

# Seventh Sunday Of Easter

May 12, 2024



**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. An infant room is available in the rear of the church if your child is having a bad day and you need a quiet space. For those with mobility issues, we also have a fully accessible way to join us in the sanctuary, Please see an usher or the Pastor if you need assistance with this. We pray God's blessings upon you in this time, and invite you to continue to join us in the future.

## 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.

## As We Gather

John 17 records for us the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus to his Father. Jesus prays that we be kept safe as we live as disciples in the world by being kept in the truth of God's Word. Certainly we are in need of such a prayer from Jesus, for life in this world is challenging. People do not like and do not want to hear the Word of God, and so there is hostility and even violence. But Christ is with us, praying for us, protecting us, and reminding us that one day we will be delivered from this world and brought in safety to the kingdom of heaven eternally, forever one with him and the Father and one another.

## 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: Ave Maria von Arcadelt

Franz Liszt

## Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

### ✠ Service of Preparation ✠

\*Opening Hymn: O Bless the Lord, My Soul

LSB 814

Tune: ST. THOMAS

## 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.

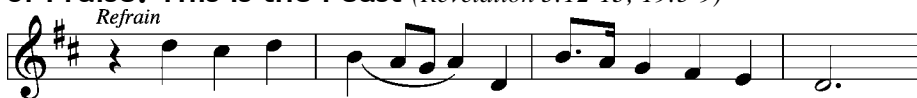
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your 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.

# ✠ Service of the Word ✠

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



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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

## 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...O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 1:12–26*

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

*<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.*

*<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,*

*“May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;*

*and*

*“Let another take his office.’*

*<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day*

when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*Psalm 1** (The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)

Antiphon

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<sup>1</sup> Blessèd is the man who walks not in the | counsel of the wicked,\*  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the | seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup> **but his delight is in the | law of the Lord,\***  
**and on his law he meditates | day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its | leaf does not wither.\*

In all that he does, he | prospers.

**Antiphon**

<sup>4</sup> The wicked | are not so,\*  
but are like chaff that the | wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> **Therefore the wicked will not | stand in the judgment,\***  
**nor sinners in the congre- | gation of the righteous;**

<sup>6</sup> for the Lord knows the | way of the righteous,\*  
but the way of the | wicked will perish.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spīrit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Ämen.**

**Antiphon**

## Epistle

1 John 5:9–15

**L** The Epistle is from First John, the fifth chapter.

*<sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

*<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

### \*Alleluia and Verse



**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 17:11b–19

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



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

*[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”*

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



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



## Nicene Creed

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

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

*Sit*

**\*Hymn of the Day: Preserve Your Word, O Savior**

***LSB 658***

Tune: MUNICH

## Sermon: In the world but in the truth

**\*Offering: Blessed be the Tie That Binds** text: John Fawcett, music: David Cherwien  
*Choir sings stanzas 1, 2 and 3; the congregation joins in on stanza 4*

1. *Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.*
2. *Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*
3. *We share our woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

Congregation: 4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Stand

**\*Offertory** (*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*)



**C** 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*)

**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 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 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

*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: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

**LSB 909**

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

## 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...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: I Know My Faith Is Founded**

LSB 587

Tune: NUN LOBE, MEIN SEEL



## Closing Voluntary: NUN LOBE, MEIN SEEL

Michael Prätorius

*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

*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 Day of Pentecost: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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

### SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 5/12	<b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b>
	7:45am <b>Divine Service</b>
	8:30am Bible Study
	9:30am <b>Divine Service</b>
	Sunday School
Mon 5/13	7:00pm Boy Scouts
Tue 5/14	7:00pm Elders Meeting
	Judo/Women's 12-Step
Wed 5/15	12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
	7:45pm SÖLI
Thu 5/16	6:30pm Eagle Eye Ringers
	7:00pm Judo
	7:30pm Chancel Choir
Fri 5/17	12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
Sun 5/19	<b>The Day of Pentecost</b>
	7:45am <b>Divine Service</b>
	8:30am Bible Study
	9:30am <b>Divine Service w/ Baptism</b>
	Sunday School

<b>Sunday, May 5</b>	\$2,940	84
Contributions Received 5/1-5/9/24	\$4,811	
May Budgeted Expenses	\$36,764	
Contributions Received 1/1-4/30/24	\$94,397	
Budgeted Expenses 1/1-4/30/24	\$160,732	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - May	\$340	



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**Altar Flowers** - In honor of Charlene Schneeberg on her birthday from her children.

**Congregational Meeting** - Our next meeting will be May 19 between services (about 8:30am). Agenda items include the election of new council members, updates on projects and events, information about our Strategic Planning, and an opportunity to ask questions or share concerns. Please plan to attend!

**Family Dinner & Movie Night** - On **Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm** St. John's will host a dinner and a movie night open to all families. Weather permitting, we will be outside behind 45/55 Greene Ave. for a movie under the stars. But before the show, come and enjoy a nice dinner and fellowship with one another. A signup sheet is posted in the narthex on the bulletin board, or you may contact the Church Office. Grab your lawn chairs, your beverage of choice, and join us, and even bring a friend!

**Mary Martha Christian Service Award** - Each year, the Mary Martha Guild presents a Christian Service Award to a graduating high school senior. We are thankful for the many young people who have received this award in the past and look forward to the many who will be recipients in the future. Applications are now available in the church office. The completed application must be received NO LATER than **Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**Thrivent Clean Water Kits** - Thrivent Financial is once again enabling us to be part of helping with this much-needed resource. Thrivent recently sent an email with instructions on how to order a complimentary water kit (one kit per person). There are three filters in each kit and takes a few minutes to assemble each of them. Check your email and order your kit today. You can make a difference by helping someone have clean water!

**Duck's Game** - Save the date! On **Wednesday, July 3rd** we are planning a group outing to the Duck's Stadium, sponsored by Thrivent Financial. The tickets are \$16 each. They are giving out "\$10 Duck Bucks" to the first 150 people to spend on food, etc. Following the game is an amazing fireworks display to be enjoyed by all. There is a flyer posted on the Narthex bulletin board with instructions on how to purchase your tickets. Honey Pabst, a Thrivent Champion, is part of the team leading this event and will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

**From Annunciation to Incarnation: A Journey with Jesus from the Womb to the Manger**



**Week 8** - The mouth and tongue are beginning to take shape, as the facial features are overall more observable, including little shell-shaped ears. The retina and lens have attached themselves, and the eyes are more fixed and observable. The intestines are fully formed, and the bones and muscles are continuing to grow. Fingers are now also observable on an ultrasound. The baby's head and trunk are beginning to straighten up. Still just about the size of a blueberry, Jesus' body is growing rapidly as Mary bears the Christ.

*You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. ~ Job 10:11*

**Communion Stewards:** Robert Bayley (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); **Ushers:** Brian & Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am), Chuck & Judy Scott (9:30am); **Reader:** Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); **Music:** Chancel Choir; **Counters:** Chuck & Judy Scott

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**Saint John's Divine Service Schedule:**

**Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am**

**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday: 9:30am-1:30pm**

**Bookkeeper Hours:**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm**

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