Third Sunday After Pentecost



June 9, 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

From the beginning, the devil has been hard at work to separate the goodness of God from God's people. He has been trying to take what belongs to God, and claim it for himself. But what belongs to God is truly his, and he never gives up on anything, or anyone, that belongs to him. In Christ, victory over Satan has been won, and now the devil is put in his place, and we are brought into our eternal place with Christ. And because of that, we have access to all the goodness of God in lives of faith here, and in the fullness of life in the kingdom of God.

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!

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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: A Mighty Fortress (EIN FESTE BURG)

Johann Pachelbel

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657

Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (Isorhythmic)

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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **But** with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. (Psalm 130:3-4)
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (*Luke 18:13*)
- **⚠** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 →



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray...Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:8–15

L The Old Testament Reading for The Third Sunday after Pentecost is taken from Genesis, the third chapter.

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,

cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field;

on your belly you shall go,

and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,

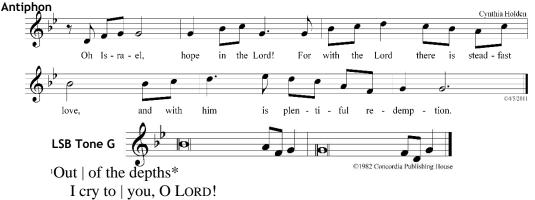
and between your offspring and her offspring;

he shall bruise your head,

and you shall bruise his heel."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 130 (The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)



- ²O Lord, | hear my voice!*
 Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | pleas for mercy!
- ³ If you, O LORD, should | mark iniquities,* O Lord, | who could stand?
- ⁴But with you | <u>there is</u> forgiveness,* that you | may be feared.

Antiphon

- ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my | söul waits,* and in his | word I hope;
- 'my soul waits for the Lord more than | watchmen for the morning,* more than watchmen for the | mörning.
- ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD!... For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,* and with him is | plentiful redemption.
- ⁸ And he will redeem | Israel* from all his in- | iquities.

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

Antiphon

Epistle 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, the fourth and fifth chapters.

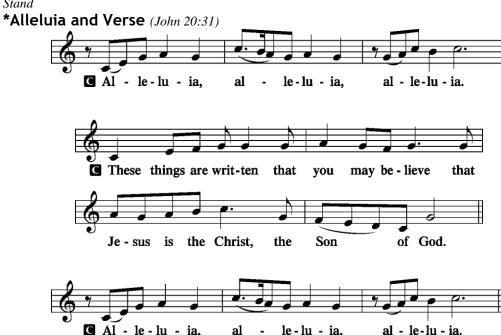
¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, 14knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God. C

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Holy Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.

²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸ "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** 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.

Sit

Tune: WACHET AUF

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

^{*}Hymn of the Day: Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

Sermon: Plundering the strong man's goods

*Offering: Who is at my Window, Who? Text from a collection of Reformation poetry "Gude and Godlie Ballates", 1578; Music: Welford Russell

Who is at my window, who? Go from my window, go. Who calls there so like a stranger? Go from my window, go.

Lord, I am here a wretched mortal, that for Thy mercy does cry and call unto Thee, my Lord celestial.

See, who is at my window, who?

Remember thy sin and all thy smart, and all for thee what was my part.

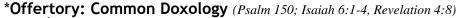
Remember the spear that thirlit my heart, and in at my door thou shall go.

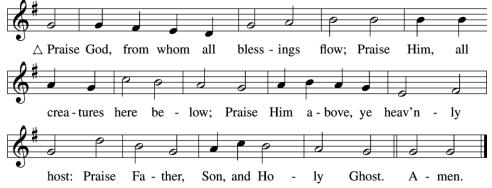
I ask nothing of thee, therefore, but love for love to lay in store. Give me thy heart, I ask no more. And in at my door thou shall go.

Who is at my window, who? Go from my window, go. Cry no more there like a stranger, but in at my door thou go.

