



Reformation Day

October 26, 2025

Sola Scriptura

SCRIPTURE ALONE

Solus Christus

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Sola Fide

FAITH ALONE

Sola Gratia

GRACE ALONE

Soli Deo Gloria

GRACE ALONE



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

Freedom in Christ is certainly one of the main themes of Reformation Day. Liberated from sin and death, Christ has set us on a path of freedom to live boldly under the Gospel. Martin Luther sought to bring this truth back into the light in his day so that all could live in the joy of sins forgiven, rather than under the fear and oppression of the Law. How that freedom is lived falls under the category of discipleship, and today, Jesus says that those who abide in the Word are his free disciples. Such is our call as his disciples today, to carry the banner of the truth of God's Word as we live in freedom from sin and death and in the constant hope of life eternal!

Today in the Church Year

While Reformation Day is oftentimes a look back to the early 1500's and the history of what happened surrounding the work of Martin Luther, it is really something much more. Luther's work was ancient, in the best sense of that term. His call for reform was to return to the Scriptures, to salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, and in Christ alone. This was a call to return to what Jesus said and did for the world, and for the Church to proclaim Christ and him crucified. So while we remember Martin Luther's life and writings, today is about Christ and his work for us. The color of the day is Red, like on Pentecost, to remind us of how the Holy Spirit's fire works in us through the Gospel to grant us faith, hope, and life eternal.

✠ 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: Be Still And Know (*inspired by Ps. 46:10*)

Colin Hand

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

(*from Partita on Westminster Abbey*)

Robert J. Powell

I Thank You, Heavenly Father (*Martin Luther's Morning Prayer*)

Carl Schalk

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

Opening Hymn: Glory Be to God the Father

LSB 506

Tune: WORCESTER

Baptism: Olivia Grace Sedlak

(*Turn to p. 268 for the Rite of Holy Baptism. After the Baptism, the service continues with the readings. To our guests: please read our statement below regarding our confession and practice of the Lord's Supper.*)

✠ Service of the Word ✠

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

- L** The First Reading for Reformation Day is taken from Revelation, the fourteenth chapter.

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

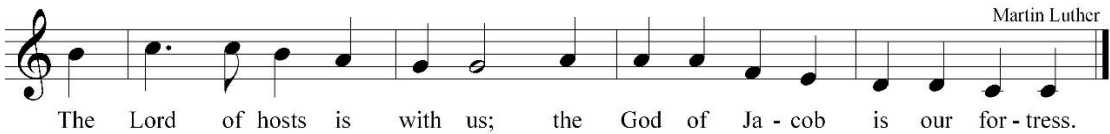
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

(Cantor sings antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses)

Antiphon v. 7:



¹ God is our | refuge and strength,*
a very present | help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved into the | heart of the sea,

⁺³ though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains | tremble at its swelling.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the | city of God,***
the holy habitation of the | Möst High.

⁵ **God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;***
God will help her when | morning dawns.

⁺⁶ **The nations rage, the | kingdoms totter;***
he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

Antiphon

⁷ The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our fortress.

⁸ Come, behold the | works of the LORD,*
how he has brought deso- | lations on the earth.

⁺⁹ He makes wars cease to the | end of the earth;*
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the | chariots with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, and know that | I am God.***
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be ex- | alted in the earth!”

¹¹ **The LORD of | hosts is with us;***
the God of Jacob | is our fortress.

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. | Ämen.

Antiphon

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

L The Epistle is from Romans, the third chapter.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (John 6:68)



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The notes are: a whole rest, a half note G, a half note A, a whole note B, a half note C, a half note D, a whole note E, and a whole note F. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The notes are: a half note G, a half note A, a whole note B, a half note C, a half note D, a whole note E, a whole note F, and a whole note G. The lyrics 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes.

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

LSB 909

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Sermon: Becoming free indeed

Offering: All I Claim - Christ Alone

Adam Miller

When I sail on stormy seas, I hear your voice upon the breeze
and lift my eyes up from the deep to Christ alone, Christ alone.

In your presence and your grace is my home, my sacred space.
I am safe in love’s embrace with Christ alone, with Christ alone.

