

**"PROPHET, PRIEST, & JUDGE"**

# **SAMUEL**



**Sunday, August 17, 2025, 10 am**

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
BAPTISM OF HAILEY SOPHIA KOURIL**



*Changing lives with the love of God  
to the glory of God*

## Welcome Guests!

We're glad you're with us today!

We hope you'll introduce yourself to the Pastor at the Church door after worship today.

### Worship Schedule

Our regular worship times are:

**Saturdays** at 5:30 pm

**Sundays** at 8:30 am & 10:00 am

**Sunday School** at 10:00 am September-June

Serving in the Lord's house today:

5:30: Sandra McIlveen / 8:30: Daisy Karika / 10:00: Sharon Haase

Altar flowers have been given- to the Glory of God

Pastor: Neil Mittelstaedt

Pastor: Conner Forbes

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## Opening Hymn: Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

[Chorus]  
Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth [Chorus]

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

✠ **Holy Baptism** ✠  
Hailey Sophia Kouril

## The Reason for Holy Baptism

### Baptismal Prayer

- P** *Let us pray:*  
**P** *Almighty and eternal God: We give You thanks, for in the beginning Your Spirit moved over the waters and You created heaven and earth.*  
**C** ***By the gift of water You nourish and sustain us and all living things.***  
**P** *By the waters of the flood You condemned the wicked world*  
**C** ***and saved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all.***  
**P** *You led Your people Israel through the water of the Red Sea, out of slavery, into the freedom of the promised land,*  
**C** ***foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism.***

- P** *In the waters of the Jordan, Your Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit,*  
**C** ***and now, through Him, You have given Baptism also to us.***  
**P** *You have sanctified plain water, administered together with Your command and promise,*  
**C** ***to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.***  
**P** *We pray that You would behold Hailey according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit,*  
**C** ***that through this saving flood all sin in her which has been inherited from Adam, and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die.***  
**P** *Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope,*  
**C** ***so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life;***  
**P** *through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*  
**C** ***Amen.***

## Parental Promise

### Confession of Faith

- P** *Hailey, do you renounce the devil?*  
**R** ***Yes, I renounce him.***  
**P** *Do you renounce all his works?*  
**R** ***Yes, I renounce them.***  
**P** *Do you renounce all his ways?*  
**R** ***Yes, I renounce them.***
- P** *Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?*  
**R** ***Yes, I believe.***
- P** *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?*  
**R** ***Yes, I believe.***  
**P** *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?*  
**R** ***Yes, I believe.***

## The Baptism

### Candle and Prayer

#### Glory be to God in Heaven



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

#### Old Testament Reading

*1 Samuel 17:2–14, 41–49*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from 1 Samuel, chapter 17.

<sup>2</sup>And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in line of battle against the Philistines. <sup>3</sup>And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. <sup>4</sup>And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

<sup>5</sup>He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. <sup>6</sup>And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup>The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him. <sup>8</sup>He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." <sup>10</sup>And the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together." <sup>11</sup>When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

<sup>12</sup>Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons. In the days of Saul the man was already old and advanced in years. <sup>13</sup>The three oldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle. And the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. <sup>14</sup>David was the youngest. The three eldest followed Saul,

<sup>41</sup>And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup>And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup>And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup>The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." <sup>45</sup>Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup>and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."

<sup>48</sup>When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia





## Holy Gospel Reading

*Luke 6:46–49*

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

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

<sup>46</sup>“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? <sup>47</sup>Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: <sup>48</sup>he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. <sup>49</sup>But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

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

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

## Prayer of the Day

**L** *Lord Jesus Christ, You are the champion who has gone before us.*

**C** **On the cross, You have destroyed every "Goliath" - sin, satan, and death itself."**

**L** *Give us the comfort and confidence to face every evil in this life,*

**C** **because to Your name Jesus, every knee will bow.**

**L** *In Your name Jesus we pray, as You reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, One God, now*

**C** **And forever, Amen.**

## **Hymn: 10,000 Reasons**

[Chorus]

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes [Chorus]

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find [Chorus]

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore [Chorus 2x]

