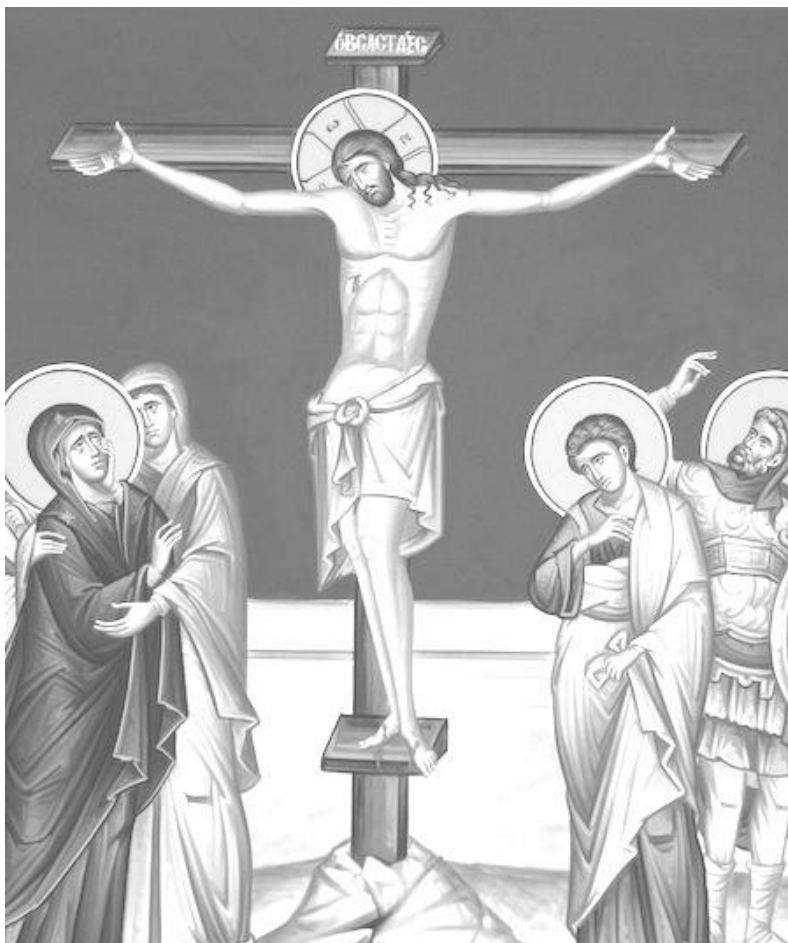


FIFTH
SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 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

There are probably few people who claim to be Christian who would say they have any real problems with following Jesus. The idea of what Jesus is offering is appealing. However, the very definition of what it means to follow Jesus is sometimes more than people want to do. What our Lord makes clear today is that following him is not always easy...it takes the sacrifice of things that may seem easier or more appealing. Yet even when we struggle to follow after Christ, we can be comforted that he did not turn aside from the Father's plan, but made his way to Jerusalem to lay down his life for our sin only to take it up again so that we would have life in him.

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: AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON

J. S. Bach

By the water-brooks of Babylon we sat us down in sorrow,
As there we thought on thee, Zion, And wept from night till morrow;
We there did hang with heavy heart Our organs, harps, and all our art
Upon their trees, the willows, Which there abound within their land,
Where we did suffer at their hand, Where o'er us closed the billows.

Wolfgang Buchatein, 1525, tr. C. F. Pffiefer

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

*Opening Hymn: I Walk in Danger All the Way

LSB 716

Tune: DER LIEBEN SONNE LICHT UND PRACHT

Baptism: Emma Marsich

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

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

☒ The Old Testament Reading for The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is taken from Jeremiah, the twenty-eighth chapter.

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet

who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Psalm 119:153-160** (The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated)

Antiphon verse 154

Cynthia Holden



Plead my cause and re-deem me; give me life according to your promise!

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¹⁵³Look on my af- | fliction and deliver me,*
for I do not for- | get your law.

¹⁵⁴**Plead my | cause and redeem me;***
give me life ac- | ording to your promise!

¹⁵⁵Salvation is | far from the wicked,*
for they do not | seek your statutes.

¹⁵⁶**Great is your | mercy, O LORD;***
give me life ac- | ording to your rules. Antiphon

¹⁵⁷Many are my | persecutors and my adversaries,*
but I do not | swerve from your testimonies.

¹⁵⁸**I look at the | faithless with disgust,***
because they do not | keep your commands. Antiphon

¹⁵⁹Consider how I | love your precepts!*

Give me life according to your | steadfast love.

¹⁶⁰**The sum of your | word is truth,***
and every one of your righteous rules en- | dures forever.

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

L The Epistle is from Romans, the seventh chapter.

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

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



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



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



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



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:34-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Hymn of the Day: All for Christ I Have Forsaken

LSB 753

Tune: RESTORATION

Sermon: Losing everything to gain everything

*Offering: By the Babylonian Rivers

Latvian Folk Tune

text: Ewald Bash setting: Richard Erickson

By the Babylonian Rivers we sat down in grief and wept;
Hung our harps upon a willow, mourned for Zion when we slept.

