

# *Sixth Sunday of Easter*



May 10, 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

**A** = Assistant; **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

In our Gospel reading, Jesus prepares his disciples for his coming death, resurrection, and ascension. Though He will die and be hidden from them for a short time, though He will ascend into heaven after His resurrection, though it may appear that He will leave them alone in this world, He promises to send the Holy Spirit to be with them. He promises to come to them. He promises that they will live because He lives. Jesus fulfilled His promises to the disciples, and He continues to fulfill His promises by being present with all believers through His Word and Sacraments.

## 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: Prière à Notre-Dame (Suite Gothique)

Leon Boëllmann

## Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

# ✠ Service of Preparation ✠

## \*Opening Hymn: Built on the Rock

LSB 645

Tune: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS

## 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.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray...O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 17:16-31*

**L** The First Reading for The Sixth Sunday of Easter is taken from Acts, the seventeenth chapter.

*<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.*

*<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for*

“In him we live and move and have our being’;  
as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*Psalm 66:8-20** (The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)

Antiphon verse 8



Bless our God, O peo-ples; let the sound of his praise be heard.



LSB Tone K

<sup>8</sup>Bless our | God, O peoples;\*  
let the sound of his | praise be heard,  
<sup>9</sup>who has kept our soul a-| mong the living\*  
and has not let our | feet slip.

<sup>10</sup>For you, O | God, have tested us;\*  
you have tried us as | silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>You brought us | into the net;\*  
you laid a crushing | burden on our backs;

+<sup>12</sup>you let men ride | over our heads;\*  
we went through fire and through water;..

yet you have brought us out to a | place of abundance. Antiphon

<sup>13</sup>I will come into your house with | bürnt offerings,\*  
I will perform my | vows to you,  
<sup>14</sup>that which my | lips uttered\*  
and my mouth promised when | I was in trouble.  
<sup>15</sup>I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,  
with the smoke of the | sacrifice of rams,\*  
I will make an offering of | bulls and goats.

**Antiphon**

<sup>16</sup>Come and hear, all | you who fear God,\*  
and I will tell what he has | done for my soul.  
<sup>17</sup>I cried to | him with my mouth,\*  
and high praise was | on my tongue.

<sup>18</sup>**If I had cherished in-| iquity in my heart,\*  
the Lord would | not have listened.**

<sup>19</sup>**But truly | God has listened,\*  
he has attended to the | voice of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>**Bless- | éd be God,\*  
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from  
me!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spírit;  
as it was in the be- | gínníng,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Ä- men.**

**Antiphon**

## Epistle

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

**L** The Epistle is from First Peter, the third chapter.

*<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.*

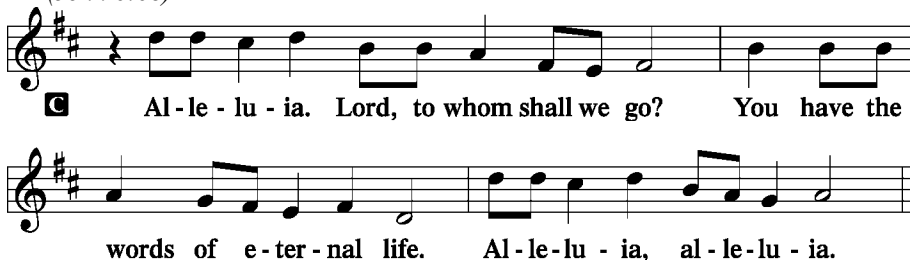
<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

**\*Alleluia** (John 6:68)



**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**

John 14:15-21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.

*And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.*

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

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

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

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

*Sit*

**\*Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me**

***LSB 683***  
Tune: RYBURN

## Sermon: Not left alone

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

**\*Offering: Thy Holy Wings, O Savior** text: st1&3 Carolina Sandell Berg, tr Gracia Grindal  
st. 2 Gracia Grindal; Music: Swedish folk tune, arr. David Ashley White


Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,  
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.  
O be my strength and portion, my Rock and hiding place,  
and let my every moment be lived within thy grace.

O let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast  
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.  
O close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,  
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

O wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.  
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.  
O take into thy keeping thy children great and small,  
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

*Stand*

**\*Offertory** (*Psalms 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)*

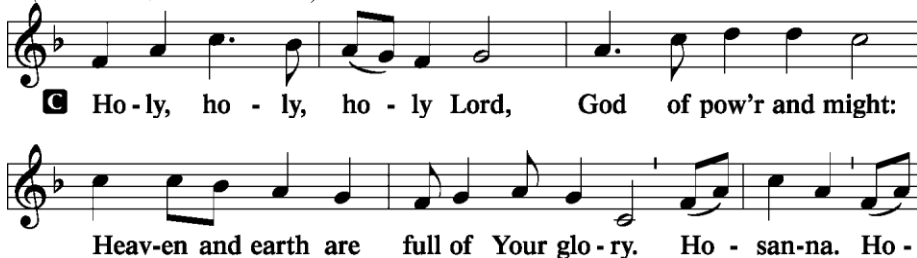
- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.  
*(after each petition)*
- P** Lord, in Your mercy...
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## ✠ 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*)

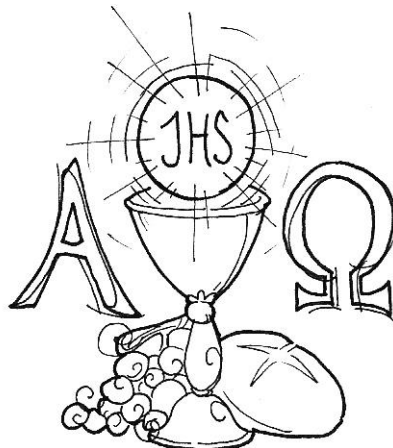
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final 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.

