

Third Sunday in Lent - Oculi  
March 23, 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

Today is about seeing. *Oculi* comes from the Latin for "eyes," and encourages us to have our eyes fixed upon, or turned towards, the Lord. When our eyes are turned elsewhere, we come up with a rather ridiculous view of life, such as the crowds in the Gospel who thought Jesus was casing out demons by Beelzebul. But with our eyes on Jesus, we see his power over the Prince of Darkness, over sin, and over death. In him, in his dying and rising, we find our salvation, and our eternal life.

## 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 the 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: Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior** (Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der von uns den Zorn Gottes wand) settings by J. S. Bach, BWV 666 & David N. Johnson

## Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

### ✠ Service of Preparation ✠

#### \*Opening Hymn: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

*LSB 423*

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE

#### 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)

LSB 204

(The word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both Pastor & Congregation)

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*after each petition:*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day (2 Timothy 4:22)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray...O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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**

Exodus 8:16–24

- ☐ The Old Testament Reading for The Third Sunday in Lent is taken from Exodus, the eighth chapter.

*<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’”  
<sup>17</sup>And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. <sup>18</sup>The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. <sup>19</sup>Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.*

*<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. <sup>21</sup>Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. <sup>22</sup>But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. <sup>23</sup>Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”’” <sup>24</sup>And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.*

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Psalm 136:1-16** (*Cantor sings antiphon; Congregation repeats the Antiphon, sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated*)

**Antiphon vs. 26**

Give thanks to the God of heav'n, for his stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er.

LSB Tone E

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ëver.

<sup>2</sup>**Give thanks to the | God of gods,\***  
**for his steadfast love endures for- | ëver.**

<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the | Lord of lords,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ëver;

<sup>4</sup>**to him who alone | does great wonders,\***  
**for his steadfast love endures for- | ëver;      Antiphon**

<sup>5</sup>to him who by understanding | made the heavens,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ëver;

<sup>6</sup>**to him who spread out the earth a- | bove the waters,\***  
**for his steadfast love endures for- | ëver;**

<sup>7</sup>to him who made the | grëat lights,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ëver;

<sup>8</sup>**the sun to rule | over the day,\***  
**for his steadfast love endures for- | ëver;**

<sup>9</sup>the moon and stars to rule | over the night,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ëver;      **Antiphon**

<sup>10</sup>to him who struck down the | firstborn of Egypt,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ëver;

**<sup>11</sup>and brought Israel out | from among them,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;**

**<sup>12</sup>with a strong hand and an | outstretched arm,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for - | ever;**

**<sup>13</sup>to him who divided the Red | Sea in two,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;**

**<sup>14</sup>and made Israel pass through the | midst of it,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;**

**<sup>15</sup>but overthrew Pharaoh and his | host in the Red Sea,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;**

**<sup>16</sup>to him who led his people | through the wilderness,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;**

**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. | Ämen.**

**Antiphon**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 5:1-9*

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

*<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

*<sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.*

*<sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <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).*

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

**\*Lenten Verse** (Joel 2:13b)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 11:14–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

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

*<sup>14</sup>Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup>but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.*

*<sup>24</sup>“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ <sup>25</sup>And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”*

*<sup>27</sup>As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said*



to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!”  
<sup>28</sup>But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

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

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

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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: Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing**

LSB 421

Tune: DER AM KREUZ

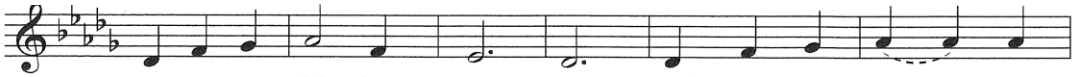
**Sermon: Giving Satan the finger**

**\*Offering: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

text & tune: Kathleen Thomerson  
arrg. Erik Dewar and Dan Forrest



Choir	1. I	want	to	walk	as	a	child	of	the	light;	
Choir	2. I	want	to	see	the	bright	-	ness	of	God;	
Congregation	3. I'm	look	-	ing	for	the	com	-	ing	of	Christ;



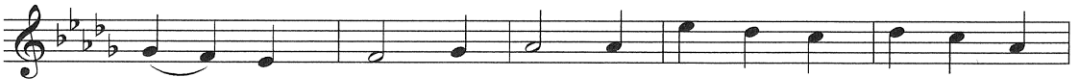
I	want	to	fol	-	low	Je	-	sus.	God	set	the	stars	to	give	
I	want	to	look	at	Je	-	sus.	Clear	Sun	of	right	-	eous	-	ness,
I	want	to	be	with	Je	-	sus.	When	we	have	run	with			



light	to	the	world;	the	star	of	my	life	is	Je	-	sus.	
shine	on	my	path,	and	show	me	the	way	to	the	Fa	-	ther.
pa	-	tience	the	race,	we	shall	know	the	joy	of	Je	-	sus.



