Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 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

℗ = Pastor; Ⓛ = 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

Wise, or foolish? That is often what people take away from this little parable of Jesus. It is viewed as a self-examination opportunity to see how ready you are for the kingdom of God to come. Yet, this parable is about the marriage, and it is about the celebration that ensues. The only thing required of us is to be there when the bridegroom comes to call. Christ is that bridegroom, and when that final day comes, he promises to bring us along with him into the wedding feast so that the celebration may commence, and endure, for all eternity.

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: Pastorale-Zion hears the watchmen singing Wayne L. Wold

Blow Up The Trumpet in the New Moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day Gilbert M. Martin

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✢ Service of Preparation ✢

Opening Hymn: Praise to You and Adoration** ***LSB 692

Tune: FREU DICH SEHR

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.

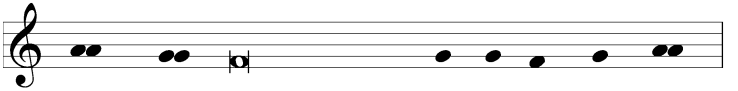
C **Amen.**

✢ Service of the Word ✢

***Kyrie** *(Mark 10:47)*









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





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…Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same 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

Amos 5:18–24

L The Old Testament Reading for The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost is taken from Amos, the fifth chapter.

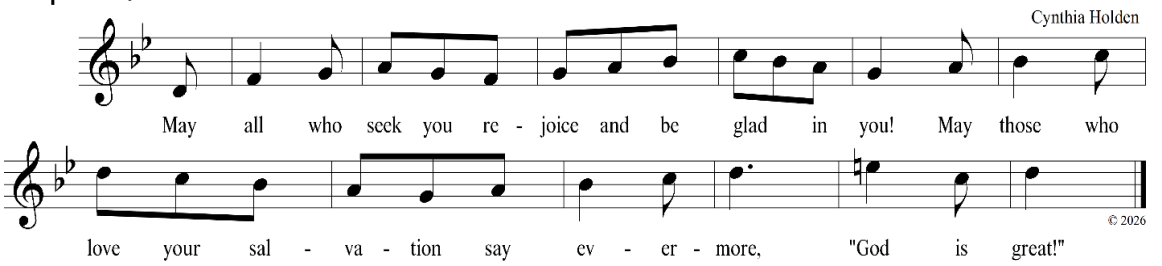
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 70** *(The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)*

Antiphon v.4



LSB Tone G



[1]Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*
O LORD, make | haste to help me!

[2]Let them be put to shame and confusion who | seek my life!*
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

[3]Let them turn back be- | cause of their shame*
who say, "A- | ha, Aha!" **Antiphon**

[4]May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you!*
May those who love your salvation say evermore, | "God is great!"

[5]But I am poor and needy;| hasten to me, O God!*
You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do | not delay!

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

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

L The Epistle is from First Thessalonians, the fourth chapter.

[13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those

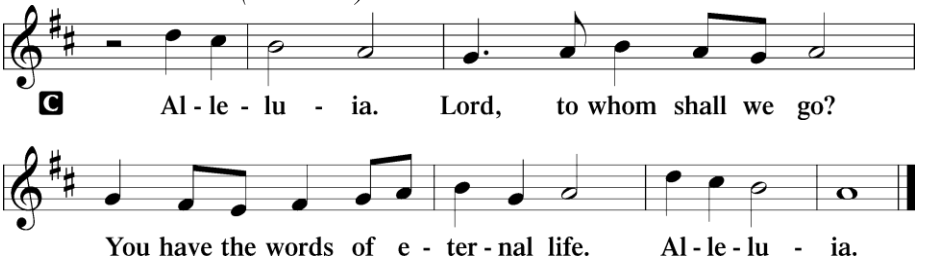
who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

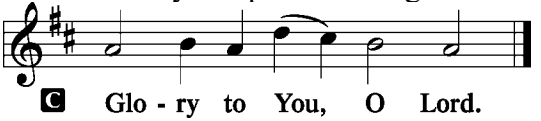
***Alleluia and Verse** *(John 6:68)*



Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with

him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C **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: The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us ***LSB 514***

Tune: ACT GOTT VOM HIMMELREICHE

Sermon: Faith in between

*Offering: Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow

text: Charles Wesley (1707-88), Jospeh Herl

Blow ye the trumpet, blow! The gladly solemn sound
Let all the nations know To earth's remotest bound.
Refrain: The year of jubilee is come! The year of jubilee is come! Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

Jesus, our great High Priest, Hath full atonement made.
Ye weary spirits, rest; Ye mournful souls, be glad. ***R***.

