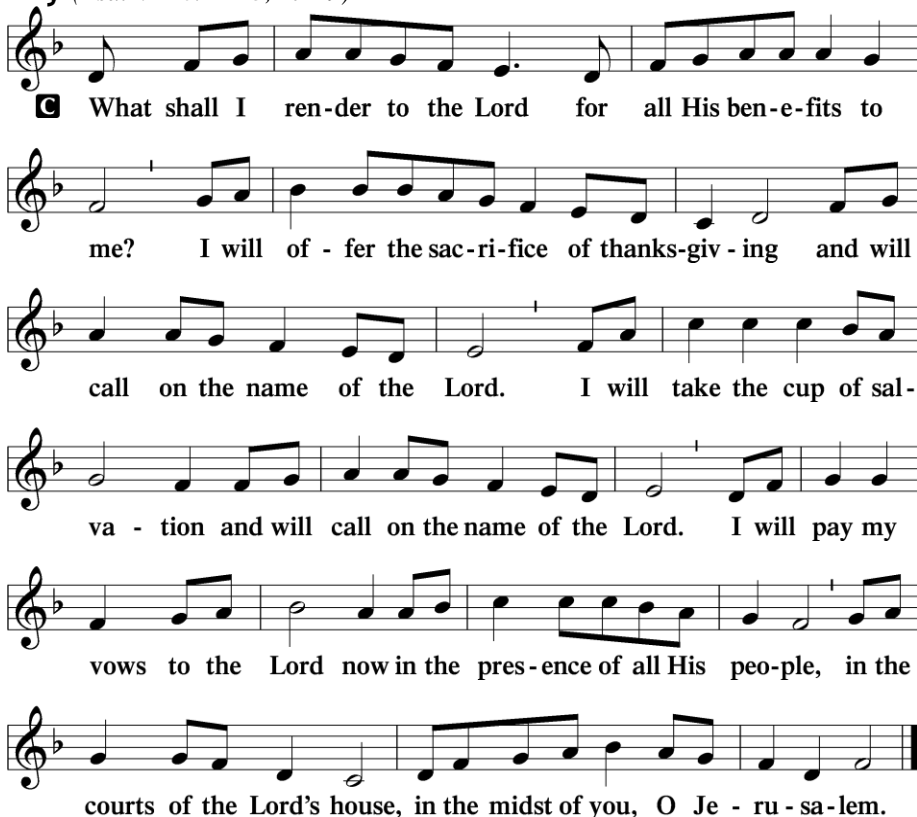
***Offering: That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright** text: 5th c. Latin hymn, tr. John Mason Neale; music 15thc. manuscript, adapted by Michael Praetorius, arr. John Ferguson

That Easter Day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
when to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.
His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave. Alleluia!
O Jesus, King of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess;
To you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise. Alleluia!
Come, risen Christ, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;
Your own redeemed forever shield from every weapon death can wield. Alleluia!

(Please fill out the green Attendance Slip in the pew. Hand the completed slip to the usher on the way forward for communion.)

Stand

***Offertory** (*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*)



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church *(1 Timothy 2:1-4)*

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
(after each petition)
- P** Lord, in your mercy...
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface *(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *(Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)*

- P** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*
- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *(Revelation 22:20)*
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)*

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini *(John 20:19)*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei (John 1:29)

© Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with a copyright symbol (©) at the beginning of the first line. The final note of the fourth staff is a double bar line.

Sit

Distribution

Please read what Saint John's believes concerning the Sacrament of the Altar:

As Lutherans, we believe, teach, and confess that in the Holy Supper all receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ with their mouth. Believers feed on Christ for the assurance of salvation and the strengthening of their faith.

