

# Fourth Sunday In Lent



March 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

As if the man born blind didn't have enough problems, today he becomes the topic of discussion about why he was born in such a way. Was he the greater sinner, or was it his parents? But the ire of the crowds shifts after his healing and moves to Jesus who had broken the Sabbath laws about doing work on the holy day. Yet all of it, Jesus says, was so the glory of God would be revealed. Still today, this is what is happening on the Sabbath - the glory of God is revealed in Christ who comes to us in his gifts to free us from sin and fill us with life. In joyful response, we give glory to God who has loved us and saved us and gives us heaven.

## Today in the Church Year

Lent is a season of reflective meditation upon the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as a time of intentional consideration of our sinfulness and our need for a Savior. The color for the season is violet, which is the color of repentance. It is also a color of royalty which connects us to our Savior King, the one who has taken upon himself our sinfulness and shame and borne them to the cross to win forgiveness and salvation for us. Lent is 40 days long, not including Sundays, which is why the Sundays are "in" Lent, not "of" Lent. This 40 day journey connects us to the 40 day temptation of Jesus in the wilderness, and is a journey to the cross of Good Friday. Each week will focus more and more on this event, leading us all the way to Holy Week, and ultimately to joy of Easter morning!

# ✠ IN NOMINE JESU - IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

## A Prayer upon Entering Church

*Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen.*

## Opening Voluntary: Ricercare IV

Johann Jacob Froberger

## Chorale Prelude on "Der am Kreuz"

G. Winston Cassler

## Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

## ✠ Service of Preparation ✠

## \*Opening Hymn: O Son of God, in Galilee

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Tune: TWENTY-FOURTH

## 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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *(Heb. 10:22)*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.** *(Ps. 124:8)*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Ps. 32:5)*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*Jn. 20:19-23*)

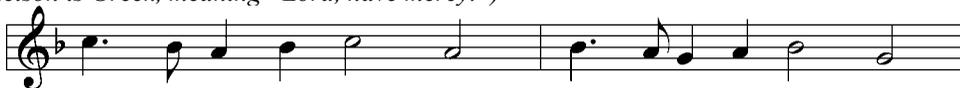
**C** Amen.

## † Service of the Word †

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

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(*Kyrie eleison is Greek, meaning "Lord, have mercy."*)



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2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
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Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.  
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**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 God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14-21

- ☐ The Old Testament Reading for The Fourth Sunday in Lent is taken from Isaiah, the forty-second chapter.

*<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.*

*<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.*

*<sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.*

*I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.*

*These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.*

*<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”*

*<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!*

*<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?*

*<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.*

*<sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.*

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God.

**\*Psalm 142** (The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)

Antiphon verse 5:



I cry to you, O Lord; I say, "You are my re-fuge, my por-tion in the land of the liv - ing."



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- 1 With my voice I cry | out to the LORD;\*  
with my voice I plead for | mercy to the LORD.
- 2 I pour out my com- | plaint before him;\*  
I tell my | trouble before him.
- 3 **When my spirit faints within me, you | know my way!\***  
**In the path where I walk they have | hidden a trap for me.**
- 4 **Look to the right and see: there is none who takes | notice of me;\*  
no refuge remains to me; no one | cares for my soul. Antiphon**
- 5 I cry to | you, O LORD;\*  
I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the | land of the living."
- 6 Attend to my cry, for I am | brought ve-ry low!\*
- Deliver me from my persecutors, for | they are too strong for me!
- +7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give | thanks to your name!\*
- The righteous will surround me, for you will deal | bountifully with me.

**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. | Amen.**

**Antiphon**

## Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

**L** The Epistle is from Ephesians, the fifth chapter.

*<sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,*

*“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## \*Lenten Verse

Psalm 36:9

**C** With you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

## Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.*

*<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus*

made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is

speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

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

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

## Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

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

*Sit*

**\*Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing**

**LSB 421**

Tune: DER AM KRUEZ

**Sermon: Calling it like we see it**

## \*Offering: We The Lord's People

text & setting: Jeffrey H. Rickard

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting,  
Praise Him who called us out of darkness, light and truth revealing.  
Bring we now before Him all our gladness and joy.