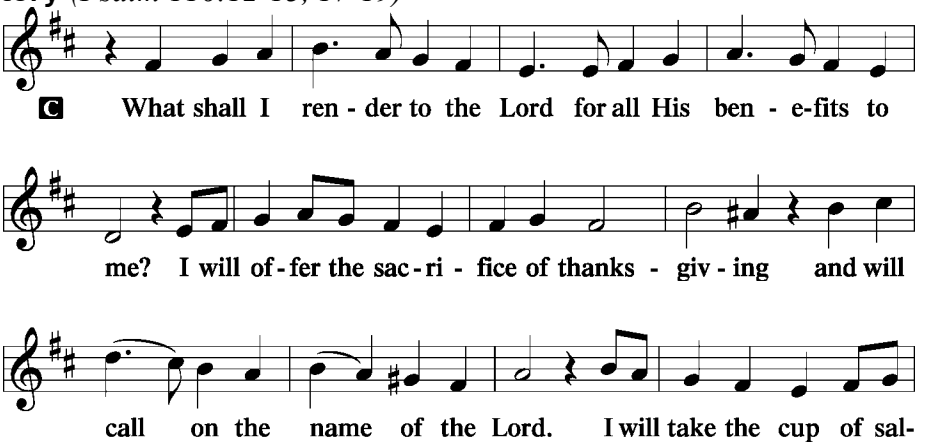
Extol the Lamb of God, The all-atoning Lamb;
Redemption throughout all the world proclaim. ***R.***

The Gospel trumpet hear, The news of heavenly grace;
and saved from earth appear Before your Savior's face. ***R***.

(During the Offering, 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)*





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 meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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)*



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."*

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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)*

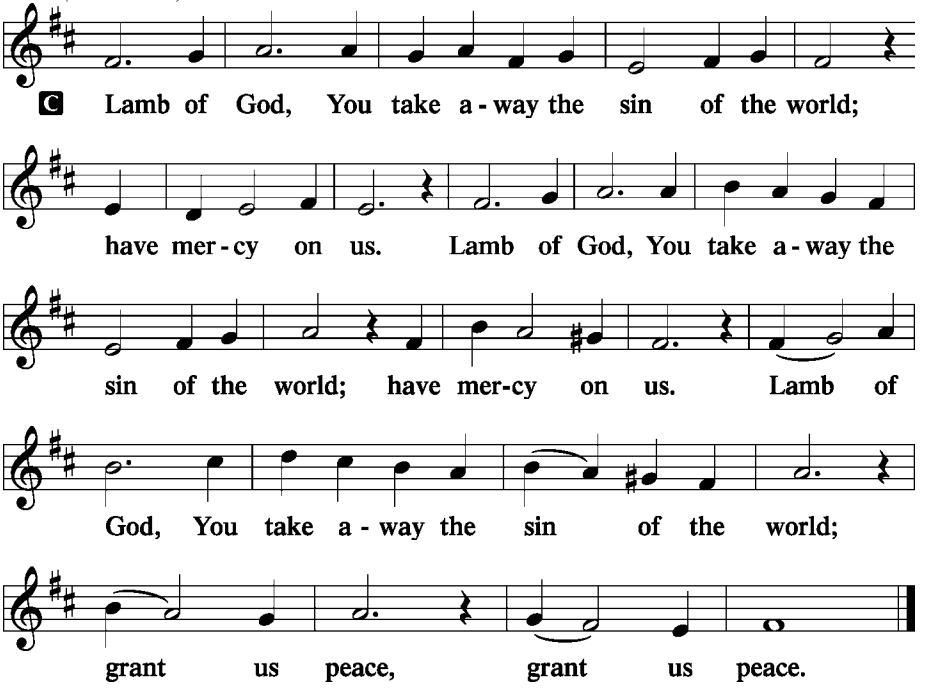
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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



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: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515