I'll worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

*(Children leave for Children's Church)*

**Sermon:** Every Giant Will Fall

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

*Currently, the offering plate will not be passed. There is a plate in the Narthex for you to place your offering. You may give to God and the work of His Church by mailing them in, but you can also give electronically by using the QR code below.*





## Offering Prayer

- L** *Eternal God, if it were not enough that you provide us with every spiritual blessing,*  
**C** **you provide us with worldly wealth, as well.**  
**L** *We offer these things back to you.*  
**C** **Take, too, our lives. Mold them to your will.**  
**L** *Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
**C** **Amen**

## ✠ Holy Communion ✠

### To Our Guests Regarding Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church.

In it, He offers His true Body and Blood in and with the bread and wine.

***It is the gift of Himself!***

When received in faith, Holy Communion gives forgiveness, new life & salvation.

Those who receive the Lord's Supper at St. James Lutheran Church are baptized Christians, committed in their faith in Christ, who have been instructed in and believe these truths.

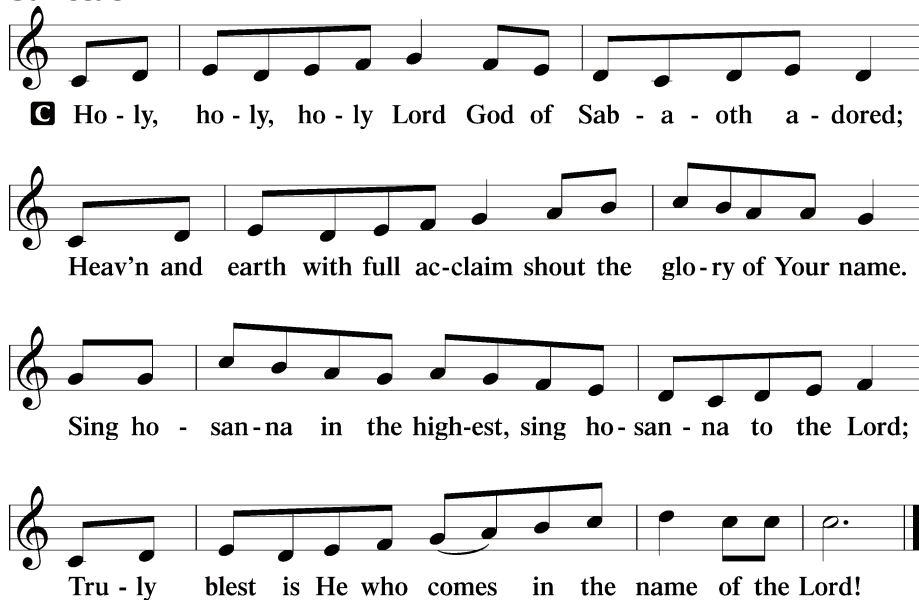
*(We run classes both for young people and adults – everyone welcome.)*

God bless you!

## Preface

- 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** *Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.*  
**C** **He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are His children and to strengthen us when we are weak.**  
**P** *Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever, even as we sing:*

## Sanctus



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!

## Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

## Agnus Dei



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.

## Distribution

## Distribution Hymn: Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

## Nunc Dimittis

**C** 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;



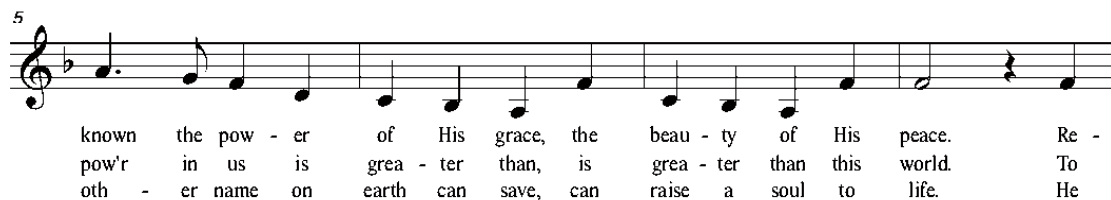
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Benediction

