Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 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

In today's Scriptures Zephaniah prophesies a day of wrath, a day of mourning. Paul writes that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. In spite of gloom and doom, there is joy in our hearts! In Jesus' parable of the talents, the good and faithful servants are commended not for how much they earned for their master, but simply because they trusted him and wanted to please him. Because of God's gift of grace-filled faith, we live in our Master's joy, both now and forever.

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: We Give Thee But Thine Own Wm H. Monk, setting: Wm H. Bates
The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (ES IST GEWISSLICH) Johann Pachelbel

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✢ Service of Preparation ✢

Opening Hymn: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord** ***LSB 853
Tune: REPTON

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.
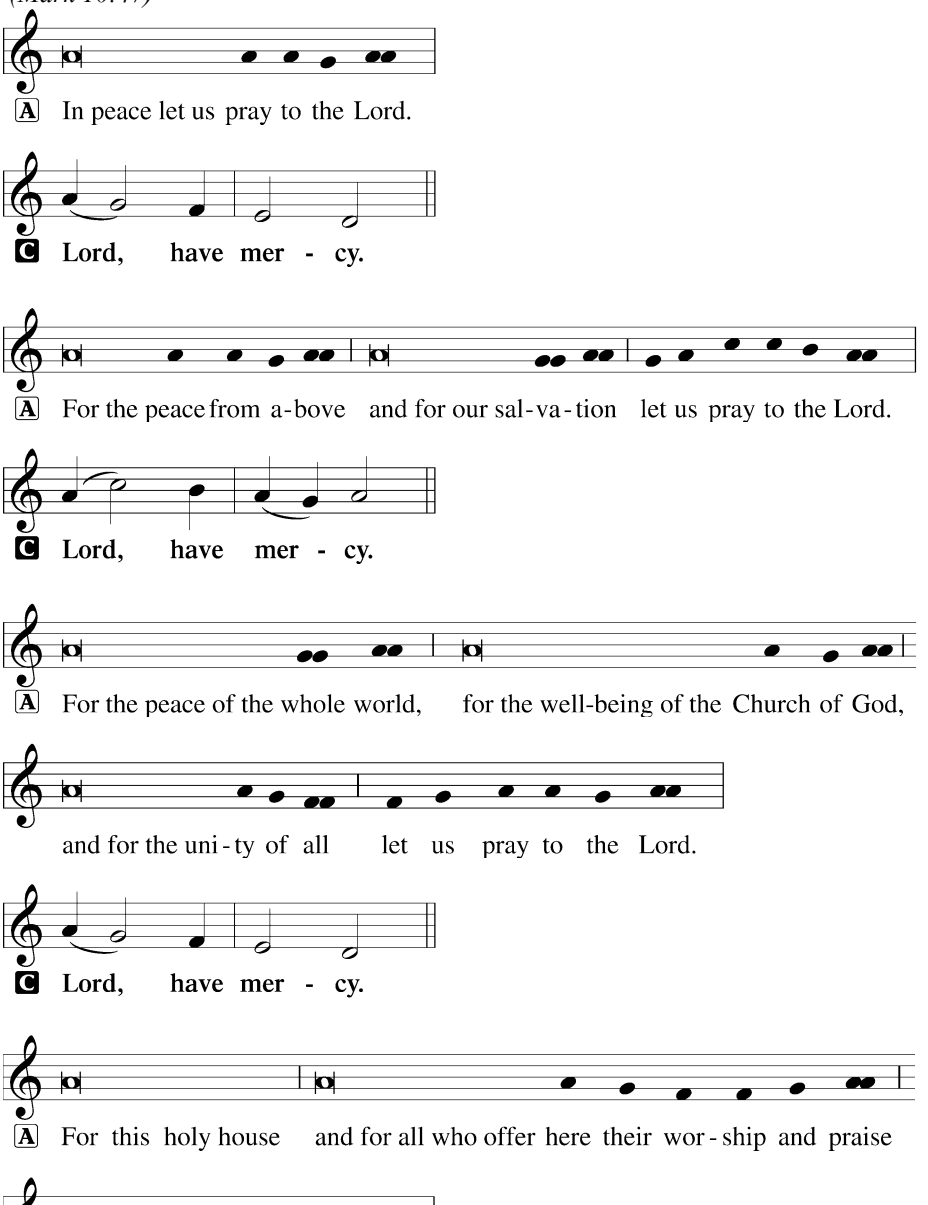
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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.**
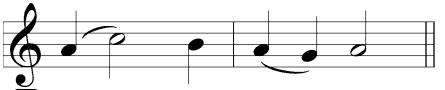
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

