

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 15, 2024



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

The tongue can be a very dangerous thing. Out of it, we speak both blessing and cursing about God and about one another. The one who is able to control the tongue, even in high intensity situations, is a strong person. Yet speaking well of God and others is the very nature of Jesus, who always rebukes with a strong, yet gentle word, and who lifts up the needy with his compassionate and caring voice. By His Spirit in us, our Lord equips us to speak well, that our lips may praise our God and Father, and bless our neighbors, all for the sake of Christ.

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: Lento

Frank Bridge

SUCH, WER DA WILL (Seek Where You May to Find a Way) setting: Lynn L. Petersen

Announcements & Sharing of the Peace

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

*Opening Hymn: Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN

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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.** (*Psalm 124:8*)
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** (*Psalm 130:3-4*)
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (*Luke 18:13*)
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:19-23*)
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

*Kyrie (*Mark 10:47*)



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

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



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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...Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-10

L The Old Testament Reading for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost is taken from Isaiah, the fiftieth chapter.

*⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.*

*Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.*

*⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.*

*⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.*

*⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.*

*⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.*

*Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.*

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;

*who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.*


*¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness
and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his God.*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Psalm 116:1-9** (*The Cantor sings antiphon; the Congregation repeats the Antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated*)

Antiphon



Cynthia Holden
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Gra - cious is the Lord, and right - eous; our God is mer - ci - ful.

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¹I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mērcy.

²**Because he inclined his | ear to me,***
therefore I will call on him as | long as I live.

³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | ānguish.

⁴**Then I called on the | name of the LORD:***
“O LORD, I pray, de- | liver my soul!”

Antiphon

⁵Gracious is the | LORD, and righteous;*
our God is | merciful.

⁶**The LORD pre- | serves the simple;*
when I was brought | low, he saved me.**

⁷Return, O my | soul, to your rest;*
for the LORD has dealt | bountifully with you.
⁸**For you have delivered my | soul from death,***
my eyes from tears, my | feet from stumbling;
⁹I will walk be- | fore the LORD*
in the | land of the living.

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

James 3:1-12

L The Epistle is from James, the third chapter.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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

Mark 9:14-29

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

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

¹⁴ When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them.

¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him.

¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me."

²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water,

to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”
²³*And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.”*
²⁴*Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”*
²⁵*And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”*
²⁶*And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”*
²⁷*But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.*
²⁸*And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”*
²⁹*And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”*

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

Installation of Sunday School Teachers and Student Dismissal

***Hymn of the Day: Seek Where You May to Find a Way**

LSB 557

Tune: SUCH, WER DA WILL

Sermon: Helping our unbelief

***Offering: We Walk by Faith**

text: Henry Alford (1810-1871)

music: Thomas Keesecker

We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice, And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near, And seek where you are found.

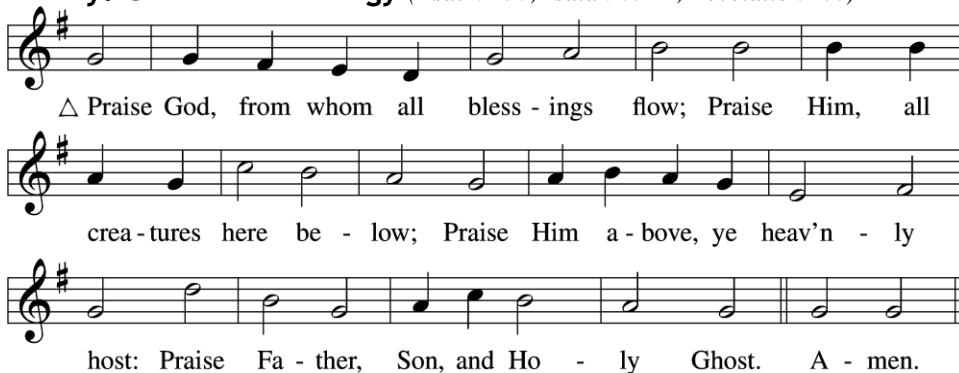
We walk by faith!

That, when our life of faith is done In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are, In full and endless sight.

(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: Common Doxology** (*Psalm 150; Isaiah 6:1-4, Revelation 4:8*)



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. 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 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; 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."*