And when sorrow calls my name, and I’m bowed with grief and shame,
lift me up to be again with Christ alone, Christ alone.

When my joy is uncontained and my blessings beyond name,
still your grace is all I claim in Christ alone, in Christ alone.

There's a welcome for us all, the broken, weary, and the small,
if we only heed the call to Christ alone, Christ alone.

Let the wonder of His name give you respite from your pain,
and in grace we shall remain with Christ alone, Christ alone.

In your love, we're home again, with Christ alone, Christ alone.

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

Stand

Offertory *(Psalm 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)*

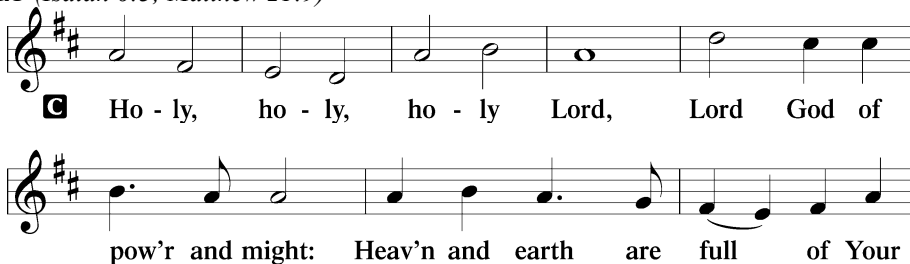
- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
(after each petition)
- P** Lord, in your mercy...
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface *(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)*

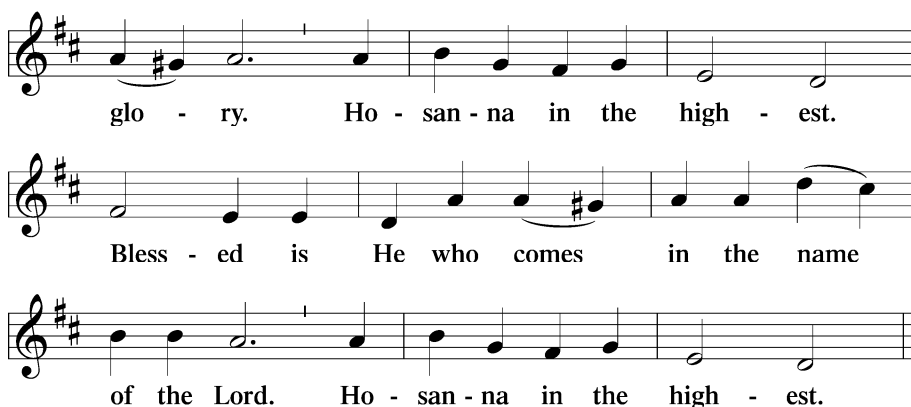
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



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.**

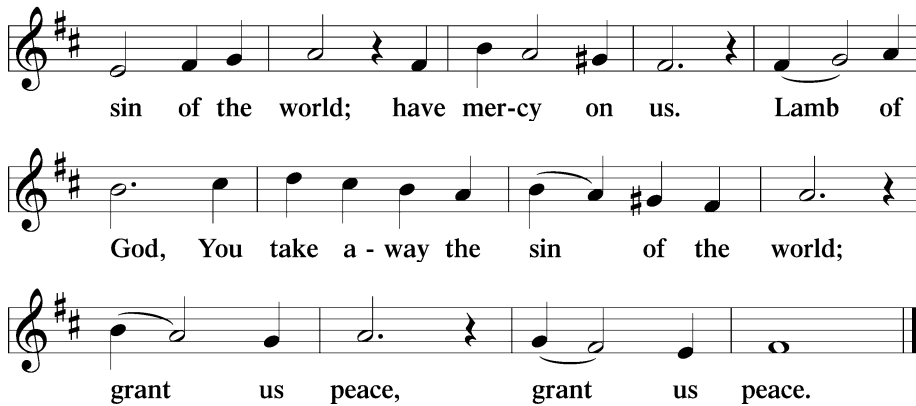
Agnus Dei *(John 1:29)*



C 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



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, 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: Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