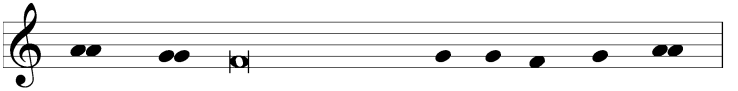
C **Amen.**
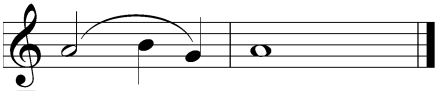
✢ Service of the Word ✢

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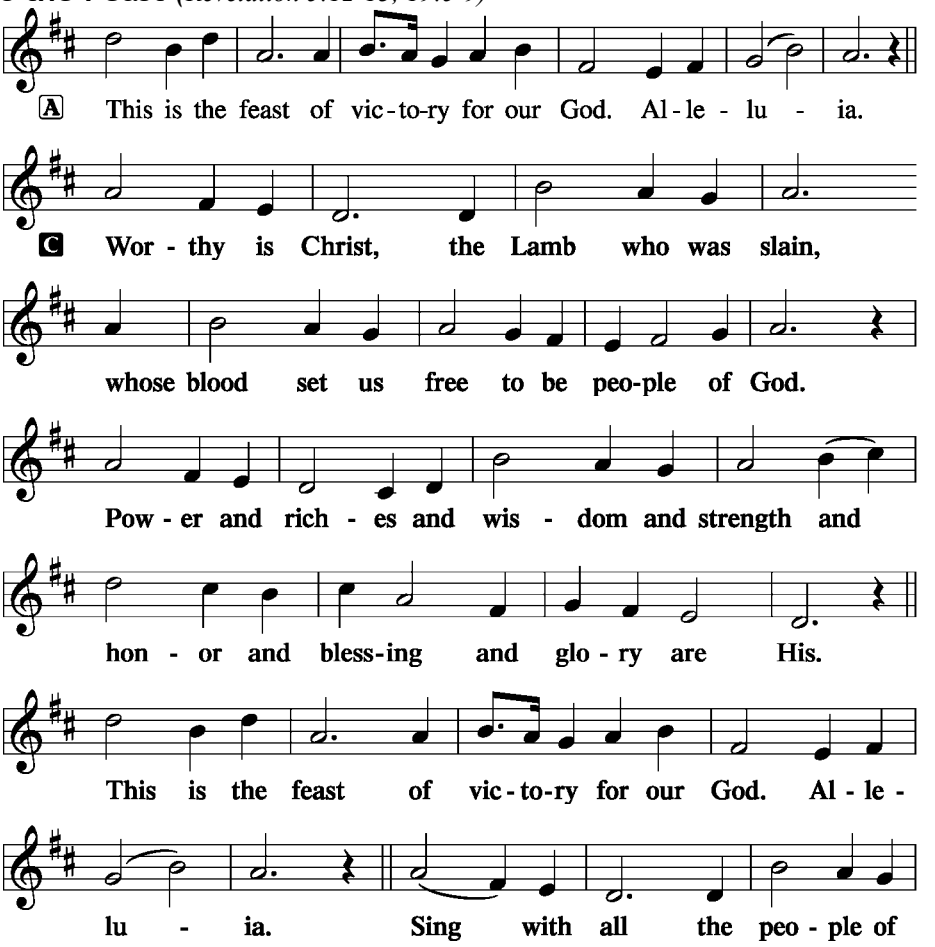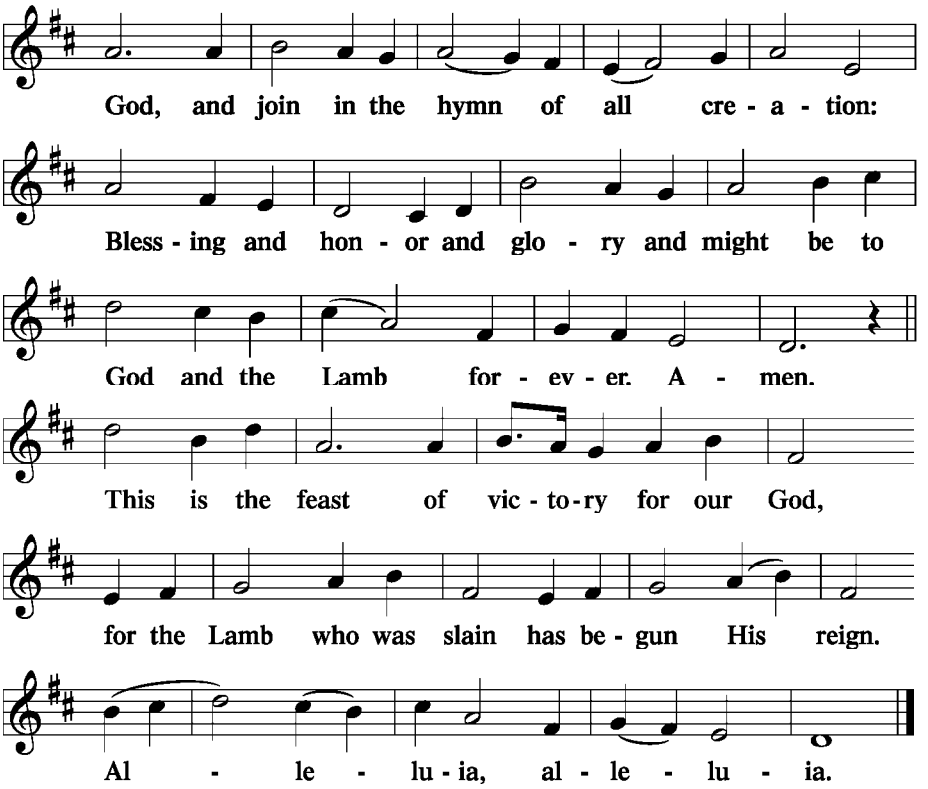








