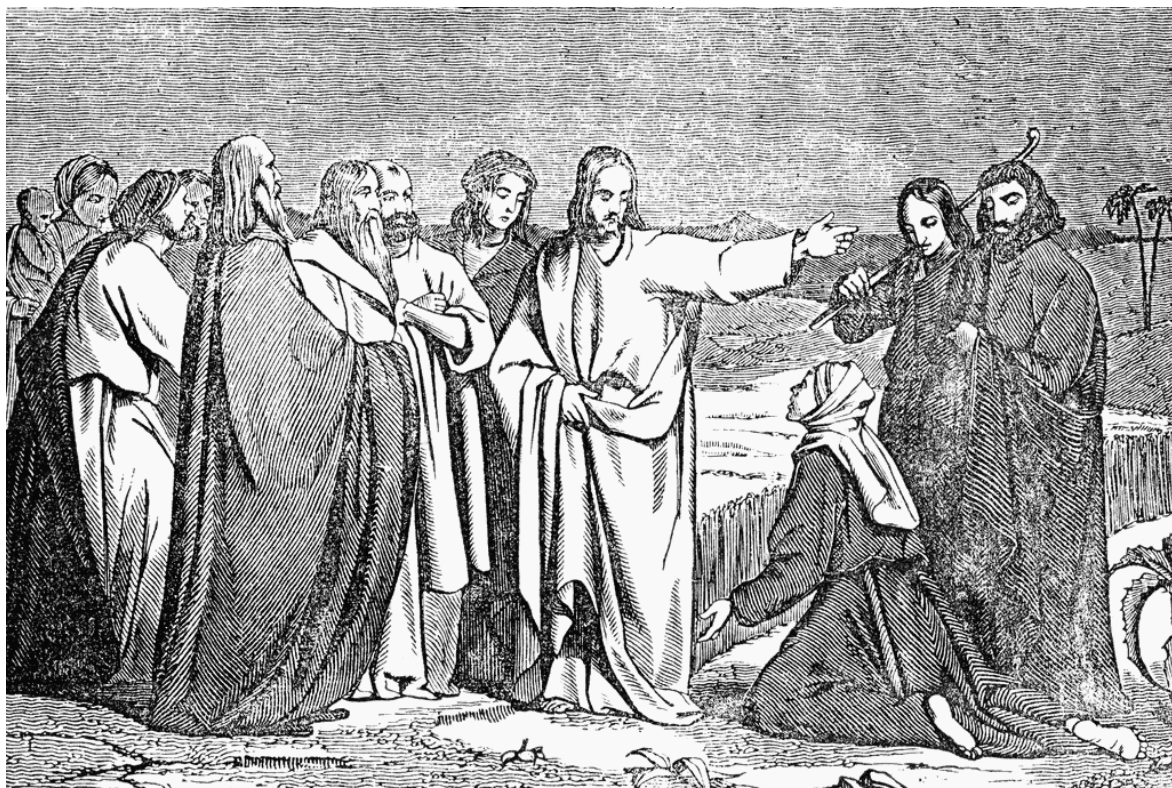


TWELFTH

SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 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

It seems strange to think that Jesus was actually calling this Canaanite woman a dog today. Such is how Israelite Jews looked at Canaanites...like dogs. And yet, Jesus steps beyond the cultural norms and does a great miracle for this woman, attributing great faith to her. In this way, Jesus is preparing his disciples for the reality that the kingdom of God is for the world, not just faithful Jews. What about us? How do we sometimes find ourselves treating, or thinking about those who do things a little differently than us, who look different, who come from different places? What do we do to those who are "outside" of our normal circles? Jesus encourages us to step beyond any man-made or preconceived borders we might have and show love to the outsider. They, too, may have great faith, for our Lord is Lord of all.

