



# **ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER**

**March / April 2025**

13 Blake Avenue  
Lynbrook, NY 11563



# UPCOMING EVENTS



Sun. 4/13	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Worship Sunday School Coffee/Fellowship	8:15am & 9:30am 9:30am 10:45am
Mon. 4/14	NO SJILC Crafters	
Tues. 4/15	Altar Stripping Rehearsal Choir rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Wed. 4/16	NO Confirmation Class	
Thurs. 4/17	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> service	7:30pm
Fri. 4/18	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> service	7:30pm
Sun. 4/20	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Worship (NO 8:15am service) Easter Egg Hunt	9:30am 10:45am
Mon. 4/21 – Sat. 4/26	Church office closed. If there's a pastoral emergency, call Andrea at (516) 581-3453	
Wed. 4/23	NO Confirmation Class	
Sun. 4/27	Worship (NO 8:15am service)	9:30am
Mon. 4/28	SJILC Crafters	10:00am
Wed. 4/30	Confirmation Class	7:00pm



Thurs. 5/1	Choir rehearsal	7:30pm
Fri. 5/2	Daisy Scout Event (Karen Feltkamp) in the auditorium	4:45pm–6:00pm
Sun. 5/4	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Wed. 5/7	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Thurs. 5/8	Choir rehearsal	7:30pm
Sun. 5/11	Mother's Day Bake, Plant and Craft Sale in the narthex	10:45am–11:30am

## A Message from Pastor Alex:

*The hearing ear and the seeing eye — the LORD has made them both. ~ Proverbs 20:12*

For our Thursday night services this Lent we worshiped with a special emphasis on our five senses and how they help us learn, experience the world around us, and draw closer to our gracious and loving God. Journeying with Jesus, we used our senses to reflect on the significance of the Incarnation and to “experience the ways Christ’s embodied life demonstrates God’s love for us.” If you were unable to join us for these services, I encourage you to *look* at the handouts that were emailed out and use them as another devotional. *Listen* to what God is saying to you as you prepare for Holy Week.

Yes, our Lenten journey is nearing its end, and we know what that means – the cross isn’t far now! As Paul says in his second letter to the Corinthians, “See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!” Indeed, now is the perfect time to come to worship at St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church and experience God’s unrelenting love for you and for me – a love revealed in water, Word, bread and wine.

After all, when it comes to engaging our senses in worship, there’s really nothing quite like Holy Week. Whether it’s the transformation of our sanctuary, the stark contrasts in the readings and hymns, the waving of palm branches and washing of hands and feet, partaking in the sacrament of our Lord’s Supper, or that wonderfully fragrant smell of flowers on Easter Sunday, these sensory symbols and actions ignite our imaginations and invite us to ponder everything that Christ endured and accomplished for us. Can we taste and see that the Lord is truly good? How will we respond to what we hear and feel in the days ahead? What about our baptism? What does it mean for us to be joined to Christ’s death and His resurrection? Will we let our light shine before others? It’s a lot to take in, and we have much to think and pray about, and as Holy Week reminds us, a lot can happen in one week!

So please join me as we follow Jesus to the cross and the tomb. Let us keep our eyes, our ears, and, most importantly, our hearts on Christ and Christ alone. To Him be the glory forever! Amen!

Wishing you all a blessed Holy Week and a joyous Easter. See you in church! ☺

Peace +

*Pastor Alex*

## *We are praying for.....*

Stephen Suppa  
Colton Youdelman  
Tad Sheppard  
Bernadette Harten  
Mary Rebando  
Shirley Plows  
Vito Richetti  
Bud Ellis  
Jacquie Maidel  
Brad Pantall  
Barbara Monteleone  
Victoria Murillo  
Victor Rapp  
Wayne Kortlang

Hank Lenz  
Anthony Posimato  
Benjamin Lomot  
Marianne Grahlf's  
Anne Sheppard  
Bettye Steinberg  
Judy Opatow  
Tom Wolber  
Irina Sargent  
Olivia M.  
Kathy Frontino  
Margaret Tomasulo  
Katie Fleury  
The Family of Estela Castrence

Michael Ugliano  
Janet Prag  
Verne Kelley  
Christian Porter  
Tracey Knox  
Ed  
Donald S.  
John B.  
Chris  
Tracy R.  
Cynthia  
Rich  
Joe Costanza

**If you would like to request prayers** for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on the prayer request poster, welcome card or call or email the office at 516-599-0778 or [stjohnincarnation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnincarnation@gmail.com). **Please note: the names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks only. You can renew your request if needed.**



*A donation to the  
St. John-Incarnation  
Memorial Fund  
has been made in  
memory of  
Dottie Becker  
given by  
John and Martha Meyer*

## **EASTER LILIES**

If you would like to donate towards our **Easter Flowers in memory or in honor** of a loved one, use the gold envelopes at the back of the church. You can drop your donation in the offering basket or, drop it off or mail it to the church office. After the holiday season, the flowers will be given to our home bound members.