***This Is the Feast** *(Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)*





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…Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7–16

L The Old Testament Reading for The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is taken from Zephaniah, the first chapter.
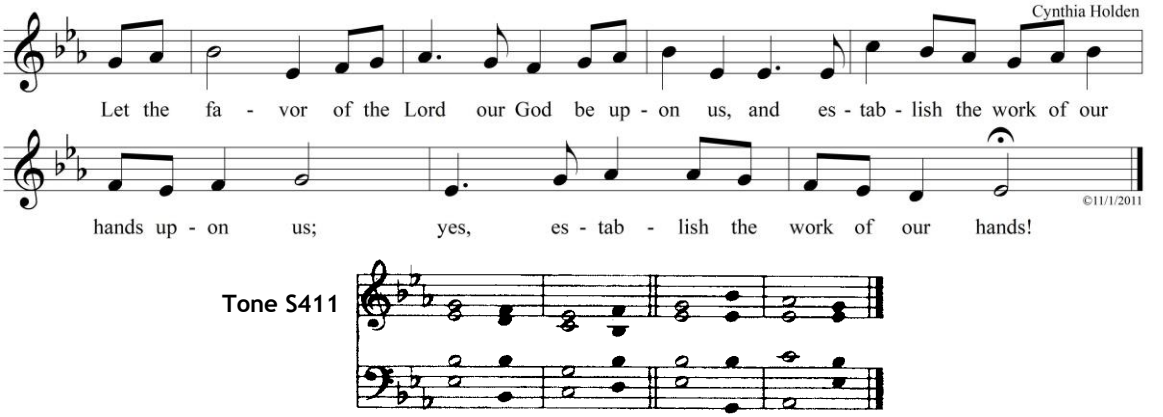
7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
13 Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."
14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day,

a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

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

***Psalm 90** *(The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)*

Antiphon v 17



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[1] Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*
in all gener- | ations.
[2] Before the mountains were brought forth …
or ever you had formed the earth and the | world,*
from everlasting to everlasting you are | God.

