

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.

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

St. Paul's epistle to the Church at Ephesus is a masterpiece of encouragement in the faith and the power of the unity of the Church. Throughout, Paul will repeat the idea of being "in Christ" and what that means for us as God's children. He begins today with a powerful prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings and benefits that are granted to us by our baptism into Christ. Through that gracious act of God, we are made part of the elect Church of God and heirs of eternity. For all that God has done for us, it is right to give him thanks, to the glory of His holy name.

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: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE NETTLETON

setting: J. Wayne Kerr arr. Craig Phillips

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

+ Service of Preparation +

*Opening Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686 Tune: NETTLETON

Amos 7:7-15

Baptisms: Daysia Yasuko Schock & Takashi David Schock

(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 +

Sit

Old Testament Reading

L The Old Testament Reading for The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is taken from Amos, the seventh chapter.

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them;
⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

"'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.""

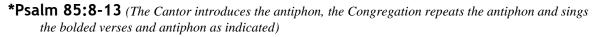
¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

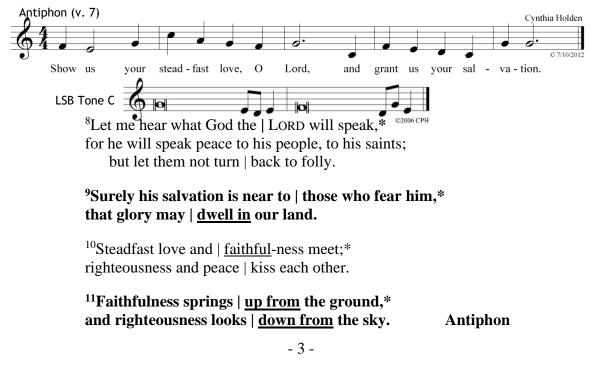
¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.





¹²Yes, the LORD will | <u>give what</u> is good,* and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness will | go before him* and make his | <u>footsteps</u> a way.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spïrit; as it was in the be- | gïnning,* is now, and will be forever. | Ämen.

Antiphon

Epistle

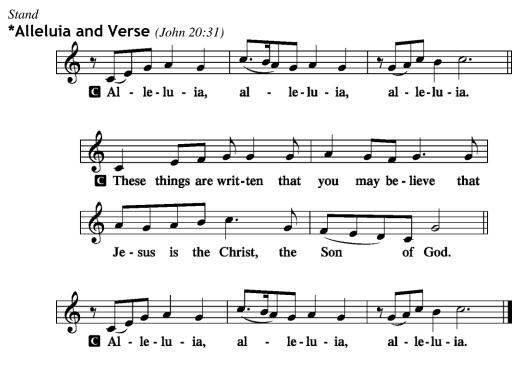
Ephesians 1:3–14

L The Epistle is from Ephesians, the first chapter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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



Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P С

This is the Gospel of the Lord.Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

*Hymn of the Day: Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee <u>LSB 573</u>

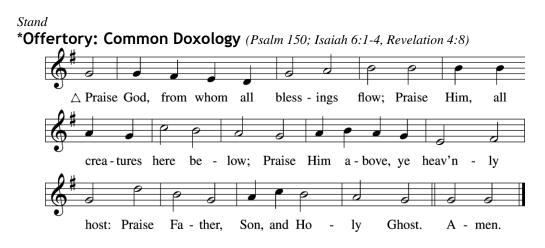
Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE

Sermon: Walking as One in Christ: "Elected through Baptism"

*Offering: Trumpet Tune in E-Flat Major

William B. Fuhrer

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



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

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. (after each petition)

 $(a_{f}ter each petition)$

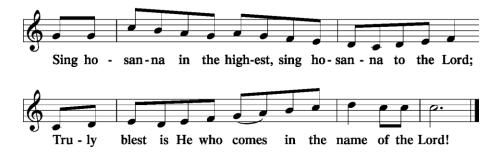
- **P** Lord, in your mercy...
- **C** Hear our prayer.
- **P** ...one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

+ 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.
- 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:





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; Luke 11:2-4)

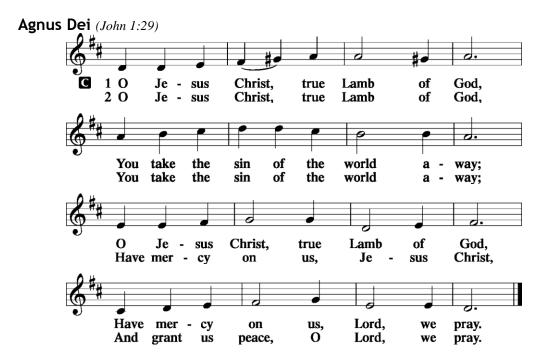
 C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the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



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: I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

LSB 651 Tune: ST. THOMAS

*Distribution Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

LSB 649 Tune: BOYLSTON

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 0 Lord. let Your now vant De ser 2 All glo - rv to the Fa ther. All 0 part in Ι heav'n - lv peace. For the have seen the All glo - ry the glo - ry to Son. to 0 glo Spir Your grace: Of re _ deem - ing ry iť. For Three - in - One; ev er lead the tiles Un light Gen Α to For gin as in the be ning, Is --Your ho ly hill, The Your to glo of ry God's tri now. shall ev er be, une name re 0 peo ple, Your cho Is el. -sen ra sound - ing Through all ter ni е ty.