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

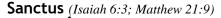
- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

 (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)

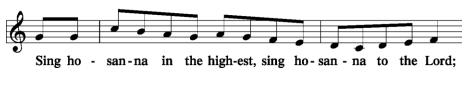
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places 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:







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





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; Luke 11:2-4)

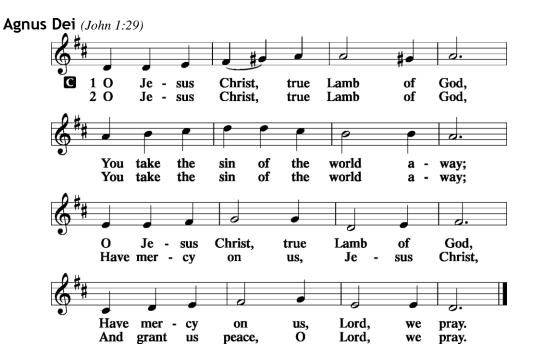
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

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 ⅓ 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 ⅙ 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.



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: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

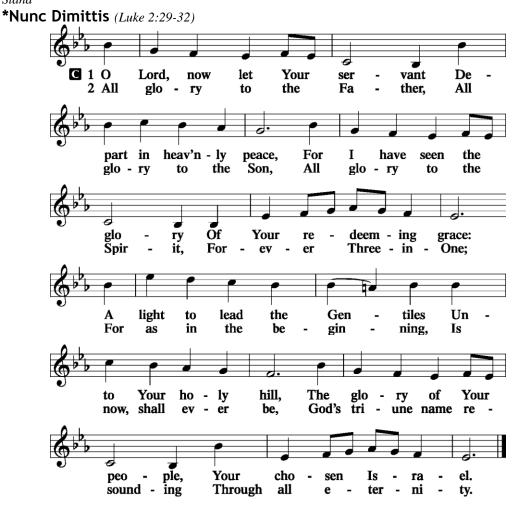
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Γune: PICARDY

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



Post-Communion Collect

- Let us pray...We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 and Benediction (Psalm 103:1; Numbers 6:24-26)

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- **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: Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

LSB 521

Tune: FORTUNATUS NEW

Closing Voluntary: WACHET AUF

D. A. Miller

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

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 4th Sunday After Pentecost: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Mark 4:26-34 *Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out*

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 6/9	The Third Sunday After Pentecost 7:45am Divine Service	
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	Divine Service
Mon 6/10	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Tue 6/11	7:00pm	Elders Meeting
		Judo/Women's 12-Step
Wed 6/12	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Thu 6/13	6:30pm	Eagle Eye Ringers
	7:00pm	Judo
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir
Fri 6/14	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Sat 6/15	8:30am	Faith Renewal
Sun 6/16	The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	Divine Service

Contributions Received 5/27-6/2/24	\$5,658	Sunday Attendance: 163
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,962	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - June	\$115	



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.

<u>Treasure & Tag Sale</u> - Now is the time to start putting aside those items you want to donate to our Treasure & Tag Sale in August. Spring is always a good time to clean out the attic, basement, or garage. Please save your items at home and look for more information down the road.

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



<u>Week 12</u> - By this time, the baby's head is really beginning to look like what we would expect as the ears move to the proper place on the side of the face. The baby has also learned to swallow. Fingernails are beginning to sprout but his skin is still transparent. The baby is actually very active and moving at this point, but is still too small for the mother to really notice. Christ, who is our head, comes to rule eternally for us!

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth...himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ~ Acts 17:24a, 25b

<u>Communion Stewards:</u> Robert Bayley (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); <u>Ushers</u>: Brian & Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am), Chuck & Judy Scott (9:30am); <u>Reader:</u> Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am), Treva Kopf (9:30am); <u>Music:</u> Chancel Choir; <u>Counters:</u> Chuck & Judy Scott

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<u>Church Office Hours:</u> Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am-2:30pm

Bookkeeper Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm

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