[3] You return man to | dust*
and say, "Return, O children of | man!"
[4] For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is | past,*
or as a watch in the | night.

5 You sweep them away as with a | flood;*
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the | morning:
6 in the morning it flourishes and is re- | newed;*
in the evening it fades and | withers. **Antiphon**

7 For we are brought to an end by your | anger;*
by your wrath we are dis- | mayed.
8 You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,*
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.

9 For all our days pass away under your | wrath;*
we bring our years to an end like a | sigh.
10 The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength | eighty;*
yet their span is but toil and trouble … they are soon gone,
and we fly a- | way.

11 Who considers the power of your | anger,*
and your wrath according to the fear of | you?
12 So teach us to number our | days*
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

Glory be to the Father and to the | Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. A- | men. Antiphon

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

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

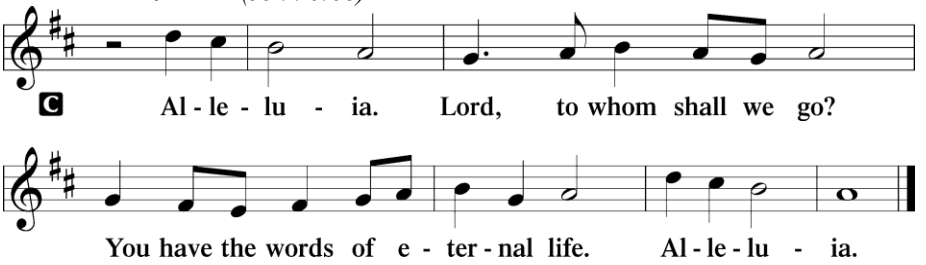
1Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are

awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

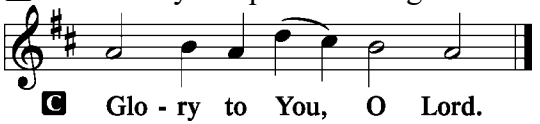
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***Alleluia and Verse** *(John 6:68)*



Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*
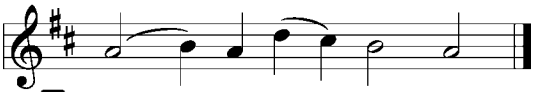
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[14][Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25]so I was afraid, and I

went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

Sunday School Song

(The congregation is invited to join the children in singing the chorus)

"He's Wild About Us"

He's wild, he's wild, God is wild about us!
He's wild, he's wild, God is wild about us!

It's so amazing to think about God's love,
The God of creation is looking out for us,
He knows us, He hears us, God is right here with us!

He's wild, he's wild, God is wild about us!
He's wild, he's wild, God is wild about us!

God is great, He is awesome!
God is great, He is awesome!