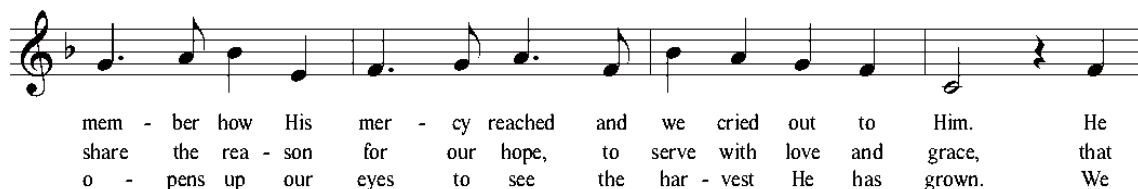
### Closing Hymn: Lift High the Name of Jesus



1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make  
2. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His  
3. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No



known the pow - er of His grace, the beau - ty of His peace. Re -  
pow'r in us is grea - ter than, is grea - ter than this world. To  
oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He



mem - ber how His mer - cy reached and we cried out to Him. He  
share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that  
o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest He has grown. We



lift - ed us to so - lid ground, to free - domm from our sin.  
all who see Him shine through us might bring the Fath - er praise. Oh  
la - bor in His fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home.



sing my soul and tell all He's done \_\_\_\_\_ 'til the



earth and hea - vens are filled with His glo - ry.



Please join us outside after the 10am service for lemonade on the lawn!

## **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks and appreciation go out to our guest organist Eleanor Gould, for sharing her gift of music today.

**CHURCH BEACH BBQ/PICNIC:** Please join us on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm at Schubert's Beach for a BBQ and Picnic! RSVP using the QR code on our flyer which can be found by going to [stjlc.com](http://stjlc.com) and clicking on the events tab. Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be provided. Please bring either a salad or a dessert to share, along with drinks for your family.

**GRIEFSHARE:** Our GriefShare class will begin on Wednesday SEPTEMBER 10TH in the Youth Room. Time of sessions is 10AM to Noon. This 13-week program encompasses a 30 minute video seminar where you will hear insights from recovery experts. A group discussion will follow to discuss grief-related issues while you are getting to know others who understand what you are going through. Through discussion you will receive comfort and support. You will gain personal recovery tips for navigating your grief and discover the 6 signs of healing through your personal

workbook. The topics that are covered include the following: Your grief journey; sadness and loneliness; fear and anxiety; anger; regrets; grief and your relationships; questions for God and many more topics will be covered in this Christian based program helping you move forward from mourning to joy. Participants pay no fees for the materials used in the GriefShare program thanks to the generous grant given to us by Saint James Funeral Home. If you are interested in GriefShare, please contact Ed Spear. 631-873-6429

**HELP WANTED:** Paid Position - Church Cleaning Crew. Part time, flexible schedule, cleaning church and preschool , includes set up and general cleaning. Must be at least 16 years old, NYS working papers required. For more information contact Ed Spear 631-873-6429

**SMITHTOWN FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** The pantry has continued to be very busy during the month of July into August. In July, the pantry serviced 189 families! Thank you to all who have generously donated time, food and hygiene products! At this time, there is a need for hygiene products, soups, ravioli, granola bars, cereal and spam. Donations may be left in the Narthex RED bin. Monetary donations can be sent directly to the Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry, PO BOX 1663, Smithtown, NY 11787. The pantry will continue to be open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 10-1200. They will close on Saturday, August 30th. For the month of August, the pantry will be open Wednesday evenings 6-9 pm. Volunteers are needed to stock and hand out food. For more information, call Jeanne Harmer, 631-484-5203 or Liz Wagner, 631-862-7508. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

**PRESCHOOL HUGGERS NEEDED:** Would you like to join the Sweetest Ministry in Town? Then consider being a Preschool HUGGER this September and October! What is a HUGGER? A hugger is an extra set of hands in the classroom during the first few weeks (mornings only) of preschool. Huggers come alongside the teachers and help settle our newest little 2 and 3 year old friends who might be missing their mommies and daddies. The program is flexible - you pick a morning(s) that works best for you! Contact Director Meredith Johansson at [meredithpreschool@stjlc.com](mailto:meredithpreschool@stjlc.com) or text 631-766-3142! It's a great day at Pre-K!

