

# ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***



**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2019 • 10:00 AM**

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**Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran**

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WELCOME to the CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)! We are pleased to have you join us for worship today, and we hope that your experience is spiritually enriching and meaningful.

IF YOU ARE NEW to COSL, here are some things you might like to know:

- **Who we are.** COSL is a congregation of the family of God that welcomes all people without discrimination or prejudice, seeking to strengthen one another with Word and Sacraments, prayer and example. Our mission is to:
  - Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his love with all people.
  - Reach out to our community with friendship and witness.
  - Bring hope and healing to those who are in need, both at home and abroad.
  - Offer opportunities for worship, learning, fellowship and service.
  - Encourage all members to discover, develop and share their God-given talents.
- **Children** are always welcome to join us for worship. They are encouraged to come forward during Children's Messages and participate. Also, please note that there are Activity Bags (containing books, coloring and other materials inside) available for children preschool to Age 6, in the narthex (entrance hall).
- **Childcare** is provided for interested families during worship. Ms. Anna Gordy, a mother of four and grandmother of nine (and counting!), has vast experience in child care, including 15 years at a local Parish Resource Center. This ministry is provided in the Nursery School Room, located on the lower level.
- **Sunday School**, available for children ages 4 through 12, is offered September through June. The program begins during the 10AM worship with an opening Children's Message among the entire congregation, and then the students depart to learn beloved Bible stories, Lutheran identity and the love of Jesus. They return before the conclusion of worship to participate in the dismissal. On designated Youth Sundays the students may remain with the entire congregation and participate in a meaningful way throughout the liturgy.
- **Coffee and refreshments** are generally served following worship in the Parlor, located on the lower level accessible from the narthex (entrance hall). Please join us!
- **Restrooms** are located on the lower level along the main hallway. A changing table is available in another restroom located off of the fellowship hall.
- **Worship Assistance and Emergency Needs.** First aid kits and a defibrillator are readily available. Please see an usher if assistance is needed, or if you have any other concerns or questions.
- **Pastoral Care.** We minister to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all God's children. Confidentiality is respected. For pastoral care please feel free to contact Pastor Marc Herbst (see contact info above) or one of our agencies: (counseling) **Lutheran Counseling Center**, 132 Jefferson Ave., Mineola, 800-317-1173 or 516-741-0994 or (food and essentials) **New LIFE Center, Long Island**, 311 Uniondale Ave., Uniondale, 516-483-3240.

**Second Sunday of Advent • December 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM**  
***Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Holy Communion Setting Ten***  
**The Reverend Marc Herbst, *Presiding Minister***

**PRELUDE: *Noel* (Daquin)**

**GATHERING - The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH**

*Assisting:* We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

*All:* **Amen.**



**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES**

*Light the first two candles. The assembly sings the following hymn during the lighting.*

**HYMN: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (ELW Hymn 257) Verses 1-2**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*Presider:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Presider:* Let us come before the living God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Presider:* As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

*All:* **we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Presider:* Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, ✙ Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*All:* **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

## ENTRANCE HYMN: *Blessed Be the God of Israel* (ELW Hymn 250)

### GREETING

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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

*All:* **And also with you.**

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD** - God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **FIRST READING: *Isaiah 11:1-10***

*Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

*Lector:* A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

*Lector:* <sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the  
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be  
glorious.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.  
*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

*Assistant:* <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;

*All:* <sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

*Assistant:* <sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

*All:* <sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

*Assistant:* <sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

*All:* <sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

*Assistant:* <sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon  
shall be no more.