*Hymn of the Day: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

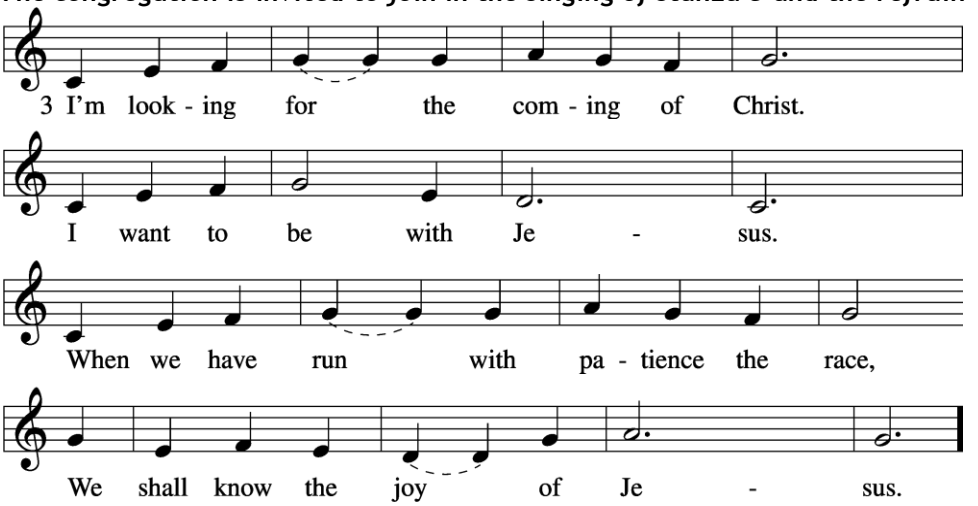
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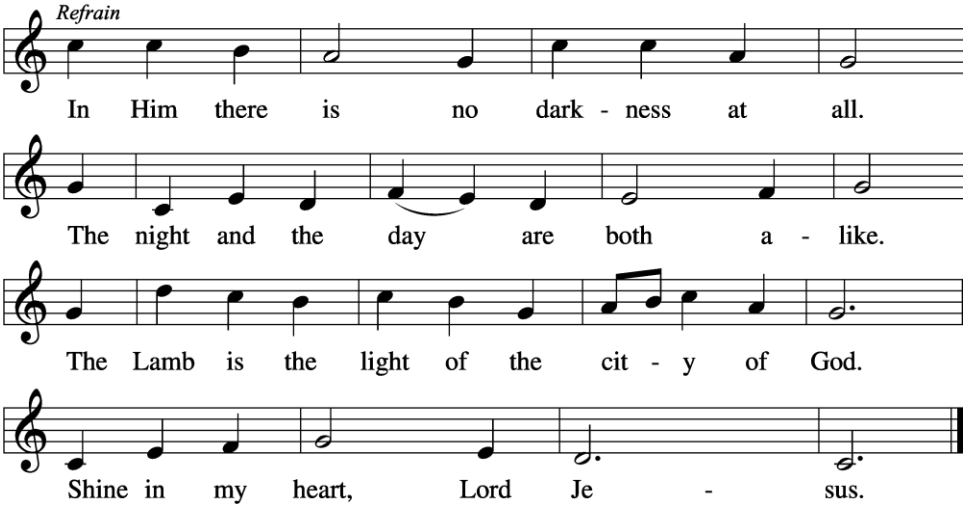
Sermon: Participating in the joy