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: Like a River Glorious

text: Frances R. Havergal, 1878

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, over all victorious in its bright increase:
perfect, yet still flowing fuller every day; perfect, yet still growing deeper all the way.
Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest, finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Holy, Holy, Holy

text: LSB 507; music settings: Christine D. Anderson

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

*Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 507

Tune: NICAEA

*Baptism: Ellie Noa McCarthy

(Turn to pg. 268 for the Rite of Holy Baptism. After the Baptism, the service continues with the readings. To our guests today: please read our communion statement before receiving the Sacrament)

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

[L] The Old Testament Reading for The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost is taken from Isaiah, the fifty-sixth chapter.

¹Thus says the LORD:

*“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.*

*⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,*

*everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—*

*⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”*

*⁸The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Psalm 67** *(The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)*

Antiphon vs. 5



inspired by Paul Bouman's setting of Psalm 67, *God Be Merciful unto Us*

LSB Tone D



¹ May God be gracious to | us and bless us*
and make his face to | shine up-on us,

² that your way may be | known on earth,*
your saving power a-| mong all nations.

³ Let the peoples | **praise you**, O God;*
let all the | **peoples praise you!**

⁴ Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,*
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations up- | òn earth.

**⁵ Let the peoples | praise you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you!**

**⁶ The earth has | yielded its increase;*
God, our God, shall | blëss us.**

**⁷ God shall | blëss us;*
let all the ends of the earth | fëar him!**

**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

Romans 11:1-2a, 2-15, 28-32

℟ The Epistle is from Romans, the eleventh chapter.

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,

³¹I so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy.

³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

℟ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

Stand

***Alleluia and Verse** (*John 20:31*)



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

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Alleluia, the second for the Verse, the third for the Verse, and the fourth for the Alleluia. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ *Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.*
²² *And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."* ²³ *But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."* ²⁴ *He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."* ²⁵ *But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."* ²⁶ *And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."* ²⁷ *She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."* ²⁸ *Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.*

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

***Hymn of the Day: Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

LSB 611

Tune: GETHSEMANE

Sermon: Who's your Canaanite?

***Offering: Sing, My Soul, his wondrous love** text. anon., David Ashley White

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace.

Heav'n and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show so much love to us below?

O God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood,
and to make our safety sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.

Sing my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme:
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

(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)*

C 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.

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: Just As I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570

Tune: WOODWORTH

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... 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 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 (*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: Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

Tune: CRUCIFER

Closing Voluntary: CRUCIFER Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947; setting Paul D. Weber

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 13th Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 11:33-12:8; Matthew 16:13-20
Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out and online

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 8/16	The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Divine Service w/ Baptism
Tue 8/18	1:00pm	Burns/O'Flaherty Wedding
	6:00pm	Golf Committee Meeting
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
	7:00pm	Judo/Women's 12 Step
Wed 8/19	12:30pm	Golf Outing
Thu 8/20	7:00pm	Judo
Sun 8/22	The Thirteenth 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.

Altar Flowers - In loving memory of Ernest A. Kussmaul, Ralph Silverthorn, and Kussmaul and Krause loved ones from the Kussmaul family.

General Donation - In honor of my granddaughter, Ellie Noa McCarthy, on her Holy Baptism from her loving grandmother.

Mahjongg Social Club - *Kindly note that, due to the church Golf Outing on Wednesday, 8/19, Mahjongg will NOT be meeting that day.* 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.

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 17 at 6:30pm. Please call or text Rex Holden for more info. 631 255 6554

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

Communion Stewards: Greg Calvano (7:45); Al Coppola (9:30am); **Ushers:** Marcus & Annie Habeeb (7:45am); Lloyd & Pam Arrasate (9:30am); **Readers:** Pastor (7:45); Al Coppola (9:30); **Musicians:** Summer Choir (9:30), Rex Holden, clarinet (7:45am & 9:30am); **Counters:** Richard & Ann Frenz

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Saint John's Divine Service Schedule:

Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am

Church Summer Office Hours:

Wednesday - Friday: 9:30am-2:30pm

Bookkeeper Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm

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