**THIS IS A FREE WILL OFFERING.**

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

In Memory / Honor of (circle one) Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to donate towards our Easter Flowers please fill out this envelope and include your **FREE WILL** donation. You can drop it in the offering basket, or drop it off or mail it to the church office. After the holiday season, the flowers will be given to our homebound members.

## WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – April 2025

<b>Sunday, 4/6 – 9:30am – LENT 5</b>	<b>Sunday, 4/13 – 9:30am – Palm Sunday</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b> Aurelia Bahadur <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Tom Sargent <b>Lector:</b> Tom Sargent <b>Ushers:</b> Heidi Scalza <b>Zoom Host:</b> Joe Bahadur	<b>Acolyte:</b> Sam Barry <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Tom Sargent <b>Lector:</b> Jennifer Cline-Sargent <b>Ushers:</b> Susanna & Chris Thomas <b>Zoom Host:</b> Jeanette Richetti
<b>Sunday, 4/17 – 7:30pm Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Sunday, 4/18 – 7:30pm Good Friday</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b> Cassie Barry <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Dotty Criscuolo <b>Lector:</b> Janet Pescatore <b>Ushers:</b> Janet Powell & Tad Sheppard <b>Zoom Host:</b> Gabrielle Barry	<b>Acolyte:</b> Irina Sargent <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Kim Carlstrom <b>Lector:</b> Kim Carlstrom <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Reckhart & Shaun Rouse <b>Zoom Host:</b> Susan Masciello
<b>Sunday, 4/20 – 9:30am Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday, 4/27 – 9:30am</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b> Charles Sheppard <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Dorothy Criscuolo <b>Lector:</b> Chris Shelton <b>Ushers:</b> Doug & Kristina Palmer <b>Zoom Host:</b> Gabrielle Barry	<b>Acolyte:</b> Victoria Ramirez <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Andrew Dunn <b>Lector:</b> Andrew Dunn <b>Ushers:</b> Kathy Spatz & Wendy Wolber <b>Zoom Host:</b> Joe Bahadur

## WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – May 2025

<b>Sunday, 5/4 – 9:30am</b>	<b>Sunday, 5/11 – 9:30am</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b> Cassie Barry <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Janet Pescatore <b>Lector:</b> Janet Pescatore <b>Ushers:</b> Janet Powell & Kristen DeStefano <b>Zoom Host:</b> Bruce Feltkamp	<b>Acolyte:</b> Aurelia Bahadur <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Wendy Wolber <b>Lector:</b> Wendy Wolber <b>Ushers:</b> Tad Sheppard & Judy Posimato <b>Zoom Host:</b> Joe Bahadur
<b>Sunday, 5/18 – 9:30am</b>	<b>Sunday, 5/25 – 9:30am</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b> Irina Sargent <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Tom Sargent <b>Lector:</b> Chris Shelton <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Reckhart & Shaun Rouse <b>Zoom Host:</b> Susan Masciello	<b>Acolyte:</b> Charles Sheppard <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Andrew Dunn <b>Lector:</b> Andrew Dunn <b>Ushers:</b> Susanna & Chris Thomas <b>Zoom Host:</b> Gabrielle Barry

\*Worship servers – please note there are a number of changes to the schedule.  
Please double check your schedule to make sure you are able to serve.

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office and the appropriate coordinator: Claire Lenz: Lectors & Assisting Ministers: 872-2063; Andrea: Ushers, Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers, Gospel bearers and Zoom hosts- Church Office: 599-077



# Fasnachts and Fellowship



## ASH WEDNESDAY



### Ashes mark beginning of holy season of Lent

Bishop John Barres, left, blesses parishioners with ashes during Mass on Wednesday at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre. Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is a period of prayer, fasting and giving for Christians. Pastor Alex Kennedy, above right, administers ashes at Lynbrook Long Island Rail Road Station.







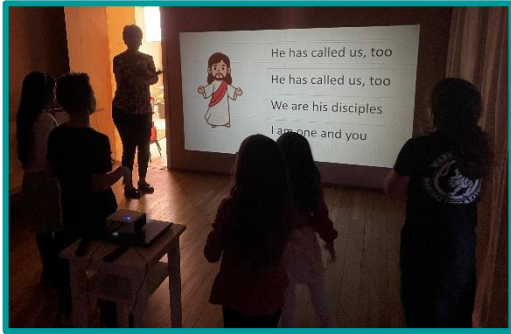
# Bread, Bowl, Bible & Fellowship



# SUNDAY SCHOOL







## EASTER EGG HUNT!

All children are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt **immediately following the 9:30am service on Easter Sunday!** Each child will also receive an Easter Plant to symbolize the new life we receive in Christ.