*Offering: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

text & tune: Kathleen Thomerson
arr. Erik Dewar and Dan Forrest

The congregation is invited to join in the singing of stanza 3 and the refrain



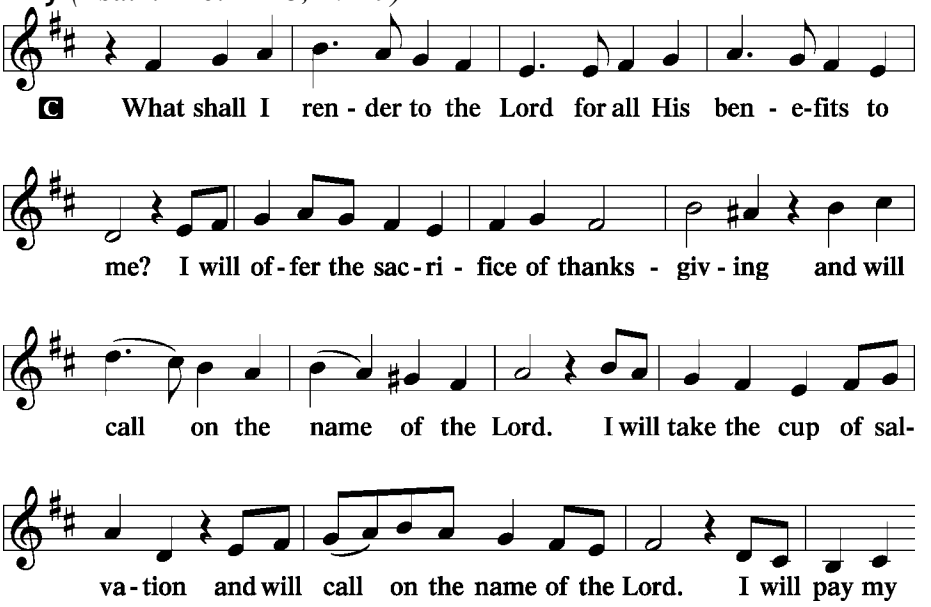


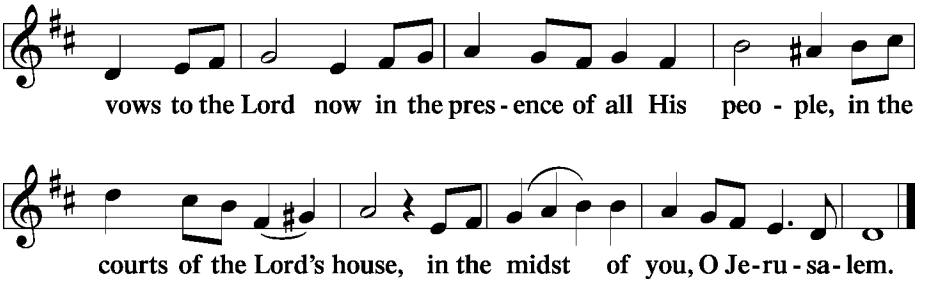
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(During the Offering, please fill out the green Attendance Slip in the pew. Hand the completed slip to the usher on the way forward for communion.)

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.
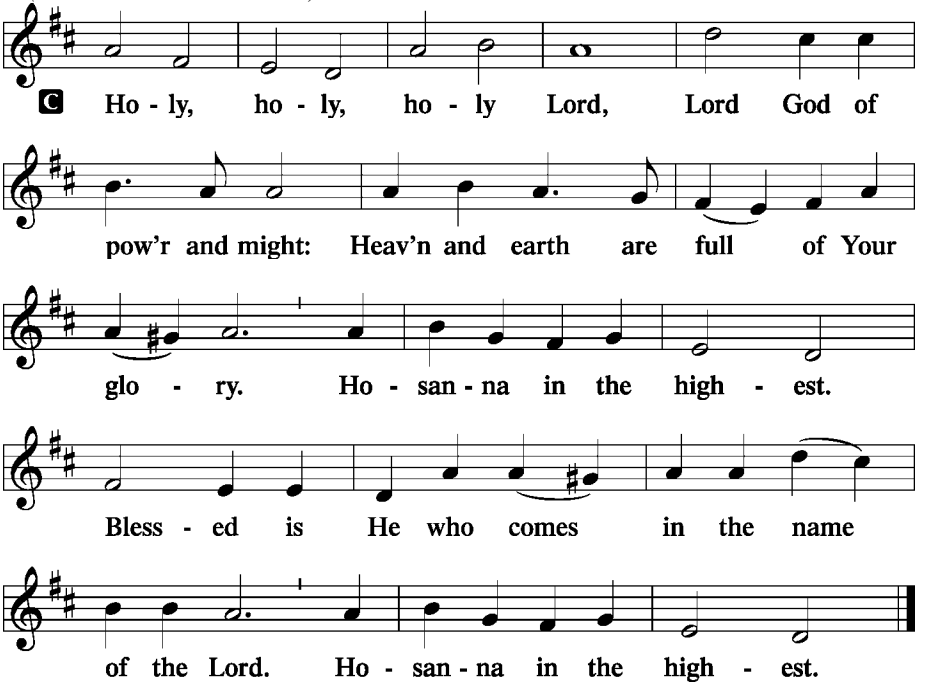
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, 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)*