*(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: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God *(Psalm 51:10-12)*

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## 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.**

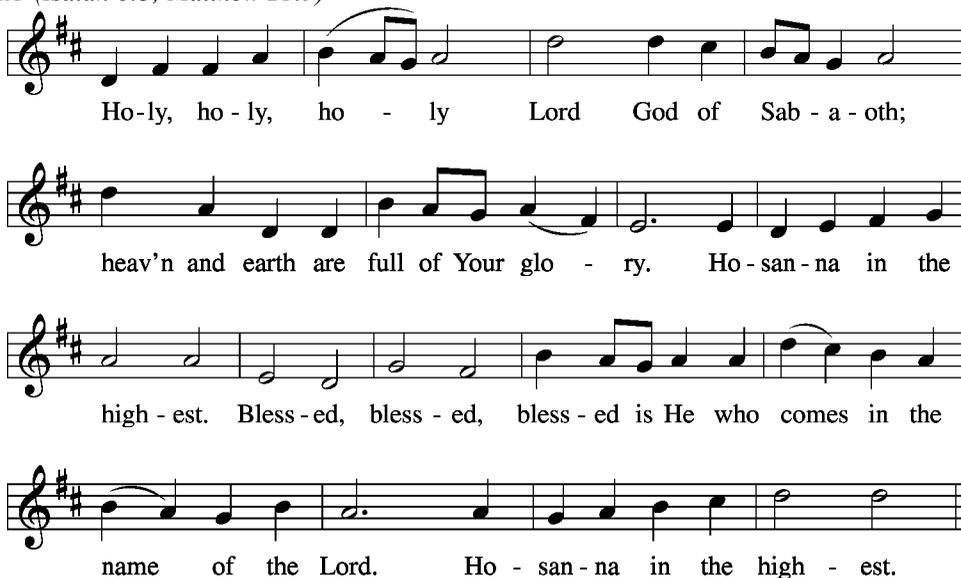
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** It is truly meet, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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*)

**LSB 961**



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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.

**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."*

**Pax Domini** (*John 20:19*)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

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 Your  
peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

### Sit Distribution

Please read what Saint John's believes concerning the Sacrament of the Altar:

As Lutherans, we believe, teach, and confess that in the Holy Supper all receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ with their mouth. Believers feed on Christ for the assurance of salvation and the strengthening of their faith.

To assure that our Lord's great gifts are received in a beneficial way, Holy Scripture says in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29 ***"A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself."*** Self examination includes:

- 1) The confession that we are sinful and in need of God's forgiveness. (Ps 51; Romans 3: 9-28)
  - 2) The faith that Jesus Christ is truly and actually present in the Sacrament, offering His very Body and Blood for all to eat, so that our sins are forgiven. (Mt 26: 26-28; 1 Cor 10: 16-21)
  - 3) The sincere resolve, with the Holy Spirit's help, to amend what is sinful in our life by actively belonging to a body of believers where these Scriptural truths are preached and taught. (Acts 2: 42; Ephesians 2: 8-10)
- If this reflects your belief and you are a member in good standing at a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or a church body in which we are in fellowship, we welcome you to the Lord's Table and pray that His Body and Blood will be for your soul the highest good. If you are not sure, or do not understand, we ask that you speak with the Pastor, at your earliest convenience, prior to communing. If you would like to come to the altar and receive a personal blessing instead of the Eucharist, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the pastor.

*Distribution will take place around the altar. Both sides of the church will be ushered forward up the center aisle at the same time with the first person in line starting at the center, and the rest fanning out along the sides. Once everyone has received, and the pastor announces the dismissal, 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

*Make me, O Lord, so to perceive with lips and heart and know by faith and by love, that by virtue of this sacrament I may deserve to be planted in the likeness of your death and resurrection, by mortifying the old man, and by renewal of the life of righteousness. May I be worthy to be incorporated into your body "which is the church," so that I may be your member and you may be my head, and that I may remain in you and you in me. Then at the Resurrection you will refashion the body of my humiliation according to the body of your glory, as you promised by your apostle, and I shall rejoice in you forever to your glory, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.*

## \*Distribution Hymn: Amazing Grace

LSB 744

Tune: NEW BRITAIN

## A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament

*O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Stand

## \*Post-Communion Canticle: On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422

Tune: DER AM KREUZ



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scription be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

## Thanksgiving *(Psalm 107:1)*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endures forever.

**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.

## Salutation and Benedicamus *(2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Bless we 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 unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420 (1-4, 7)

Tune: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

## Closing Voluntary: ALLE MENSCHEN MUSSEN STERBEN (Christ, the Life of All the Living)

Johann Sebastian Bach

## A Prayer for Departure

*O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear the prayers of Thy Church that we, being delivered from all adversities and serving Thee with a quiet mind, may enjoy Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.*