### 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 member in good standing at a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or a church body in 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: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

*LSB 556*

Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH

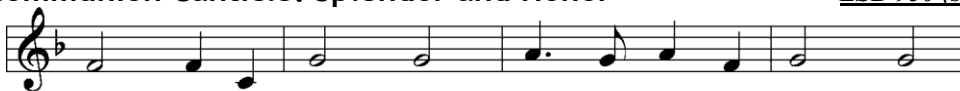
## A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament

*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: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

***LSB 821***

Tune: HYFRYDOL

## Closing Voluntary: Menuet gothique (Suite Gothique)

Leon Boëllmann

## 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:

The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

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

## SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 5/10	<b>The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</b>	<b>7:45am</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>
		8:30am	Bible Study
		<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>
		9:30am	Sunday School
Mon 5/11		7:00pm	LIT Class
			Boy Scouts
Tue 5/12		7:00pm	Judo/Women's 12-Step
Wed 5/13		7:00pm	<b>Divine Service</b>
Thu 5/14		6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Judo
		7:30pm	<b>Ascension Divine Service</b>
Sun 5/17	<b>The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>7:45am</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>
		8:30am	Congregational Meeting
		<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Divine Service w/ Baptism</b>
		9:30am	Sunday School

Contributions Received 4/27-5/3/26	\$6,869	Wednesday Attendance: 5 Sunday Attendance: 102
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,041	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - May	\$10	

**Ascension Service** - On **Thursday, May 14 at 7:30pm**, St. John's will host its annual Ascension Day Divine Service. This is a joint service that invites participation from all the Lutheran churches in Suffolk County. It will feature special music from our voice and handbell choirs, as well as participation from other clergy in the area. A light reception will follow in the gym. Please make every effort to attend this service, not only for the special feast day that it is, but also as a chance to meet other Lutherans from our area. Hope to see you there!

**Congregational Meeting** - Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 17** between the services (starting at about 8:30am). The agenda includes updates on projects around St. John's, and election of new Council members. If you would like to join Council, please speak to Pastor or Kevin Paul.

**Tag Sale Chairperson Needed:** *A Message From Honey* - I know this is thinking ahead to August 8; however, planning always needs to be taken care of way before August rolls around. To make the necessary plans, please consider taking the lead as the event organizer. I am no longer going to be the chairperson of this event, so I am seeking a volunteer and others to step up to the plate and take this on. I have all the information that you will need to do this, and we have always had a great team working together. Pray on it to see if this is what you feel you can do. Thank you for all your past support. Honey Pabst [arthon@aol.com](mailto:arthon@aol.com)

**Mary Martha Guild Mite Box Sunday** - On *Sunday, May 17*, we are celebrating Mite Box Sunday, and we will be collecting a donation in our large mite box as you leave the sanctuary. We also have some smaller mite boxes for your personal use that you can return to the church when filled. We are collecting “mites” to support the Atlantic District LWML Mission Grants listed on the bulletin board in the Church Narthex. These were voted on at our last convention in May 2026. The AD LWML is an organization that encourages women to live in a Christian way in active mission through the gifts God has given them. Here at St. John’s, our Mary Martha Guild is always active, helping where we can and sharing the love of Jesus as we go. We appreciate any support you can give. If you are donating by check, make it out to Mary Martha Guild. For more information, contact Pam Kennard, President of the Guild.

**Potluck** - On *Sunday, May 31*, we will be having a Brunch/Lunch Potluck here at the church following the late service. It will be a time to have fellowship with each other and feast on all the delicious food that will be brought for us to enjoy. Mary Martha will share some of their latest activities, and others will help make this a fun event. So now is the time to make your favorite recipe to share with everyone. Please look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church Narthex. Hope to see you all there!

**Help Wanted** - One of our church members is looking for help at her home in Sayville. She requires assistance once a week, dusting and vacuuming. Please call Judy Smith if interested at 631-589-0105.

**Our Savior New American School** - The school is looking to fill a couple of teaching positions for the upcoming school year. They are looking for a secondary Math teacher, a secondary Spanish teacher, and a leave replacement teacher for the elementary school. Qualified candidates must be Bible-believing Christians who attend a Christ-centered church. If you have any interest, you are invited to reach out to Principal Stelzer at wil.stelzer@osnas.org.

**SOLES4SOULS Shoe & Sneaker Collection Drive** - This drive supports Soles4Souls, a nonprofit founded in 2006 that helps provide footwear to people in need around the world. In 2024 alone, they distributed 5.8 million pairs of shoes. St. John’s is collecting gently used or new shoes & sneakers for adults and children (please rubber band each pair together). Please take a few minutes to check your closets—you might make a big difference with a small donation. Contact Honey Pabst at 631-897-5193 with any questions.

**Dates:** April 19 - May 24, 2026

**Location:** St. John’s Lutheran Church Office (48 Greene Avenue)

**Drop-off Hours:** Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Communion Stewards:** Robert Bayley (7:45am), Paul Erath (9:30am); **Ushers:** Brian & Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am), Chuck & Judy Scott (9:30am); **Readers:** Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am), Paul Erath (9:30am); **Musicians:** Chancel Choir; **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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