

August 30, 2026



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. Please contact the Pastor if you have any needs or questions about St. John's and the work for which he has called us.

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. Please move in and out of the sanctuary at places marked with an asterisk (*).

As We Gather

Jesus let nothing deter Him from going to the cross; no one could change His divinely mandated destiny. His sacrifice is the power that enables us to follow where He leads, no matter how difficult our own crosses may seem. Even when Jeremiah doubted the Lord's intentions, God promised to deliver and redeem him. In response to our Savior's redemption, we are able to lose ourselves in living the Christian life St. Paul outlines in the Epistle reading.

Today in the Church Year

The season of Pentecost is a time of growth. Just as the world around us is turning greener and greener as the warm days yield nature's bounty, so in the Church does the seed planted of God's Word yield its bounty in lives of faith. Throughout this season, we will hear of the teachings and miracles of Jesus. By the grace of God in His Spirit, we shall be encouraged by the work our Lord has done for us, and sent out to live lives of faith, mercy, and love. The green on the altar during this long season reminds us of the growth which the Lord provides through His Word and Sacraments. In our receiving of those gifts, we grow more and more into the likeness of Christ until that glorious day when we shall see him face to face!

✠ IN NOMINE JESU - IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Opening Voluntary: RATHBUN
SLANE**

Itamar Conkey, 1815-67 setting: Lynn L. Petersen
Irish Folk tune; setting Donald Busarow

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

***Opening Hymn: Christ Be My Leader**

LSB 861
Tune: SLANE

***Baptism: Millie Mae Martin**

(Turn to p. 268 for the Rite of Holy Baptism. After the Baptism, the service continues with the readings. To our guests: please read our statement below regarding our confession and practice of the Lord's Supper.)

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

[L] The Old Testament Reading for The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is taken from Jeremiah, the fifteenth chapter.

¹⁵*O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.*

*In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.*

¹⁶*Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,*

*for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.*

¹⁷*I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;*

*I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.*

¹⁸*Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?*

*Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?*

¹⁹*Therefore thus says the LORD:*

*“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.*

*If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.*

*They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.*

²⁰*And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you*

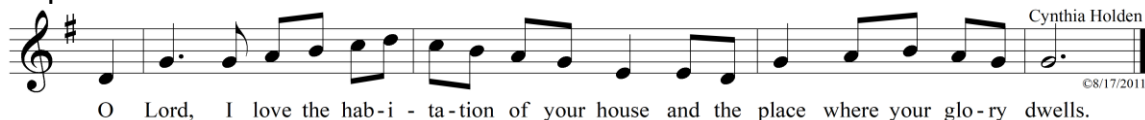
*to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.*

²¹*I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”*

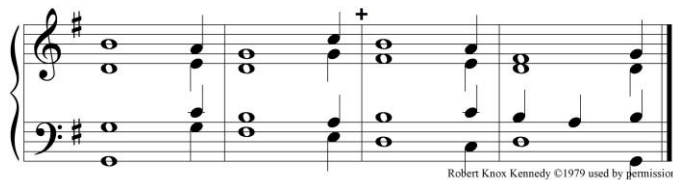
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Psalm 26** *(Cantor sings antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses)*
Antiphon verse 8



Tone S409



¹ Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,*
 and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.

² Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;*
 test my heart and my | mind.

⁺³ For your steadfast love is before my | eyes,*
 and I walk in your | faithfulness.

Antiphon

⁴ I do not sit with men of | falsehood,*
 nor do I consort with | hypocrites.

⁵ I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,*
 and I will not sit with the | wicked.

⁶ **I wash my hands in | innocence***
and go around your altar, O | LORD,

⁷ **proclaiming thanksgiving a- | loud,***
and telling all your wondrous | deeds.

⁺⁸ **O LORD, I love the habitation of your | house***
and the place where your glory | dwells.

⁹ Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,*
 nor my life with blood-thirsty | men,

¹⁰ in whose hands are evil de- | vices,*
 and whose right hands are full of | bribes.

¹¹ **But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity;***
redeem me, and be gracious to | me.

¹² **My foot stands on level | ground;***
in the great assembly I will bless the | LORD.

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. A- | men.

Antiphon

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

L The Epistle is from Romans, the twelfth chapter.

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

*Alleluia and Verse (John 20:31)



Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

***Hymn of the Day: In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

LSB 427

Tune: RATHBUN

Sermon: Denial and devotion

*Offering: The Cross of Jesus

Words & Music: Francis Patrick O'Brien

*Come, O God, renew your people, We who long to see your face.
Strengthen hearts that have grown feeble; Fill our lives with truth and grace.
Only you can win our freedom; Only you can bring us peace
Only in the cross of Jesus will the captives find release.*

*Deep within create a new heart; Melt away the winter chill.
Help us now to make a new start, Help us now to know your will.
Washed in waters of forgiveness, Cleansed in waters of new birth,
Lead us to the cross of Jesus, Bringing life to all the earth.*

*In the darkness that surrounds us We have lost you from our sight.
Even though your love has found us, We embrace the powers of night.
Scatter now our deepest darkness. Guide our hearts into the light.
Join us to the cross of Jesus. Help us set our living right.*

*Call us forth to walk in justice. Rescue us from sin and grave.
Through the power of your Spirit Breathe in us the breath that saves.
Strengthen us in our communion, One in Word and cup and bread.
Here within the cross of Jesus, All who hunger will be fed.*

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(Please fill out the green attendance card in the pew, and then hand it to the usher on the way forward for communion.)