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA - TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY ✠

## † Look Ahead for next week:

The Fifth Sunday in Lent: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-45

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

## SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 3/15	<b>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Coffee Hour Hosted by the Dondero Family</b> 7:45am <b>Divine Service</b> 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am <b>Divine Service</b> 9:30am Sunday School
Mon 3/16	7:00pm Boy Scouts 8:00pm Men's Basketball
Tues 3/17	6:00pm First Communion Class 7:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm Judo/12 Step
Wed 3/18	11:00am Bible Study 12:00pm <b>Divine Service</b> 12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:00pm Confirmation Class (Last) 7:00pm <b>Divine Service</b> 7:30pm Faith Renewal 7:45pm SoLI
Thu 3/19	6:00pm Thunder Girls Basketball 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Chancel Choir
Fri 3/20	12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
Sun 3/22	<b>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Coffee Hour Hosted by the Elders</b> 7:45am <b>Divine Service</b> 8:30am LIT Promo 9:30am <b>Divine Service</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Thrivent Choice Dollars Meeting



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Contributions Received 3/2-3/8/26	\$5,638	Wednesday Attendance: 41 Sunday Attendance: 106
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,041	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - March	\$355	

**General Donation** - In recognition of the kindness of Steve Lindfors from Chuck & Judy Scott. In memory of Fred Unz from James Stevens; Chuck & Judy Scott & the Emmel family.

**LIT is Coming!** - On **March 22**, the Board of Elders will offer a preview of a new study opportunity here at St. John's called *Lutheran Institute of Theology*. This video-based series will lead participants through a variety of topics from Spirituality, to Biblical Theology, to Church History, and much more. Come see what LIT is all about and then join us for the sessions coming in April.

**Thrivent Choice Dollar Meeting** - On **Sunday, March 22**, following the late service, we will be having our Thrivent Choice Dollar Meeting. The meeting will be held in the room across the gym. We look forward to having all members attend so that decisions can be made about what we should vote on. I am looking forward to all suggestions on what we need to do and how we should direct the considerable funds in the account. We also want to remind everyone that if they haven't donated their Choice Dollars for 2025, they have until March 31, 2026, to do so. Please let me know if you plan to attend. Honey Pabst [arthon@aol.com](mailto:arthon@aol.com)

**Thrivent Water Filter Kits Or Solar Light Build Kits** - I have heard back from some of you that you received your kits. If you haven't ordered, there is still time to order your kit. We will be gathering in the room off the gym following the late service on **March 29** to assemble our kits. Hope more of you will get your kits and be part of our assembly process and enjoy the fellowship there as well. I am looking forward to hearing from you and adding your name to the growing list of people who have already received their kits. Let me know when you can. Honey Pabst [arthon@aol.com](mailto:arthon@aol.com)

**Communion Stewards:** Greg Calvano (7:45am), Paul Erath (9:30am); **Ushers:** Marcus & Annie Habeeb (7:45am), Pat Arrigo (9:30am); **Readers:** Jim Farrell (7:45am), Paul Erath (9:30am); **Musicians:** Chancel Choir and Eagle Eye Ringers (9:30am); **Counters:** Richard & Ann Frenz

## Lenten & Holy Week Services

### Passion History

In this worship series for Lent, we will explore the various scenes of the Passion narrative as drawn from a mix of all four Gospels. This is a wonderful way to meditate on the work of salvation that Christ has done for us, preparing us for the events of Holy Week and the joy of Easter. Please join us as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and consider all that he has done to bring us life and salvation eternally.

<b>The Praetorium (3/18)</b>	noon & 7pm
<b>Calvary (3/25)</b>	noon & 7pm
<b>Palm/Passion Sunday (3/29)</b>	7:45am & 9:30am
<b>Holy Wednesday (4/1)</b>	7pm
<b>Maundy Thursday (4/2)</b>	noon & 7pm
<b>Good Friday (4/3)</b>	noon & 7pm
<b>Holy Saturday (4/4)</b>	7pm
<b>Easter Sunrise (4/5) @ Sayville Marina Beach Park</b>	6:00am
<b>Easter Divine Service (4/5)</b>	7:45am & 9:30am

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### Saint John's Divine Service Schedule:

Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am

Wednesday Noon & 7:00pm

### Church Office Hours:

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

### Bookkeeper Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm

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