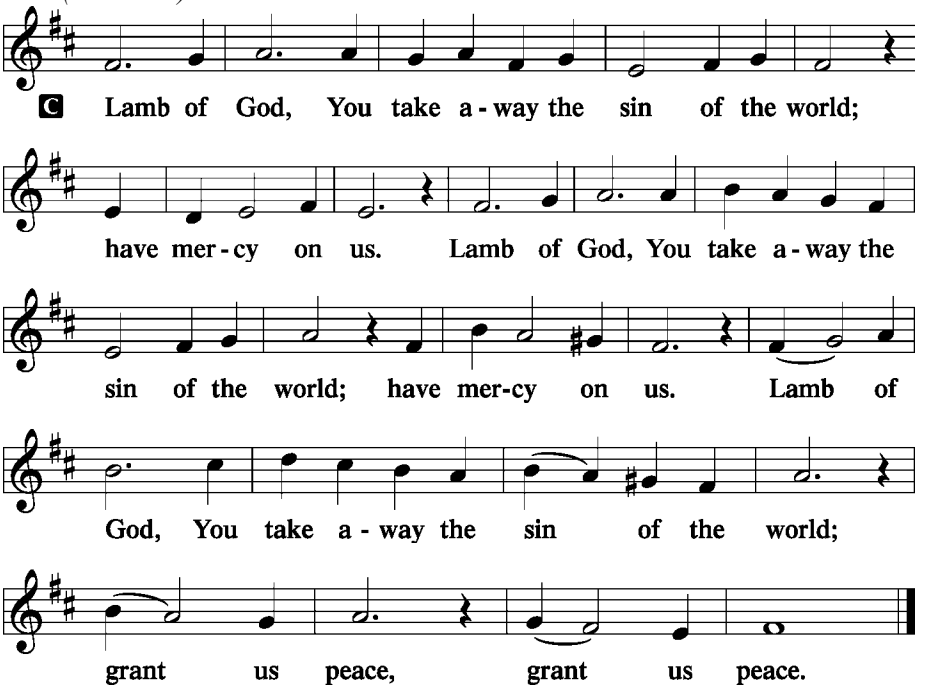
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

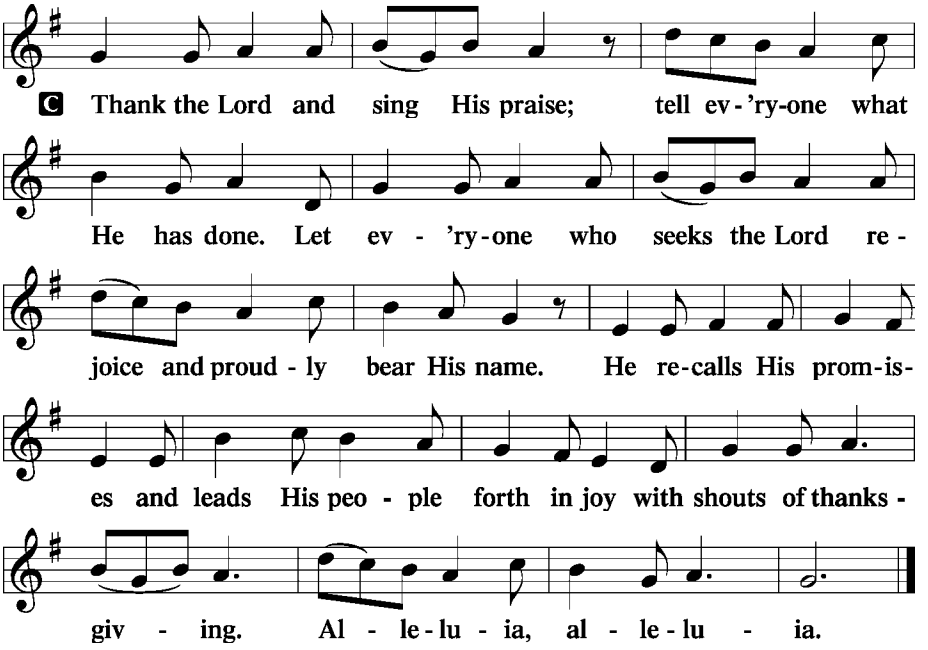
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Tune: ENERGY

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…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 unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783
Tune: PATMOS

Closing Voluntary: Festival Voluntary on LLANSANNAN (God of Earth and Sea and Heaven)

Gilbert M. Martin

(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:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

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

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 11/15	**The 25th Sunday after Pentecost**	
	Coffee Hour Hosted By The Kirschenheiter Family	
	7:45am	**Divine Service**
	8:30am	Congregational Meeting
	9:30am	**Divine Service**
		Sunday School
	11:00am	Faith Renewal
Mon 11/16	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Tue 11/17	7:00pm	Council Meeting
	7:00pm	Judo/Women's 12 Step
Wed 11/18	11:00am	Bible Study
	1:30pm	Mahjongg Social Club
	6:00pm	Confirmation
	7:00pm	**Divine Service**
	7:30pm	LIT
	7:45pm	SoLI
Thu 11/19	6:30pm	Bell Choir
	7:00pm	Judo
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir
Sun 11/22	**The Last Sunday of the Church Year**	
	Coffee Hour Hosted By The Lundquist Family	
	7:45am	**Divine Service**
	8:30am	Bible Study
	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 Arthur Schmidt.