To assure that our Lord's great gifts are received in a beneficial way, Holy Scripture says in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29 ***"A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself."*** Self examination includes:

- 1) The confession that we are sinful and in need of God's forgiveness. (Ps 51; Romans 3: 9-28)
- 2) The faith that Jesus Christ is truly and actually present in the Sacrament, offering His very Body and Blood for all to eat, so that our sins are forgiven. (Mt 26: 26-28; 1 Cor 10: 16-21)
- 3) The sincere resolve, with the Holy Spirit's help, to amend what is sinful in our life by actively belonging to a body of believers where these Scriptural truths are preached and taught. (Acts 2: 42; Ephesians 2: 8-10)

If this reflects your belief and you are a baptized member in good standing, not under discipline, at a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or a church body with which we are in fellowship, we welcome you to the Lord's Table and pray that His Body and Blood will be for your soul the highest good. If you are not sure, or do not understand, we ask that you speak with the Pastor, at your earliest convenience, prior to communing. If you would like to come to the altar and receive a personal blessing instead of the Eucharist, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the pastor.

Distribution will take place around the altar. Both sides of the church will be ushered forward up the center aisle at the same time with the first person in line starting at the center, and the rest fanning out along the sides. Once everyone has come forward, you will be invited to kneel, if able, to receive the Sacrament. Once all have received, and the pastor announces the dismissal, you may stand and the two people in the middle will turn and start back to their seats, with both sides following and returning via the side aisles.

A Prayer before Communing

O Lord, we pray for ourselves and for all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Grant that we, who do now celebrate the feast of love, may at the last be clothed with the white robes of those who shall join in the marriage supper of the Lamb; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Distribution Hymn: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 618

Tune: ICH STERBE TAGLICH

A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Stand

*Post-Communion Canticle: Splendor and Honor

LSB 950 (sts. 1 & 3)



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray... O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C** Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

LSB 481

Tune: BESANCON

Closing Voluntary: He's Risen, He's Risen

tune: Walther

setting: Jeffrey Blerch, adapted from *Te Deum* by Marc-Antoine Charpentier

You are invited, and encouraged, to stay and listen to the voluntary as a way to continue to ponder God's love for you, and consider how today's message and music can influence your life over the coming week. This is also a nice way to calm yourself before heading out into the rest of the day's activities.)

A Prayer for Departure

Thanks be unto You, Lord Jesus, for Your bitter sufferings, Your shameful death, and Your joyous resurrection. Enlighten our eyes to see in You the way unto life. Uphold us by Your truth, so we may not fall into idolatry and false worship, and preserve us in the true faith unto eternal life. Amen.

† SOLI DEO GLORIA - TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †

† Look Ahead for Next Week:

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:1-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 15:1-8
Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

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| Sun 4/14 | Third Sunday of Easter | |
| | 7:45am | Divine Service |
| | 8:30am | Bible Study |
| | 9:30am | Divine Service |
| | | Sunday School |
| Mon 4/15 | 7:00pm | Boy Scouts |
| Tue 4/16 | 7:00pm | Judo/Women's 12-Step |
| Wed 4/17 | 12:30pm | Narcotics Anonymous |
| | 7:45pm | SōLI |
| Thu 4/18 | 6:30pm | Finance Meeting |
| | | Eagle Eye Ringers |
| | 7:00pm | Judo |
| | 7:30pm | Chancel Choir |
| Fri 4/19 | 12:30pm | Narcotics Anonymous |
| Sun 4/21 | Fourth Sunday of Easter | |
| | 7:45am | Divine Service |
| | 8:30am | Bible Study |
| | 9:30am | Divine Service |
| | | Sunday School |
| | 11:00am | E1HW |

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| Sunday, April 7 | \$4,543 | 168 |
| Contributions Received 4/1-4/9/24 | \$6,939 | |
| April Budgeted Expenses | \$38,783 | |
| Contributions Received 1/1-3/31/24 | \$75,733 | |
| Budgeted Expenses 1/1-3/31/24 | \$116,349 | |
| Monthly Mortgage Payment | \$2,554 | |
| F.O.R. Contributions - April | \$240 | |



Want to give an offering but forgot cash or a checkbook? Now you can give securely online! Simply scan the QR Code on your mobile device and you will be directed to St. John's Donation page.