# WELCA BABY SHOWER

for The New LIFE Center's Layette Program



## LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



- April 13th: **PALM SUNDAY**  
8:15 am & 9:30am Worship service.  
9:30am Sunday School
- April 17th: **MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7:30pm Worship service
- April 18th: **GOOD FRIDAY**  
7:30pm Worship service
- April 20th: **EASTER SUNDAY**  
9:30am Worship service  
(No 8:15am service)  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
after worship

## MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

May 11, 2025

**Surprise Mom with a dessert on her special day!**

**WELCA** is sponsoring a bake sale after the 9:30am service. **We are asking for your help in providing goodies for the sale.** Donations can be dropped-off in the narthex as you arrive for that morning's service, but most of all, don't forget to purchase something before you leave.

In addition to the sweet treats, there will be a number of **houseplants** to purchase. There will also be beautiful, **handmade teacup floral arrangements** and **candles** crafted by the SJILC Crafters.



**We are still collecting coats and jackets for those in need.** As you start getting ready for spring, **you might decide that next season is time for a new winter coat.** Why not donate the one you wore this season **OR as you pull out your spring jackets and hoodies,** perhaps you can donate one or two of these items. Please drop off new or gently used coats in the marked boxes in the narthex.

**Your donation will help bring the warmth of God's love to someone this spring or next winter!**

We want to thank the following people who volunteered to read the **Passion of Our Lord** at the 9:30am service on Palm Sunday:

<b>Narrator:</b>	Pastor Alex
<b>Witness:</b>	Judy Posimato
<b>Jesus:</b>	Kathy Spatz
<b>Pilate:</b>	Kim Carlstrom
<b>Peter:</b>	Dennis Fernéz
<b>First Criminal:</b>	Joan Pirrone
<b>Centurion:</b>	Susan Masciello
<b>Second Criminal:</b>	Dotty Criscuolo
<b>Servant:</b>	Donna Comastri
<b>People:</b>	CONGREGATION



# **SJILC HYMN TOURNAMENT 2025**

## **ROUND 1 – “The Sweet 16”**

**#1 – Lift High the Cross – \$15.00**  
**#16 – Eternal Father, Strong to Save – \$5.00**

**#2 – I Love to Tell the Story – \$1.00**  
**#15 – We Are Called – \$8.00**

**#8 – In the Garden– \$36.00**  
**#9 – Here I Am, Lord– \$4.40**

**#7 – This Little Light of Mine – \$15.00**  
**#10 – Amazing Grace – \$4.00**

**#5 – Beautiful Savior – \$6.00**  
**#12 – The Ol’ Rugged Cross – \$3.00**

**#6 – How Great Thou Art– \$8.00**  
**#11 – On Eagle’s Wings– \$13.23**

**#4 – A Mighty Fortress – \$8.00**  
**#13 – Jesus Loves Me – \$3.00**

**#3 – You Are Mine – \$32.00**  
**#14 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand – \$11.00**

## **QUARTERFINALS – “The Elite 8”**

**#1 – Lift High the Cross – \$23.00**  
**#8 – In the Garden – \$22.00**

**#15 – We Are Called – \$15.00**  
**#7 – This Little Light of Mine – \$31.00**

**#5 – Beautiful Savior – \$17.00**  
**#4 – A Mighty Fortress– \$10.00**

**#11 – On Eagle’s Wings – \$102.00**  
**#3 – You Are Mine– \$56.00**

## **SEMIFINALS – “The Final 4”**

**#1 – Lift High the Cross– \$47.00**  
**#5 – Beautiful Savior– \$19.00**

**#7 – This Little Light of Mine – \$36.00**  
**#11 – On Eagle’s Wings– \$115.26**

## **CHAMPIONSHIP – Sun. 4/13**

**#1 – Lift High the Cross**  
**#11 – On Eagle’s Wings**

**Current Total: \$665.89**

Voting will be done through donations. Root for your favorite hymn(s) by putting your loose change, cash, or checks made out to St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church into the designed coffee can(s). You can also vote/donate via Clover. Just make sure to indicate the hymn or hymns that you are voting for. The hymn cup that receives the most money in each matchup will move on to the next round. Voting will end at noon each Sunday!

**The hymn that wins the championship will be sung once a month in worship for the next year!!!** Second place will be sung quarterly and the remaining two hymns in the Final 4 will be sung an extra three times over the next year! So root on your favorite hymns to victory and let the competition begin!

# GIVE ONLINE TO SJILC USING CLOVER!

You can give to St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church by scanning the QR code below, which will take you to our online donation page. Thank you for supporting our ministry and for helping us share God's love with others!



Join us for worship  
in person  
or on ZOOM!

Sundays at  
8:15am – in person only  
9:30am – in person & on Zoom



## Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5165990778>  
Meeting ID: 516 599 0778

## By phone:

1-646-558-8656 US (NY)  
Meeting ID: 516 599 0778 #  
*No attendee code. Just press #*

*Looking back in Time: Pony Express Stewardship Drive (2014)*

