

MASS ON THE GRASS

SUMMER 2024

9:30AM



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be God: ✝ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus, Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor leads the Prayer of the Day; after the people respond:

Amen.

WORD

READING

A reading from _____.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

CREED

Apostles'

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

We sit for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each intercession,
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION

We sit.

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Summer Pick-Up Choir

If you enjoy singing, feel free to join the summer choir at 9am each Sunday. We meet in the church around the piano. There's no weekly commitment and it's fun and easy—a great family opportunity.

Mass on the Grass

Our 9:30 am worship during the summer is held in the air conditioned nave, except for the last Sunday of each month when we worship outdoors for *Mass on the Grass*.

- July 28 At this outdoor worship, we will “bless the animals.” Bring your pets!
- August 25 At the end of worship, we will “bless the backpacks.” Students of all ages should bring their school backpacks to worship and receive a blessing for the school year.

Looking Ahead in the Church Calendar

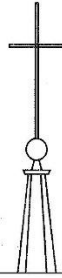
- August 3-12 St. John's Choir at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin as choir in residence
- September 8 Rally Sunday – 8:30 & 10:30 am Worship
Annual Church Picnic, 11:30 am
- September 21 Pumpkin Delivery, 9 am – all hands on deck!

MISSION STATEMENT

All are welcome! We share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

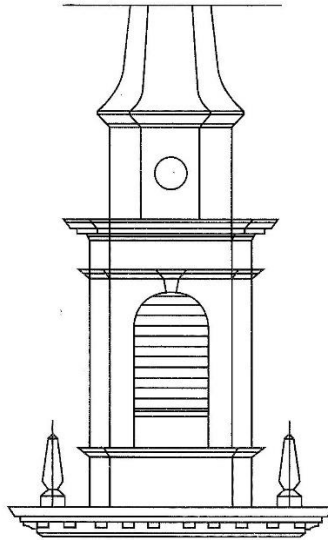
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The Congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church Stamford CT is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Munsee Lenape, Schaghticoke, Mohican, and Wappinger peoples. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial and wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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