*All:* <sup>18</sup>**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;  
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

*Assistant:* <sup>19</sup>And blessed be your glorious name forever,  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

**SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13**

*God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

*Lector:* A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans:



*Lector:* <sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name”;

<sup>10</sup>and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

<sup>11</sup>and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

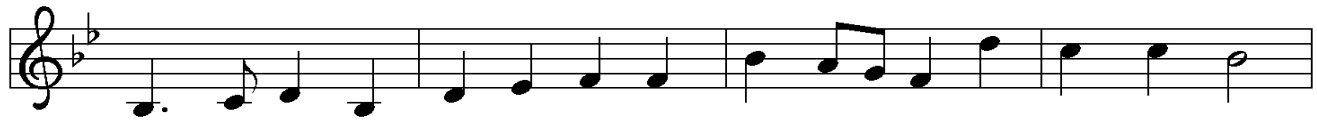
*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: *Matthew 3:1-12*

*Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

*Presider:* The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew:

*All:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Presider:* <sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Presider:* The gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*  
(ELW Hymn 249) Verses 1-4**



## CREED

*Presider:* Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

*All:* **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.**

*All:* **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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Assistant:* Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Assistant:* God of promise, your reign has come near. Call your people to the way of repentance and inspire your church to bear fruit in the world through acts of faithful service. Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* God of creation, we pray for the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the calf, and all species whose lives are intertwined. Repair and preserve ecosystems, that all life on earth may be sustained. Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* God of the poor, set tables of abundance in all places where hands are empty, where stomachs ache with hunger, and where hearts and minds suffer pain. Feed and heal all who are in need. Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* God of hope, renew in your people all joy and peace in believing, especially those facing anxiety, depression, alienation or illness, especially Otto, Craig, Hilda, Helen, Joseph, Jeanne, Irma, Christa, Belle, Minerva, Jean, Angele, Joyce, Basilia, Gina, Gisela, Michael, Christian and Pastor Diane. Guide this community of faith to welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us. Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* God of joy, you provide an abundance of blessings. Let your Holy Spirit fill all who rejoice special moments of life, especially the birthdays of Helene, Meredith, Gil, Audrey, Stephanie and Zoe. Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* God of eternal life, you promise to take away our sin and gather us in your care forever. We give thanks for those who now rest from their labors on earth, freed from pain and the power of death, especially Sheila. Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Choir:* ♪ Amen. Amen. ♪

## **PEACE**

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be with you always.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

MEAL - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. The Offertory Anthem accompanies the gathering of the offering.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *While By My Sheep* (Traditional German Carol)**

*The assembly stands.* *Bread, wine, money and other gifts may be brought forward.*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS and OFFERING SONG:

### *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* (ELW Hymn 184)



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the following prayer.*

*Assistant:* Let us pray.

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

*All:* **Amen.**



## DIALOGUE

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

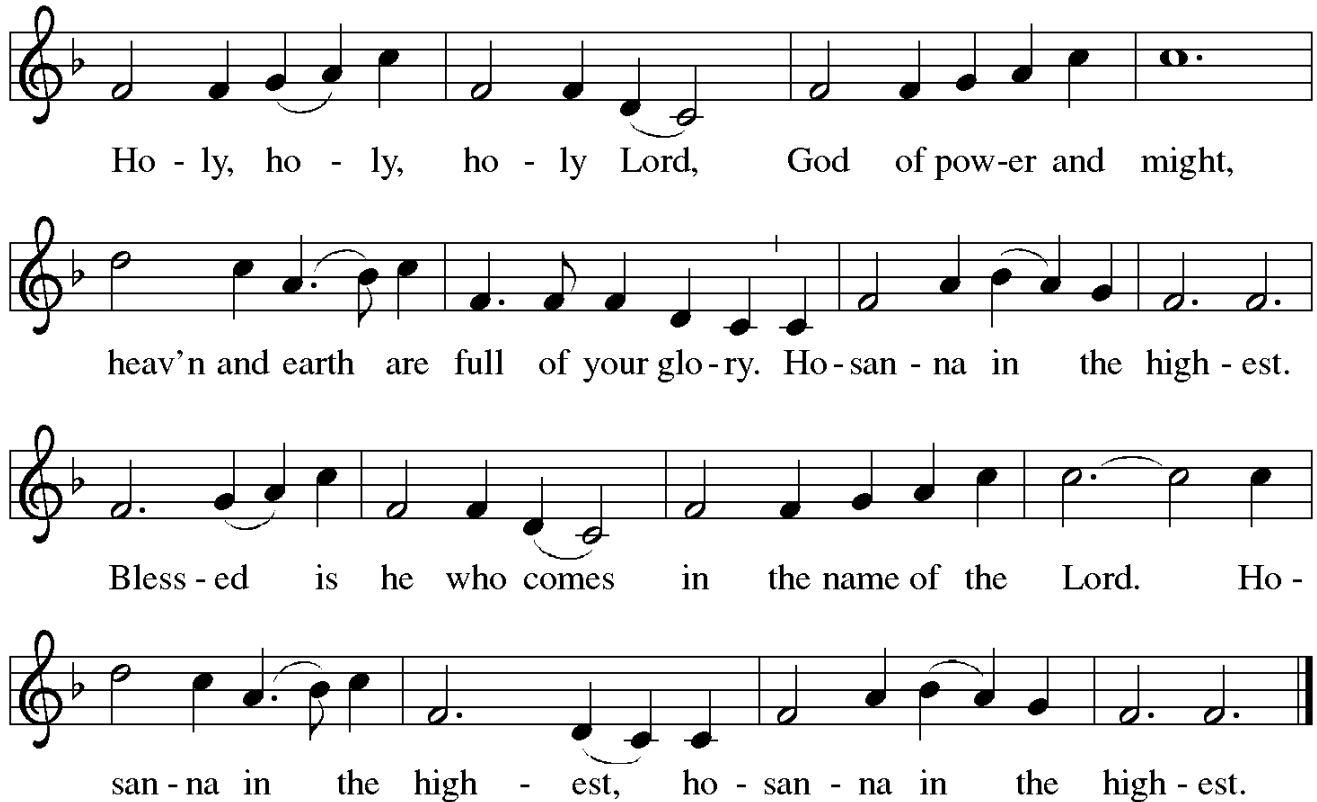
*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## SANCTUS: *Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*Presider:* 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.