Thrivent News - Would you like to stretch your giving dollars and help reduce our deficit? Thrivent has prepared a new offering for the ***2026 National Day of Giving*** **on Tuesday, 12/1**. Thrivent has set aside $3 million in funds to share with all their nonprofits (including us). So, any money you donate to St. John's on December 1st through Thrivent's giving platform will be boosted by as much as $1 for $1. So basically, you go into Thrivent.com, click on their generosity link, scroll down to the donate button, and they promise us they will have clear instructions on how to donate to the non-profit of your choice (hopefully that will be St. John's). That day, you must donate on Thrivent's platform, designating St. Joihn's0 as your non-profit of choice using either a credit card, a debit card, or Google Pay. Thrivent will cover all costs, and St. John's will receive 100% of your donations. The most important detail to remember is this is an ***ONE-DAY-ONLY EVENT***; you must make your donation on December 1st for St. John's to receive the boost from the $3 million Thrivent has designated for this

fundraiser. You can contribute your December donation, your Christmas donations, or any other donation you might usually make at the end of the year. If everyone took advantage of this and gave all their planned December giving this way, it could add thousands of dollars in boosted funds from Thrivent. *Special note – you DO NOT have to be a Thrivent member or associate member to donate through their giving platform. Anyone can donate to St. John's on 12/1/2026 via Thrivent.com!

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

Last Call! Thanksgiving Food Boxes – With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, this will be the last week to drop off food items needed for the Thanksgiving boxes. Please drop all items off during the church office hours Tuesday-Friday from 9:30am-2:30pm. Friday, 11/20 will be the last day of the collection. We require the following remaining items: *10 Apple Juice; 10 Apple Sauce; 15 Canned Yams; 15 Cranberry Sauce; 19 Gravy (can or jar); 10 Boxes of Stuffing; 15 Boxes of Mashed Potatoes; 24 Cookie Packages; and 20 Boxes of Tea*. Thank you for your donations!

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.

Knowledge of the Game: *St. John's Basketball League* – The St. John's Basketball Program is a part of the church's history and holds a special value in the local community. In addition, the program provides a significant source of funds for the church, which we budget for and rely on. It is important that we continue offering this program for both the community and St. John's. At this time, we are mainly looking for an individual who has knowledge of the game and can assist with grouping teams and assigning coaches after registration has been closed. St. John's will have more of an active role in supporting this position, so the job duties do not fall solely on this support volunteer we are seeking. 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.

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.

Thanksgiving Service – Our Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service will be held on ***November 25 at 7pm***. Please join us in giving thanks to our God for all his blessings as we feast at His Table together in celebration of the life he gives us eternally.

Singers, grade 5 & up are invited to participate in preparing music for the 3:30 pm Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals are Tuesday afternoons in December (12/1, 12/8, 12/15 & 12/22) from 3:45-4:30 pm. Please speak to Cindy Holden by Thanksgiving Eve if you would like to participate. We have a core of three singers committed and hope to add more!

Communion Stewards: Greg Calvano (7:45); Paul Erath (9:30am); **Ushers:** Marcus & Annie Habeeb (7:45am); Lloyd & Pam Arrasate, Brooke Bartick (9:30am); **Readers:** Jim Farrell (7:45); Paul Erath (9:30); **Musicians:** Chancel Choir & Tom Lackemann, trumpet (9:30am); **Counters:** Richard & Ann Frenz

ST. JOHN'S

holiday schedule



November 25
7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service

December 2
12 noon & 7:00pm Advent Midweek DS

December 9
12 noon & 7:00pm Advent Midweek DS

December 16
12 noon & 7:00pm Advent Midweek DS

December 20
4:00pm Longest Night Service

December 23
12 noon & 7:00pm Advent Midweek DS

December 24
3:30pm & 7:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Divine Service

December 25
10:30am Christmas Day Divine Service

December 31
7:00pm NYE Divine Service

January 6, 2027
7:00pm SõLI (Singers of Long Island) in Concert

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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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