Post-Communion Collect

- ▶ 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.
- С
 - Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction (Psalm 103:1; Numbers 6:24-26)

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- **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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790 Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

Closing Voluntary: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

setting: Kevin Hildebrand

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:

The 9th Sunday After Pentecost: Jeremiah 23:1-16; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44 Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 7/14	The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost		
	7:45am	Divine Service	
	8:30am	Bible Study	
	9:30am	Divine Service w/ Holy Baptism	
Mon 7/15	6:00pm	Basketball	
Tue 7/16	7:00pm	Judo/Women's 12-Step	
Wed 7/17	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous	
	6:00pm	Basketball	
Thu 7/18	7:00pm	Judo	
		Theology on Tap	
Fri 7/19	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous	
	6:00pm	Basketball	
Sun 7/21	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost		
	7:45am	Divine Service	
	8:30am	Bible Study	
	9:30am	Divine Service	
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Contributions Received 7/1-7/7/24	\$7,343	Sunday Attendance: 94
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,962	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - July	\$235	



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<u>Theology on Tap</u> - Save the date for our next gathering on Thursday, July 18 at 7pm. Location is still TBD. A brief article on the topic will be sent out ahead of time, usually on something pertaining to how Christians can think about certain issues that address us today. Plan to join us for a nice conversation and some good libations. See you then!

<u>E1HW</u> - The next module of the *Every One His Witness* program we will discuss is "Witnessing to LGBTQ People". We will meet on *July 28* after the 9:30am service (about 11am). This is a complex topic, but one where we can have important conversations leading to opportunities to bear witness to the hope we have in Christ. A signup sheet is posted for this module on the bulletin board in the narthex, or you may contact the Church Office. Any questions may be addressed to Pastor.

Treasure & Tag Sale - Save the date! Our Annual Treasure & Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, August 3rd from 9am to 1pm in the gym. Please come down and find a "treasure." If you have some treasures to donate, please bring them to the gym anytime from July 28th onward. Check with the office to make sure the building is open. Remember, nothing will be accepted before July 28th. We will not accept any furniture, clothing, books, cassettes, or VCR tapes. However, we would be willing to post a notice about anything you would like to sell. Just give us a card with the information along with your name and telephone number. If you have a picture of the item, you might want to include it. All proceeds will be going towards supporting the missions of the church and in the community. Hope you will help make this sale a success. See Honey Pabst for more information.

Fall Plant Sale - It's hard to think about plans down the road in September, but plan we must. Mary Martha will be selling Mums again in August for pick up in the church parking lot some time in September. Think about what you might want to have in your garden in a great selection of colors. Order forms are available in the narthex, in the newsletter, or in the church office.

<u>Golf Outing 2024</u> - Our annual golf outing is scheduled for *Monday, August 26* at the Wind Watch Golf & Country Club in Hauppauge. Registration forms are available, so the time to get your foursome together is NOW! Sponsorship opportunities are also available on the form, as well as the ability to attend the dinner only after the round of golf. The registration form may be accessed on our website under the "Events" tab, or you may pick one up in the narthex or the Church Office. Please join us for this great day of fun and fellowship to support various organizations in our community and within our congregation. See you on the course!

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



<u>Week 17</u> - The baby's tiny skeleton has now completely changed over from cartilage to bone, although the bones remain pliable for the birthing process. As the baby's ability to hear grows, loud noises can now startle him. The baby's digestive system also begins to function by the end of this week, the skin is becoming thicker with new layers coming on it, and the arms and legs are becoming quite long. Our God in the flesh is growing strong and mighty in his physical body, and in his compassion hears the cries of his people.

Your life is hidden with Christ in God. ~ Colossians 3:3b

<u>Communion Stewards:</u> Robert Bayley (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); <u>Ushers</u>: Brian & Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am), Chuck & Judy Scott (9:30am); <u>Reader:</u> Christine Kirschenheiter (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); <u>Music</u>: Brian Tritsch, trumpet & flugal horn; <u>Counters:</u> Chuck & Judy Scott

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Saint John's Divine Service Schedule: Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am

Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am-2:30pm

Bookkeeper Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm

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