## **REMINDERS**

**OUR SAVIOR NEW AMERICAN SCHOOL:** is looking for a secondary Math teacher and secondary Science teacher for the upcoming academic year. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, 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.

**SENIOR CITIZEN INFORMATION/HELP:** Copies of The Senior Advocate booklet can be found in the Narthex. It is a wealth of information and resource guide for Long Island

seniors and the people/family who love them. If you need more copies, contact Liz Wagner at 631-862-7508.

**HEADS UP: "JULY" SCHOOL SUPPLIES SALES ARE COMING:** Outreach Ministry would like to make 100 school kits to help school children in need succeed and feel good about their upcoming school year. Jeri Monthie has already graciously sewn over 60 tote bags for us to fill! Janet Brienza requested a \$250.00 Thrivent Action card! That card will be used to buy notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, and pencil sharpeners. Check out sales in the coming weeks at Target, Staples & Wal-Mart. If you would like to make a difference, please pick a tag or two from the Narthex Giving Tree and help us fill the school bags with the other needed items. Please return donations by Sunday, August 3rd, in the marked bin underneath the Giving Tree. Thank you so much and happy school shopping! Note: It is also a great time to buy "extra" to save for your Christmas Child shoeboxes we make in November.

**MOMS PLAYGROUND MEET-UP:** Join us at the STJLC playground on Wednesday's from 10am-12pm beginning July 9<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>. Kids of all ages are invited. Community time for moms and play time for kids!

**SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF LANCASTER PA:** Join us as we journey back in time, to experience the show NOAH at the Sight and Sound theatre in Lancaster, PA on October 1st and 2nd. We will be going by coach motor bus and sightseeing the Amish countryside, a movie presentation of JACOB, the show NOAH and more. Accommodations have been made for one night at the Heritage Inn and breakfast/dinner, taxes and gratuities, all admissions are included. All this for only \$369 pp. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Haase at 631-241-6066. This will be a very exciting trip and is open to everyone. So Come Along and have a great time as we go back in time.

**GIVING WITH SUBSPLASH:** In order to ensure the most secure and seamless experience, we will be transitioning to a new giving platform. **We will be moving from Vanco to Subsplash.** This change will help us manage resources more effectively, at less cost, and make it even easier for you to support the mission of our church. Visit [stjlc.com](http://stjlc.com) and click on the tab that says "Give" for full directions on how to make the switch! If you need assistance, please email Luann at [luann@stjlc.com](mailto:luann@stjlc.com) or call 631-584-5212. If needed, you may make an appointment for help!

**CHURCH OFFERINGS:** If you do not use our electronic offering service, you may mail your church offering to the Church Office, 230 Second Ave, St. James, NY, 11780. Thank you for your continued support of our church!

**TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS:** Call Connie Marohn at 862-7123 after you have signed up for your requested date in the Altar Flower Book in the Narthex. Please use an Altar Guild

envelope located in the Narthex to place your check for \$25.00 for *each* Bouquet payable to St. James Lutheran Church Flowers and the wording you wish printed in the bulletin. Place the envelope into the offering plate or mail to 230 Second Ave., NY 11780. Envelopes must be received by Monday for the subsequent weekend

## **Peek at the Week**

### **SUNDAY August 17**

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Worship/Children's Church/Baptism of Hailey Sophia Kouril

### **MONDAY August 18**

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

7:30pm Smithtown Stitchers (Parish Hall)

### **TUESDAY August 19**

7:30pm Mom's Group (Upper Room)

### **WEDNESDAY August 20**

10am Mom's Meet Up/Playdate (Playground)

5pm – 8pm Church Beach BBQ (Schubert's Beach)

6:30pm Outreach (Parish Hall)

### **THURSDAY August 21**

10:30am Summer Bible Study (Youth Room)

7:30pm – 9pm Summer Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **FRIDAY August 22**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

### **SATURDAY August 23**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat

9am – 1pm Farmers Market (Big Parking Lot)

5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

### **SUNDAY August 24**

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Worship/Children's Church/New Member Sunday

4pm-6pm Summer TOF Pool Party