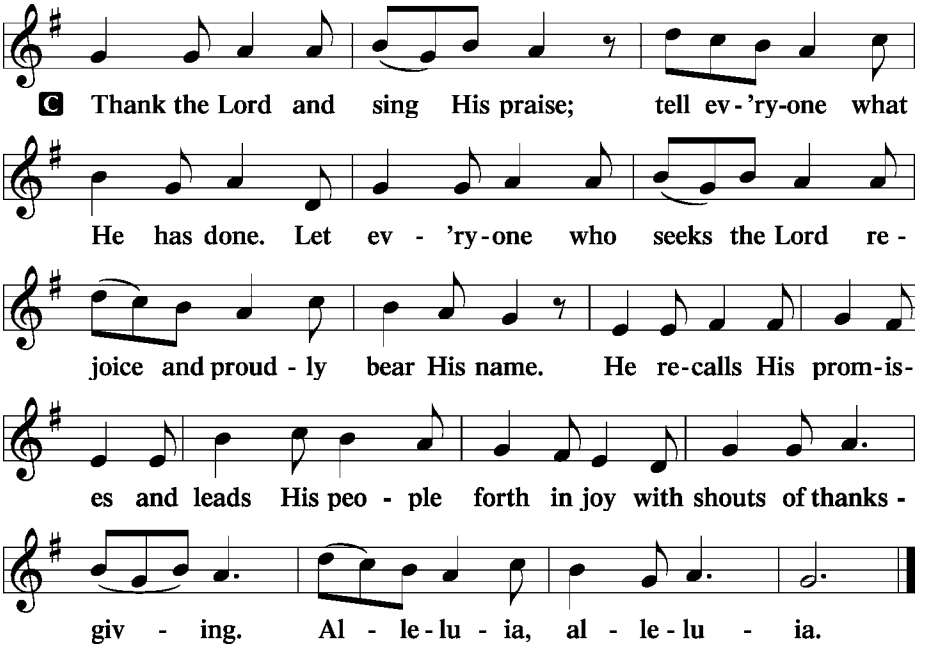
Tune: HAF TRONES LAMPA FARDIG

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 Canticle: Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

P 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.**

Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516
Tune: WACHET AUF

Closing Voluntary: WACHET AUF

setting by Heinrich Schmidt (1861-1923)

(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 25th Sunday after Pentecost:

Zephaniah 1:7-16 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out and online

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 11/8	**The 24th Sunday after Pentecost**	
	7:45am	**Divine Service**
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	**Divine Service**
		Sunday School
Mon 11/9	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Tue 11/10	7:00pm	Judo/Women's 12 Step
Wed 11/11	1:30pm	Mahjongg Social Club
	7:00pm	**Divine Service**
	7:30pm	LIT
	7:45pm	SoLI
Thu 11/12	6:30pm	Bell Choir
	7:00pm	Judo
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir
Sun 11/15	**The 25th Sunday after Pentecost**	
	7:45am	**Divine Service**
	8:30am	Congregational Meeting
	9:30am	**Divine Service**
		Sunday School
	11:00am	Faith Renewal

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.

Altar Flowers – In memory of Don Harris on his 20th Anniversary in heaven, from his family.

Thanksgiving Food Boxes – We are actively collecting food items for the Thanksgiving meal kits. To arrange 30 meal kits, we are asking for the following remaining items: *22 Apple Juice; 20 Apple Sauce; 20 Canned Yams; 14 Canned Corn; 14 Canned Green Beans; 20 Cranberry Sauce; 22 Gravy (can or jar); 22 Boxes of Stuffing; 20 Boxes of Mashed Potatoes; 26 Cookie Packages; and 23 Boxes of Tea*. Thank you for your donations!

Operation Christmas Child - *National Collection Week* ***is November 16-23, 2026***. The drop-off location is ***Gospel Community Church, located at 138 Greeley Avenue in Sayville***. Drop-off dates for this location are as follows:

Mon, 11/16: 12pm-2pm; Tue, 11/17: 5pm-7pm; Wed, 11/18: 4pm-6pm; Thu, 11/19: 4pm-6pm; Fri, 11/20: 5pm-7pm; Sat, 11/21: 12pm-2pm; Sun, 11/22: 2pm-4pm; Mon, 11/23: 11am-1pm

Christmas Mail - Mary Martha will have their 3rd Annual Christmas Mailbox at church. This will be for those who attend church and would like to send Christmas cards to people in our church family. Look for more information coming your way.

Church Membership Record Update - If you have not had a chance to pick up your Church Member Record Information Sheet, please see Karen Paul after the 7:45 service or at Coffee Hour. To ensure our records are accurate, we need every congregation member to verify their household's contact information. Your prompt response is critical to keeping our church community connected.

St. John's Basketball League: *Volunteer Director Needed* – The church is looking for someone to take over the St. John's Basketball program effective immediately. Our previous volunteer has had unexpected life changes that prevent him from continuing to oversee the program. Our fall season typically starts games the first week in November, for a 6-week duration plus playoffs, and our summer league follows the same format. If you or someone you know has interest in this role, please reach out to the Church Office via email at admin@stjohnsayville.org or via phone 631-589-3202.

Thank you message – Thank you to all who generously donated their gently used sneakers. With the church's help, the team collected 100 pairs of sneakers! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Advent/Christmas Help – A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board to help as an usher, communion steward, or acolyte for our Advent Midweek, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve Services. Please sign up to help, or contact the Church Office. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in making our holiday services run smoothly.

Congregational Meeting

Our next congregational meeting will be held on ***Sunday, November 15 between the 7:45am and 9:30am services*** in the sanctuary. Agenda items include the church budget, updates on projects around church, and important announcements on future events. All members are strongly urged to attend.

Communion Stewards: Robert Bayley (7:45); Al Coppola (9:30am); **Ushers:** Brian & Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am); Chuck & Judy Scott (9:30am); **Readers:** Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45); Annie Habeeb (9:30); **Musicians:** Chancel Choir (9:30am); **Counters:** Chuck & Judy Scott

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Saint John's Divine Service Schedule:
Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am
Wednesday 7:00pm

Church Office Hours:
Tuesday – Friday: 9:30am-2:30pm

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

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