There our captors in derision did require of us a song;
So we sat with staring vision, and the days were hard and long.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange and bitter land?
Can our voices veil the sorrow? Lord God, hold your holy band.

Let the cross be benediction for those bound in tyranny:
By the power of resurrection loose them from captivity.

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

Stand

*Offertory: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

Prayer of the Church *(1 Timothy 2:1-4)*

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

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord *(Matt.26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)*

- P** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

Pax Domini *(John 20:19)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *(John 1:29)*



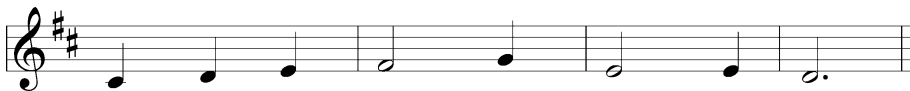
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



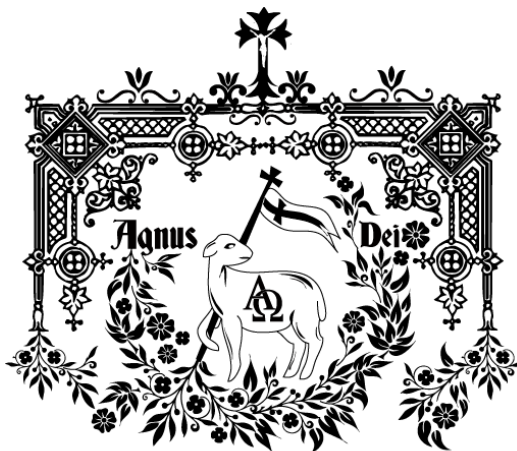
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



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

LSB 781

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

Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29-32)

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray...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.

Benedicamus (*Psalm 103:1*)

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

LSB 848

Tune: BEACH SPRING

Closing Voluntary: Vivace (from Sonata, Opus 1, No. 3 mov't 4) G. F. Handel

A Prayer for Departure

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

† Look Ahead for next week:

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost: Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30

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

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 6/28	5th Sunday after Pentecost	
	7:45am	Divine Service
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Tag Sale Volunteer Meeting
Mon 6/29	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Tue 6/30	7:00pm	Judo/Women's 12-Step
Thu 7/2	7:00pm	Judo
Sun 7/5	6th Sunday after Pentecost	
	7:45am	Divine Service
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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.

Soles4Souls - Wish to thank Carla, Lloyd, and Cindy & Chris Smith for their help in transporting the 508 pairs of shoes to the depot in Huntington this past Saturday. They were thrilled with what we donated and said to thank all who contributed. THANK YOU to everyone for your help in making someone else's life better with your donation.

Mahjongg Social Club - Deanna Suckow is looking to put together a social club here at St. John's playing the game of Mahjongg. Open to all ages! If interested, please reach out to Deanna Suckow at deannasuckow@yahoo.com or 631-316-0447 for more information.

Golf Outing - Sign up now for our annual golf outing at St. John's on **August 19, 2026 at 2pm**. We will once again be at the Timber Point Golf Course in Great River, prayerfully without the absolute deluge we had last year. Brochures are now available for registration or sponsorship information. All materials are also available on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Giacoia or Kristin Noack, Golf Committee Chairs.

Tag Sale "Save the Date" - Now is the time to start putting aside those items you want to donate to our Treasure & Tag Sale on **August 8**. Please save your items at home for now. There will be a volunteer meeting on **Sunday, June 28 at 10:30am**. Please keep your eyes out for more information about this great event. - The Tag Sale Committee

Mary Martha Christian Service Award - The Mary Martha Guild here at St. John's is once again offering their Service Award Scholarship to graduating high school seniors. The funds can be used toward college or trade school needs. The application is available on our website www.stjohnsayville.org. The deadline to apply is by the end of the month. If you have a senior, please encourage them to apply.

Summer Book Club - Like to read? Want to pick up something a little different than your normal, summer beach read? Join us for a book discussion on **Thursday, July 30 at 7pm** discussing the new book *Being Family* by Scott Keith. "In *Being Family*, Dr. Scott Keith offers a compelling vision of what it means to live out the Christian faith through the daily realities of family life. Drawing from Scripture, the Lutheran tradition, and pastoral experience, Keith reminds readers that the home is not a detour from discipleship—it's the very place where God shows up. With warmth, clarity, and candor, Keith explores the vocations of father, mother, grandparent, child, and friend, showing how faith is passed down not through programs or perfection, but through repentance, forgiveness, and love. This is not a book of parenting techniques. It's a theological and practical guide to embracing your calling—even when it's messy." Just buy the book, give it a read, and then join us for the discussion. You can order the book on Amazon or at 1517.org. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor. Friends are welcome to join us!

Communion Stewards: Charlie Erb (7:45); Al Coppola (9:30); **Ushers:** Steve & Janet Lindfors (7:45); Kevin Paul & Barbara Dahlgren (9:30am); **Readers:** Pastor (7:45), Jenn Rooney (9:30); **Musicians:** Summer Choir, (9:30am); Rex Holden, clarinet (7:45 & 9:30); **Counters:** Gene & Lisa Giacoia

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Saint John's Divine Service Schedule:

Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am

Church Office Hours:

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

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