Tune: EBENEZER

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

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray...Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (RHY)

Closing Voluntary: Toccata & Fugue in D minor BWV 565

J. S. Bach

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) was the foremost of Lutheran musicians in the Baroque Period. He served the court, schools, and particularly the Lutheran Church as a director, organist and composer, proclaiming Christ in and through his music for the glory of God. His iconic Toccata and Fugue in D minor contrasts a free-form, toccata with its sweeping runs, crashing chords and dramatic pauses with a highly structured, masterfully conceived fugue – where beauty, power and freedom are found within the “laws” of counterpoint - perhaps a small reflection in music of the freedom we have by God’s grace, won for us by Christ’s perfect keeping of the law and his sacrificial death for our sin.

(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:

All Saints’ Day: Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

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

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 10/26	Reformation Day Coffee Hour Hosted by the Donaldson & Cummings Families 7:45am Divine Service 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Divine Service w/ Baptism 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Faith Renewal
Mon 10/27	7:00pm Boy Scouts
Tue 10/28	6:00pm First Communion Class 7:00pm Judo/Women's 12-Step
Wed 10/29	12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:00pm Youth Night 7:00pm Divine Service 7:45pm SoLI
Thu 10/30	6:30pm Bells 7:00pm Judo 7:30pm Chancel Choir
Fri 10/31	12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
Sun 11/2	All Saints' Day Coffee Hour Hosted by the Audia Family 7:45am Divine Service 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Divine Service w/ Baptism 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Faith Renewal

Contributions Received 10/13-10/19/25	\$5,045	Wednesday Attendance: 11 Sunday Attendance: 116
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,209	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - October	\$760	



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.

General Fund - In honor of Luke David Keane on his holy baptism.
In memory of John & Jeanne Doepp from Edward Doepp.

Thrivent is Coming - Exciting news for us to have the Thrivent Engagement Team here for a lunch at St. John's on ***Sunday, November 9th***. They look forward to sharing some of the available key Generosity programs that can be used to benefit our congregation, along with their benefit programs that can help all of us. Although many of you already use some of them, they will be sharing Best Practices for you to use to MAXIMIZE the impact you can have within your church & community! We will be meeting downstairs at 12:30 for lunch. If you are not a Thrivent member but are interested, please come and listen to what is being said. Looking forward to seeing everyone there, so don't forget to let me know that you will be coming. Honey Pabst, Thrivent Champion: arthon@aol.com

Christmas Mail - Is it too early to think about this? Maybe and... maybe not. Mary Martha will have their 2nd 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.

Social Ministries Update - We are beginning plans to gear up for our Thanksgiving food boxes. This year, we are requesting only specific items to fill the boxes. Each week, new items will be suggested for purchase, and if you are able to assist in procuring those items, it would be greatly appreciated. This week, we are still looking for ***apple juice and pasta sauce***. You can bring these items to church next Sunday, or drop them by the church office during the week. Thank you in advance for always making an impact on people's lives during this season!

Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child - Our local shoebox drop-off location is at the Gospel Community Church, located at 138 Greeley Ave, Sayville. Mon, Nov. 17: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Tue, Nov. 18: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wed, Nov. 19: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thu, Nov. 20: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Fri, Nov. 21: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Sat, Nov. 22: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Sun, Nov. 23: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Mon, Nov. 24: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Please contact Honey Pabst with any questions.

Youth Night - On ***Wednesday, October 29 from 6-8pm***, youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend Youth Night. The evening will include food, games, and time to hang out with their peers. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Church Office by October 26.

Congregational Meeting - Our next meeting is scheduled for ***Sunday, November 16*** between the services (about 8:30am). On the agenda is the budget, information about a new educational opportunity called LIT, and other updates on church happenings. Copies of the budget are available for viewing in the office during office hours. Please make every effort to attend.

Communion Stewards: Charlie Erb (7:45am); Al Coppola (9:30am); **Ushers:** Steve & Janet Lindfors (7:45am); Kevin Paul & Barbara Dahlgren (9:30am); **Readers:** Pastor (7:45am & 9:30am); **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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