Thrivent Luncheon - *Sunday, April 14th at 1pm*, Thrivent will host a luncheon at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Middle Island. Please join us to learn more about Thrivent's Member Benefits, including how we can best apply for and use *Action Team Cards* and of course *Choice Dollars*. We will also get a chance to ask questions about Associate Membership and how to purchase items from their store. Thrivent will not be selling anything; this is informational only. On the day of the event, we are asking each participant to bring a non-perishable food item with them to contribute to the food pantry. The luncheon is open to both Thrivent and non-Thrivent Members. We look forward to seeing you there! Thrivent has sent an invite and place for you to register, but if you have questions, please contact Honey Pabst at 631-589-8353.

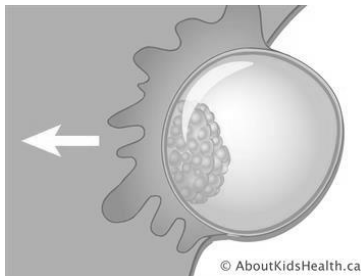
E1HW - On *Sunday, April 21 at 11am*, we will hold our first *Every One His Witness* module session on the topic of Witnessing to the Grieving. While attendance at the preliminary sessions is helpful, it is not required. Please join us as we learn how we might engage people who are experiencing loss with the Easter hope we have in Christ. To attend, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or contact the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Noack.

Volunteer Appreciation - On *April 21st*, we will express gratitude to our volunteers for their contributions. Are you one of them? If so, we extend our thanks. Many individuals quietly support their church, community, and others (some of whom we may not even be aware of). Let's keep all these individuals in our prayers, both the known and the unknown. The Thrivent Financial group at St. John's always makes an effort to show appreciation. How can you show your gratitude to these individuals? Consider a phone call or a note to convey your appreciation. You could also leave a flower on their doorstep if you need to go out. These are just a few ideas to consider. Think about those you would like to thank, such as the Altar Guild members, Ushers, Communion Stewards, Readers, and even those who provide the Sunday video. Other individuals contribute to Sunday School, the food pantry, and our council. These people work diligently to ensure that everything runs smoothly each Sunday, including those who work behind the scenes, whose efforts may go unnoticed. Particularly in the current circumstances, some continue to serve selflessly. Lastly, we acknowledge our Pastor for his exceptional dedication. Therefore, on behalf of the Thrivent Financial team, we appreciate your efforts and the use of your God-given talents.

Golf Committee - Have you ever wanted to work with a fun group of people in a beautiful setting, benefitting noble causes in our community? Then you would find a perfect opportunity to serve on the Golf Outing Committee! Please join us for our first meeting on *Thursday, April 25 at 7pm* at the church. And don't forget, our outing is August 26 at Wind Watch Golf and Country Club in Hauppauge.

Long Island Brass Guild & Organ in Concert - *Sunday, April 28 at 3 pm*. Join us for an afternoon of music as one of Long Island's top brass ensembles returns to St. John's & joins Cindy Holden on organ. The program is a fundraiser for Mercy Haven, providing housing for the less fortunate. Suggested donation \$15 for general admission; \$10 for students & seniors; \$25 per family.

From Annunciation to Incarnation: A Journey with Jesus from the Womb to the Manger



Week 4 - Now known as the blastocyst, the baby is now implanted in the womb of the mother. There are two basic parts at this point: the exterior cells form what will be the placenta which will feed and nourish the baby throughout the pregnancy, and the inner cells are the baby that is forming rapidly. The amnion sac is also now formed which is what helps to protect the baby. Already, the major organs are beginning to form, especially of the vascular system including the heart, veins, and arteries to circulate blood. In the womb of Mary, Jesus is safe, just like you and me, so that he may grow and develop.

You have granted me life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved my spirit. ~ Job 10:13

Communion Stewards: Robert Bayley (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); **Ushers:** Steve & Janet Lindfors (7:45am), Judy & Chuck Scott (9:30am); **Reader:** Jim Farrell (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); **Music:** Chancel Choir; **Counters:** Chuck & Judy Scott

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Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:30am-1:30pm

Bookkeeper Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm

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