*Presider:* 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'S PRAYER

*Presider:* Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

*All:* **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider:* Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.



*The assembly is seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*



## COMMUNION

*We welcome all baptized believers, regardless of faith tradition, to celebrate Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. Ushers will help guide all for the distribution of Holy Communion. Unless instructed otherwise, worshipers will approach the altar from the center aisle and, if able, kneel at the Altar Rail. The presiding minister will distribute the consecrated bread, or hosts. Assisting ministers will offer individual cups of consecrated red wine and white grape juice. Should anyone have dietary concerns, gluten-free consecrated hosts are readily available upon request to the presiding minister. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you are still invited to come to the Lord's Table to receive a blessing; kindly cross your arms as a method to advise the presiding minister of your desire to be blessed. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond "Amen." Following receipt of Holy Communion, the acolyte will collect the empty cups, and the communed worshipers are invited to return to their places via the side aisles.*

## COMMUNION HYMN



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION SOLO: *Ave Maria* (Shubert)**  
**Joe DeRupo, Baritone**

**COMMUNION SONGS: *The King Shall Come* (ELW Hymn 260)**  
***I Come with Joy* (ELW Hymn 482)**

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.*

## TABLE BLESSING

*Presider:* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*All:* **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

### *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (ELW Hymn 204)*



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Assistant:* Let us pray.

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

*All:* **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SENDING** - God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.*

*The assembly stands.*

## **BENEDICTION**

*Presider:* The blessing of the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* (ELW Hymn 256)**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Assistant:* Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: *People, Look East* (Arr. Robert Lau)**

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in memory of Russell Persson.*

**Serving this Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Ministers:** People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Jessica Valencia

**Assisting Minister:** Kathy McNally

**Lector:** Vonnie Haff

**Ushers:** Winston Baker & Erwin Schaub

**Altar guild:** Carol Furciato & Lynn Nigro

**Recorder:** Karen Han

**Coffee Hour:** Denise Johnson

**Serving next Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Ministers:** People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Caroline Azzara

**Assisting Minister:** Jeanine Levitan

**Lector:** Susan Anderson

**Ushers:** Dan Nigro & Alex Rekow

**Altar guild:** Louise Benes & Kathy McNally

**Recorder:** Kathy McNally

**Coffee Hour:** Phyllis McDermott & Lynn Nigro

## CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)

### Today, Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

8:45AM – Choir practice

10:00AM –Worship with Holy Communion, Sunday school, Childcare

11:45AM – Education Committee meeting

2:00PM – ***Christmas caroling has been cancelled.***

### Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

10:00AM—Knitwits and Ruth Circle crafts meeting

NOON – Stammtisch Holiday Lunch at Oak Chalet (see flyer in back of bulletin)

### Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

10:00AM—Sheila Gilliam’s memorial service

11:30AM – Christmas pageant rehearsal

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Practice takes place on ***most Sundays at 8:45am.***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Class meets most ***Sundays @ 10:15am from September through June.***

**KNITWITS/RUTH CIRCLE CRAFTS:** This group meets most ***Tuesdays at 10am.***

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** – This annual event will take place on ***Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> during our 10am worship service***

**GREENING/DECORATING CHURCH** -- This annual event will take place on ***Monday, 12/16 @ 6:30pm.*** See flyer in back of bulletin.

**WINE ABOUT RELIGION** – Please note that the ***December 18<sup>th</sup> session has been cancelled.***



# **2019 CHRISTMAS SERVICES**



## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

10AM – Christmas Pageant

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10AM – Christmas Music Program: *Lessons and Carols*  
(Anthems, duets, solos, instrumental music and handbell Choir)

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

3:45pm – Christmas music for flute and organ

4pm – Candlelight Communion Service

10:15pm – Christmas music for flute and organ

10:30pm – Candlelight Communion Service

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10am – Service with Holy Communion

## PRAYERS OF COMFORT AND HEALING

(Unless a renewed request is received, prayer intercessions for individuals will be listed for three consecutive weeks.)

**ASSISTED CARE/HOMEBOUND:** Otto Ackerman, Craig Anderson (father of Keri Anderson Reda), Hilda Bormann, Helen Carstens (mother of Jeff Carstens), Joseph Cobb (father of Carol Herbst), Jeanne Geib, Irma Grunewald, Christa Horn, Belle Lewis, Minerva Lick, Jean Millington (mother of Debbie Capilupi), Angele Moomjy and Joyce Morin.

**HOSPITALIZATION/ILLNESS/MEDICAL CARE:** Basilia Caruso (friend of Lynn Nigro), Gina Farasciano (friend of Stephanie Hall), Gisela Feige (friend of Wilma & Alex Rekow) , Michael Gomez (friend of Carol & Sal Furciato), Christian Miller and Pastor Diane E. Rainson (daughter of Maryann & Al Rainson).

**GRIEF:** Family of Sheila Gilliam

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING—12/8 through 12/14

**BIRTHDAYS:** Helene Bishop and Meredith Weigand – 12/8, Gil McNally – 12/10, Audrey Sapienza – 12/11, Stephanie Peterson and Zoe Zung – 12/12

## FINANCIALS

### OCTOBER YTD

Income:     \$307,839  
Expenses:   \$345,433  
Deficit:     \$37,594



*Sixth Annual "Stammtisch"*

*Christmas Luncheon*

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 12 Noon*

*The Oak Chalet*

*1940 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore, NY*

*516-826-1700*

*\$25 per person which includes:*

*Soup or Salad*

*Grilled Chicken or*

*Traditional German Dishes:*

*Bratwurst, Rouladen*

*Frickadelle, Sauerbraten*

*Wiener Schnitzel, Goulash with Spaetzle,*

*All served with Vegetable and Potato*

*Special Cake with Coffee & Tea*

*Cash Bar Available*

Reservation is cash or your check made out to *Alex Rekow*.

Car pooling from church parking lot at 11:30 a.m will be available,

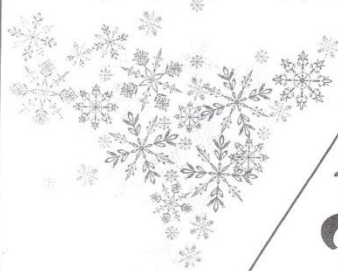
However, you must notify Alex at time of payment.

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# Christmas Caroling

**Sunday Dec. 8th @ 2:00**

Refreshments to follow



*Church  
Christmas  
Decorating  
Party*

**Monday Dec 16th @ 6:30**

Followed with food and festivities