(All) In Him there is no dark-ness at all; the night and the



day are both a-like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit-y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

*(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: 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)



**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)

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.

### 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

*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: Jesus, Lead Thou On

LSB 718

Tune: SEELENBRAUTIGAM

## 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.*

## \*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 - scrip-tion 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: Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

LSB 533

Tune: JESUS 1<sup>ST</sup> KOMMEN, GRUND EWIGER FREUDE

## Closing Voluntary: Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal

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

*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:**

Fourth Sunday in Lent: Exodus 16:2-21; Galatians 4:21-31; John 6:1-15

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

**SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION**

Sun 3/23	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>	
	7:45am	<b>Divine Service</b>
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	<b>Divine Service</b>
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Coffee Hour hosted by the Habeeb Family
	3:00pm	LI Brass Guild Concert
Mon 3/24	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
	7:00pm	Basketball
Tue 3/25	7:00pm	Judo/Women's 12 Step
Wed 3/26	12:00pm	<b>Lent Service</b>
	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
	6:00pm	Confirmation
	7:00pm	<b>Lent Service</b>
	7:45pm	SöLI
Thu 3/27	6:30pm	Eagle Eye Ringers
	7:00pm	Judo
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir
Fri 3/28	12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Sun 3/30	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	
	7:45am	<b>Divine Service</b>
	8:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	<b>Divine Service</b>
	9:30am	Sunday School

Contributions Received 3/10-3/16/25	\$3,711	Wednesday Attendance: 28 Sunday Attendance: 106
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,209	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - March	\$525	



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**General Fund** - In memory of all those not well from Judy Stein.

**Building Fund** - Donation by the Lopacki family.

**LI Brass & Organ Concert Today** - this afternoon at 3 pm brass players and organist, Cindy Holden present a concert at St. John's including music for double brass choir by Gabrieli, works for brass and organ by Strauss & Bedford, ragtime by Joplin, "clock pieces" on organ by Haydn, and more. All donations (suggested: \$20/\$15 students & seniors) go to Mercy Haven, Inc, a non-profit service organization providing housing and counseling for the less fortunate in our community. Invite a friend to join you!

**Women's Life Day** - On *Saturday, March 29 beginning at 8:30am*, Grace Lutheran Church in Mastic Beach (240 Mastic Road) will host Women's Life Day with featured speaker Deaconess Raquel Rojas. Dcs. Rojas will speak on the topic "Message from God: Tell them what I asked you to do!" There is a suggested donation of \$20 for the day which includes continental breakfast and sit down lunch. To register, please send your name, email, home church, and phone number to Grace Lutheran Church, 240 Mastic Road, Mastic Beach, NY 11951. Please register by March 22 if you plan to attend.

**LWML Spring Event** - On *Saturday, April 5 beginning at 9:30am*, the LWML will hold their Spring event at St. John Lutheran Church in Holbrook (1675 Coates Ave) entitled *Knit Together in Love*. Come and learn how to knit and crochet while enjoying great fellowship and refreshments! To support St. John's Food Pantry, please bring two of the following: canned soups, vegetables, pasta, cereal, or hygiene items. To RSVP, call or send a text to Marilyn at 631-355-6585.

**Sachem Adult Home** - The Mary Martha Guild is once again making up bags for the 36 residents at the Sachem Adult Home in Holbrook. We have some items that we are providing and hope you will consider adding to our bag of "goodies" for the residents. Donating a single packaged toothbrush, toothpaste, a comb and brush and other toiletries would be helpful. Thank you for helping us make others have more of these needed items. For more information contact Mary Martha Guild President, Pam Kennard at 631-678-3246.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** - The Mary Martha ladies would like to thank everyone for their generosity in helping Sharing a Meal, the soup kitchen in Sayville. On Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, we collected \$585 in our soup pot. In the next couple of weeks, Pastor Noack and Mary Martha President, Pam Kennard, will be presenting a check to Joanne Rowland, President of Sharing a Meal. We have been blessed with all you have given, and those who are fed will be blessed, too.

**Our Savior New American School** - Spread the word! OSNAS is looking for a couple of Christ-focused teachers and staff members for the upcoming academic year. If you or someone you know would be interested in finding out more, you can reach out to Principal Wil Stelzer by emailing him at [wil.stelzer@osnas.org](mailto:wil.stelzer@osnas.org) or by calling the school at 631-588-2757. Having a heart for kids and a gift for teaching is to be preferred over certification.

**Communion Stewards:** Charlie Erb (7:45am); Al Coppola (9:30am); **Ushers:** Steve & Janet Lindfors (7:45am); Kevin Paul & Barbara Dahlgren (9:30am); **Readers:** Pastor (7:45am); Elaine Whitehouse (9:30am); **Music:** Chancel Choir (9:30am); **Counters:** Gene & Lisa Giacoia

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

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

**Wednesday Noon & 7pm**

**Church Office Hours:**

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

**Bookkeeper Hours:**

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

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