Stand

*Offertory: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we



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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore 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 Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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.

The Words of Our Lord *(Matt.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."*

Pax Domini *(John 20:19)*

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

Agnus Dei (John 1:29)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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

Lord God, we worship you, a Trinity of persons, one eternal God. May our faith and the sacrament we receive bring us health of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Distribution Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB 739

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD

A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Stand

*Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29-32)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray...Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benedicamus (*Psalm 103:1*)

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

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: All for Christ I Have Forsaken

LSB 753
Tune: RESTORATION

Closing Voluntary: Hornpipe in D

John S. Dixon

A Prayer for Departure

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

✠ Look Ahead for next week:

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20
Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out and online

Communion Stewards: Robert Bayley (7:45); Paul Erath (9:30am); **Ushers:** Brian & Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am); Chuck & Judy Scott (9:30am); **Readers:** Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45); Paul Erath (9:30); **Musicians:** Summer Choir (9:30am); **Counters:** Jan Panarese & Cindy Smith

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 8/30	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>Coffee Hour Hosted by Habeeb Family</i> 7:45am Divine Service 9:30am Divine Service w/Holy Baptism
Tue 9/1	7:00pm Judo/Women's 12 Step
Wed 9/2	1:30pm Mahjongg Social Club
Thu 9/3	7:00pm Judo
Fri 9/4	5:30pm Holy Happy Hour
Sun 9/6	The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 7:45am Divine Service 9:30am Divine Service



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.

Golf Outing Update - Thank you to all who supported the golf outing this year...it was a great success! A special thanks goes to our golf committee who worked very hard and pulled off a wonderful event that ran very smoothly. After final calculations, the outing was able to raise almost \$10,500 which will go toward Sharing a Meal, St. John - Holbrook Food Pantry, and new paraments for us here. Your support was tremendous, and greatly appreciated. Save the date now for next year's outing to be held on Wednesday, August 18 at Timber Point. Thanks again! ~ Lisa Giacoia & Kristin Noack, Golf Chairs

Holy Happy Hour - As a kickoff to the Labor Day weekend, we will once again host a Holy Happy Hour on **September 4 from 5:30-7:30pm** at Pastor's house (45 Greene Ave). Food and beverages (adult and kid-friendly) will be provided. Come for a little bit or stay the whole time, we'd love to see you. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like to assure yourself a place to sit! Hope you can join us!

Sunday School Rally Day - Classes will resume for our Sunday School students on **Sunday, September 13 at 9:30am**. Please register your children via our website [here](#). Also, we are in need of teachers, assistants, and subs. You may sign up for any of these positions [here](#). We look forward to welcoming the children back for another great year!

Grandparents Day - On **Sunday, September 13th**, Thrivent Financial will be honoring those special people in our lives at a coffee hour between services in our gym. As you leave following the early service, join us and enjoy fellowship with one another. If you are attending the later service, come early to reconnect with everyone or come after that service. What a great time to honor all our grandparents and enjoy coffee and conversation with each other. There will be a little gift to take home along with new Thrivent shirts to take home and enjoy wearing. If you have any questions about Choice Dollars, monthly reflections, or anything else Thrivent, I will be happy to help you. Honey Pabst, Thrivent Church Champion: arthon@aol.com

Aspiring Bell Ringers - Small group coaching is now available for anyone wishing to explore the world of handbells. Test the waters, learn “the ropes”, and see if you might enjoy ringing on a regular basis before the Fall handbell choir rehearsals get underway ***Thursday, September 17th at 6:30pm***. Please call or text Rex Holden for more info. 631 255 6554

Singers: Chancel Choir begins ***Thursday, September 10th at 7:30pm***. *New singers are welcome!*

Mary Martha Mum Sale - The Mary Martha mum sale is in full effect and now taking orders! The mums are in a 9-inch pot and cost \$9.50 each. Color options include yellow, bronze, red, white, pink/lavender, and orange. All orders must be prepaid and postmarked to Pam Kennard no later than ***September 9, 2026***. Pick up will be in the church parking lot on ***Saturday, September 19th from 12pm-1:30pm***. All orders and checks made out to Mary Martha Guild are to be sent to Pam Kennard at 46 Holmes Street, Sayville, NY 11782. For more information, please call Pam at 631-678-3246.

Mahjongg Social Club -Deanna Suckow has put together a social club here at St. John’s playing the game of Mahjongg. This group meets every ***Wednesday at 1:30pm*** here at St. John’s and is open to all ages and skill levels. Feel free to join us, all are welcome! If interested in learning more, please reach out to Deanna Suckow at deannasuckow@yahoo.com or 631-316-0447.

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