

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 19, 2025



Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
48 Greene Avenue
Sayville, New York 11782
SUNDAY 9:30AM

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

When we think of the glory of God, most of us think of a powerful, overwhelming, all-encompassing light kind of presence that would completely bowl us over should we encounter it - sort of like the experience Moses had. And yet, today God's glory is revealed through Jesus' changing of water into wine for a wedding party. Such glory revealed is one of the joys of the Christian life. In the face of Jesus, we see God's glory manifested in such a way that we may behold it and live, for it is a glory that works in us in the simple and mundane, yet reveals a more powerful truth. And in our experiences of God's glory, we know that, like the wedding at Cana, it is but a foretaste of the greater glory to be revealed for us to see in eternity.

Today in the Church Year

Epiphany serves as the end of the Christmas season, bridging us over from Christ's birth to the beginning of his life and ministry. On the day of Epiphany, Christ is revealed as the savior of the world. The season of Epiphany prepares us for the time when Christ shall set his face toward Jerusalem to accomplish the salvation of the world. The initial color for the season is white, but yields to green to symbolize the light of Christ revealed through the growth accomplished by his word. On Transfiguration Sunday will again be white to show forth the purity and holiness of the God-Man, Jesus.

✠ IN NOMINE JESU - IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

A Prayer upon Entering Church

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Opening Voluntary: Come, Join in Cana's Feast
Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior**

setting: Donald Rotermund

setting: Jeffrey Blersch

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

***Opening Hymn: The Only Son from Heaven**

LSB 402

Tune: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN

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)

■ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Gloria in Excelsis (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

■ Glory be to God on high: **■** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

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 and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Matters of Importance: Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

- ☒ The Old Testament Reading for The Second Sunday after the Epiphany is taken from Exodus, the thirty-third chapter.

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." ²¹And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

☒ This is the Word of the Lord.

☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 5:22–33

L The Epistle is from Ephesians, the fifth chapter.

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

***Alleluia**



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

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: Come, Join in Cana's Feast**

LSB 408

Tune: FRANCONIA

Sermon: Extraordinary signs of grace

*Offering: O Sacrum Convivium

Stephen R. Johnson

Translation: O sacred banquet! In which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and the pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia!

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

Stand

*Offertory (Psalm 51:10-12)

C 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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.

Agnus Dei (John 1:29)



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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 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

Holy Father, we ask you now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver your church from every evil, to teach it to love you perfectly, and make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Distribution Hymn: Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

LSB 640

Tune: ADORO TE DEVOTE

*Distribution Hymn: All praise to you, O Lord

text: Hyde W. Beadon (1812-1891)

Tune: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)

1 All praise to you, O Lord, who by your might-y power did
2 You speak, and it is done; o - be - dient to your word, the
3 Oh, may this grace be ours: in you al - ways to live and
4 So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see the

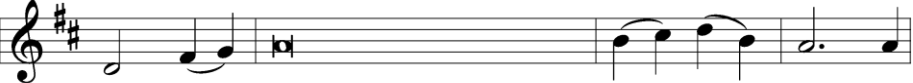
man - i - fest your glo - ry forth in Ca - na's mar-riage hour.
wa - ter red - dening in - to wine pro - claims the pres - ent Lord.
drink of those re - fresh - ing streams which you a - lone can give.
mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb, the great e - piph - a - ny.

A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Stand

***Post-Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis** (Luke 2:29-32)




Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,




which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

Closing Voluntary: St. George's, Windsor

C. Morton Bailey

(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

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 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany: 2 Kings 5:1-15a; Romans 1:8-17; Matthew 8:1-13
Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 1/19	The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
	7:45am Divine Service
	8:30am Bible Study
	9:30am Divine Service
	9:30am Sunday School
	11:00am Faith Renewal
Mon 1/20	7:00pm Boy Scouts
Tue 1/21	7:00pm Council Meeting
	7:00pm Judo/Women's 12 Step
Wed 1/22	12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
	7:45pm SoLI
Thu 1/23	6:30pm Eagle Eye Ringers
	7:00pm Judo
	7:30pm Chancel Choir
Fri 1/24	12:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
Sun 1/26	The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
	7:45am Divine Service
	8:30am Bible Study
	9:30am Divine Service
	9:30am Sunday School
	11:00am Faith Renewal

Contributions Received 1/6-1/12/25	\$2,887	Attendance: 113
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,209	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - January	\$470	



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.

Mary Martha Guild LWML Mite Box Sunday - This *Sunday, January 19*, we are celebrating LWML Sunday and collecting a donation in our large mite box as you leave the sanctuary. We also have some smaller mite boxes for your personal use that you can return to the church when filled. What are we collecting for you ask? Well, we are collecting “mites” supporting the AD LWML Mission Grants listed on the bulletin board in the Church Narthex. The AD LWML is an organization that encourages women to live in a Christian way in an active mission through the gifts God has given her. Here at St. John’s, our Mary Martha Guild is always active helping where we can and sharing the love of Jesus as we go. We appreciate any support you can give. If you are donating by check, please make it out to Mary Martha Guild. For more information, contact Pam Kennard, President of the Guild.

Senior Luncheon - St. John’s will host its first Senior Luncheon on *Friday, February 14 from 12-1:30pm*. Lunch will be provided as well as a guest speaker and time for friendly conversation. Cost: FREE! A signup sheet has been posted, or you may call the Church Office. Bring a friend, and plan to join us for a fun afternoon!

Golf Outing 2025: It’s that time of year again when we start to think about one of St. John’s major fundraising events. This past holiday season did you receive a gift or a gift card you really won’t use? Don’t put them aside! Think about donating them to the church to be used for the golf outing raffles. Please bring any gifts to the church office Tuesday through Friday from 9:30am-2:30pm or call the office to make other arrangements. This would be such a blessing for our community in preparing our baskets for the raffle. We thank you for any (and all) donations!

Aid for CA Wildfires - If you would like to assist the LCMS Pacific Southwest District in their efforts to help those affected by the wildfires, you may donate via check and mail it to: Pacific Southwest District - LCMS 16355 Laguna Canyon Rd. #300 Irvine, CA, 92618, Memo: SoCal Wildfire Relief. You can also donate online by visiting www.psd-lcms.org/disaster-response. Please continue to pray for all who have been impacted by this terrible disaster.

Communion Stewards: Greg Calvano (7:45am); Al Coppola (9:30am); **Ushers:** Jim Farrell & Ryan Weltner (7:45); Nicole Hanisch, Pat Arrigo, Rachel & Emily Bartick (9:30am); **Readers:** Jim Farrell (7:45am); Al Coppola (9:30am); **Music:** Chancel Choir (9:30am); **Counters:** Richard & Ann Frenz

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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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