WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Second Sunday of Christmas and Epiphany January 5, 2020 • 10:00 AM

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:
 - \circ $\;$ 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.

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Holy Communion Setting Four The Reverend Marc Herbst, Presiding Minister



INTRODUCTION

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

PRELUDE: Cantilene Religieuse (Dubois)

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

The assembly stands.

GATHERING SONG: We Three Kings of Orient Are (WOV Hymn 646)



GREETING

- *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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.



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

GOSPEL: *Matthew 2:1-12*

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

Presider: The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew:*All:* Glory to you, O Lord.

Presider: ¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Presider:The gospel of the Lord.All:Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL: This Little Light of Mine (ELW Hymn 677)



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow. *Lector:* A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

Lector: ⁷Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations: proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back. I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel. Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

PSALM: *Psalm* 147:12-20

Assistant: The Psalm for the day is spoken responsively.

Assistant:	¹² Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,
All:	¹³ who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.
Assistant:	¹⁴ God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
All:	¹⁵ God sends out a command to the earth,
	a word that runs very swiftly.
Assistant:	¹⁶ God gives snow like wool,
	scattering frost like ashes.
All:	¹⁷ God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
	Who can stand against God's cold?
Assistant:	¹⁸ The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
	the wind blows, and the waters flow.
All:	¹⁹ God declares the word to Jacob,
	statutes and judgments to Israel.
Assistant:	²⁰ The LORD has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

Presider: The holy gospel according to Saint John:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Presider: ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Presider:The gospel of the Lord.All:Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning (ELW Hymn 303) 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: Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Assistant: Holy God, you make your presence known to the church in every land. Give to us a desire and will to support the diverse work of the church throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Savior of the nations, you gather in your care people of every age and ability, from lands near and far. Inspire the leaders of the nations to work for peace within their countries and in all the world. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Saving God, provide for your people who begin this new year in need. Grant shelter to those who are homeless, comfort to all who are lonely, and a strong sense of your presence to those who are sick, especially Otto, Craig, Hilda, Joseph, Jeanne, Irma, Christa, Belle, Minerva, Jean, Angele, Joyce, Michael, and Pete. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Word of truth, your good news of salvation is proclaimed among us. Bless all who proclaim your word in this community, especially the faithful who are celebrating special occasions this holiday season, such as the birthdays of Matt, Valentina, Christopher, Carol, Robert, Sandra, Rebecca and Lauren. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Gracious One, your light shines in the darkness and it is not overcome. We thank you for the witnesses who have testified to your light, especially Helen. May their lives continue to inspire us. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

- Presider: Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.All: Amen.
- Choir: ♪ Amen. Amen. ♪

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: *Day by Day* (Martin How)

<u>The assembly stands.</u> Bread, wine, money and other gifts may be brought forward.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS and OFFERING SONG: Let the Vineyards be Fruitful (ELW Hymn 184)



OFFERING PRAYER

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

Assistant: Let us pray.

Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Presider: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

- *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.

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:*All:* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- *Presider:* With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.
- All: Come, Lord Jesus.
- *Presider:* Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. 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: Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

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



COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God

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: Lamb of God



COMMUNION SOLO: Domine Deus (Vivaldi) Jenna Weitman, Soprano

COMMUNION SONGS: Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW Hymn 671) Bright and Glorious is the Sky (ELW Hymn 301)

TABLE BLESSING

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

- *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 207)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray.

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

All: Amen.

The assembly is seated.



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: Grace from God's own heart, peace from the H Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW Hymn 815)

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune* (Frederick Swann)

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The Altar flower arrangement is in celebration of our church.

Serving this Sunday, January 5th

Ministers: People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran Acolyte/Crucifer: Open Assisting Minister: Susan Anderson Lector: Laurie Herbert Ushers: Jim Meredith & Dan Nigro Altar guild: Karin Artinian & Valerie Gavora Recorder: Karen Han Coffee Hour: Kathy McNally

Serving next Sunday, January 12th

Ministers: People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran Acolyte/Crucifer: Christian Azzara Assisting Minister: Jamie Stainkamp Lector: Jeanine Levitan Ushers: Heinz Pape & Erwin Schaub Altar guild: Flo Buzzitta & Joanne Saltini Recorder: Kathy McNally Coffee Hour: Open

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)

Today, Sunday, January 5th

8:45AM – Choir practice 10:00AM – Worship with Holy Communion, Sunday school, Childcare 11:30AM – Confirmation class

Tuesday, January 7th

10:00AM – Ruth Circle Crafts and Knitwits

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.

<u>CONFIRMATION CLASSES</u>: The next Confirmation classes will be held on **January 12th** @ **11:30am.** A detailed list of all classes was issued to all Confirmation families.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE: This group will meet on Sunday, January 12th @ 11:45am following worship.

STAMMTISCH MEETINGS: This group's next meetings are on **Tuesday, January 14**th @ **1pm and Tuesday, January 28**th @ **1pm**.

<u>COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING:</u> This meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday, January 14th* @ 7:30pm. Please note date change from January 7th.

<u>WINE ABOUT RELIGION:</u> Our next session will meet on *Wednesday, January 15th* @ *7pm.*

LONG ISLAND NETS GAME: Join our Youth group for a Nets basketball game on *Friday, January 24th*. See flyer in back of bulletin for more details.

ANNUAL MEETING: Our annual meeting will be held immediately **following service on Sunday, January 26**th.

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, 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: Michael Aufiero (friend of Minerva Lick) and Pete Burrows (brother in law of Vonnie Haff).

GRIEF: Family of Helen Carstens

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING—1/5 through 1/11

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>: Matt Capilupi – 1/5, Christopher Boisselle & Valentina Morakis – 1/6, Carol Herbst & Robert McDermott – 1/8, Sandra Aiello – 1/9, Rebecca Petras & Lauren Valencia – 1/11

FINANCIALS

NOVEMBER YTD

Income:\$353,840Expenses:\$383,717Deficit:\$29,877

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available to pick up on the table opposite the Youth room.

2020 ALTAR FLOWER CHART is up on bulletin board to sign up for flowers. Cost is \$25.



JOIN US FOR A BASKETBALL GAME!

Friday, January 24th 7:00pm Nassau Coliseum VS The Maine Red Claws

Tickets \$10

Contact Bobby Stainkamp at <u>youthdirector@manhassetlutheran.org</u> To reserve your seats

Tickets will not be reserved until payment is provided