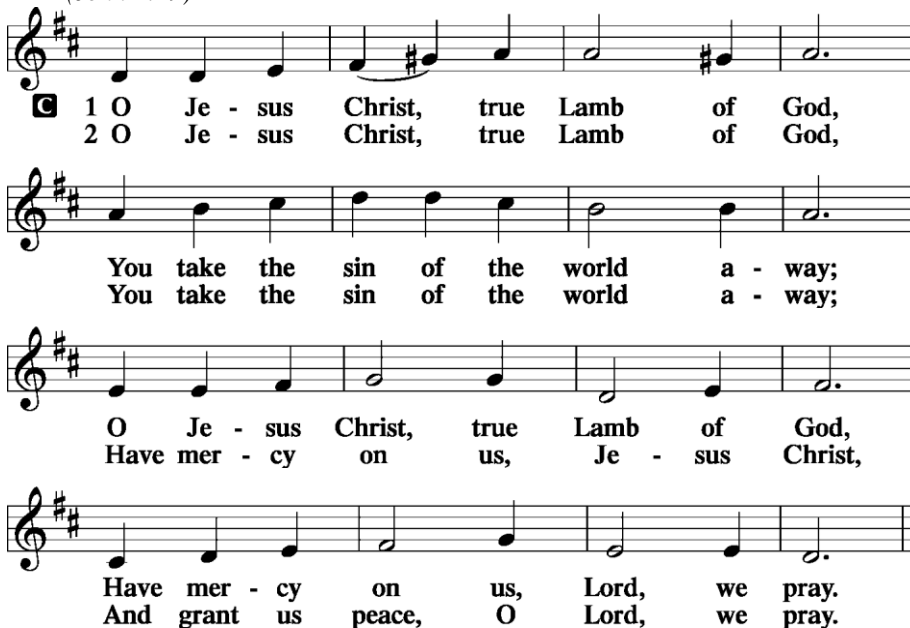
Pax Domini (*John 20:19*)

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (John 1:29)



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: Earth and All Stars

LSB 817

Tune: EARTH AND ALL STARS

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)



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 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: Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

LSB 565

Tune: DARWELL'S 148TH

Closing Voluntary: March

Tomaso Albinoni

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 18th Sunday after Pentecost: Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37
Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 9/15	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	7:45am	Divine Service
		8:30am	Bible Study - Acts
		9:30am	Divine Service
			Sunday School
Mon 9/16		7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Tue 9/17		7:00pm	Judo/Women's 12-Step
Wed 9/18		12:00pm	Senior Ministry Luncheon
		12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
		7:45pm	SoLI
Thu 9/19		6:30pm	Eagle Eye Ringers
		7:00pm	Judo
		7:30pm	Chancel Choir
Fri 9/20		12:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Sat 9/21		12:00pm	Mary Martha Mum Pickup (until 1:30)
Sun 9/22	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	7:45am	Divine Service
		8:30am	Bible Study - Acts
		9:30am	Divine Service
			Sunday School

Contributions Received 9/2-9/8/24	\$3,806	Sunday Attendance: 84
Weekly Forecasted Income	\$5,962	
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions - September	\$540	



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.

Arts in Mission: a new offering for elementary aged children, gets underway **Wednesday, September 25 from 6-7pm**. The program explores musical arts through singing, bell playing and more, with the goal of preparing children to both grow and contribute their talents to the praise of God in St. John's Divine Services. A visual arts segment will also be included. Speak to Cindy Holden, Director of Music for more information or go to stjohnsayville.org to register.

Senior Ministry Luncheon - St. John's is currently looking into ways to meet the needs of our more "experienced" members and the greater Sayville community. On **Wednesday, September 18, from 12 noon-1:30pm**, a luncheon and meeting will be held here at church and is open to anyone interested in taking part of this planning committee, whether it be in a leadership position or simply by offering ideas of how we can best serve this population. To attend, please sign up on the bulletin board, or contact the Church Office by September 15. If you cannot attend, but have some ideas regarding this, please speak to Pastor. Any questions may also be directed to Pastor.

Suffolk Zone Fall Event - On **September 28th** the Suffolk Zone of the AD LWML will be holding an event here at St. John's. We invite all women to come and join with women from other churches as we hear about the activities in our zone and how God is using us to serve where he planted us. Our ingathering will be toiletries for men and women at the Sachem Adult Home in Holbrook. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information. AND... brunch will be served. We welcome Ginny Wirsing as our speaker who will speak about "How to Carve and Share a Christian Pumpkin".

Fellowship Sunday - **Sunday, September 29** is our next Fellowship Sunday. **Only one service will be held that day at 9am**, so please plan accordingly for that day. Following the service, please join us for a **Fellowship Sunday Brunch** hosted by the Strategic Planning Committee. In addition to some delicious food, we will provide an update on the Strategic Planning Process including a review of our SMART Goals (based on the feedback provided by the ministries at St. John's) and next steps in executing our Strategic Plan. There is no cost for the brunch, but you are kindly asked to bring a canned food item for our pantry. A signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex, or you may RSVP to the Church Office. Please sign up by September 22.

Oops: Special thanks to St. John's Families - Two families and one group were inadvertently left off last week's thank you for the support of our Golf Outing. Thank you to the Arrigo and Rigaud families, and also to the Chancel Choir for their support as well! Thanks again to all who made this event such a success!

Communion Stewards: Greg Calvano (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); **Ushers:** Andy & Patricia Harris (7:45am), Lloyd & Pam Arrasate, Rebecca & Emily Bartick (9:30am); **Reader:** Jim Farrell (7:45am), Al Coppola (9:30am); **Music:** Chancel Choir (9:30am); **Counters:** Richard & Ann Frenz

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



Week 26 - At this point, the baby's eyelids begin to open a little as they have been shut this whole time. The baby's eye color will be blue right now, but that can change upon birth. The central nervous system is now able to do things like help to regulate body temperature. The reproductive organs are by now also settling in to their correct positioning. The God who made us sends his Son who sees our need brings us mercy.

God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life ~ 1 John 5:11b-12a

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Church Office Hours:

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

Bookkeeper Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11am-3pm

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