WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 16, 2020 • 10:00 AM

Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran

The Reverend Paul Egensteiner, Bishop The Reverend Marc Herbst, Pastor Judith Feuss, Music Director/Organist



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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.

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Liturgical Color, Revised Common Lectionary – Green Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Holy Communion Setting Four The Reverend Marc Herbst, Presiding Minister

INTRODUCTION

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

PRELUDE: Rhosymedre (Vaughan Williams)

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

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 eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.
- All: Amen.
- *Presider:* As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Presider: God who searches us and knows us,

- All: you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
- Presider: Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
 All: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: What is this Place (ELW Hymn 524)



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.
 O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

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

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

- *Lector:* A reading from the book of Deuteronomy:
- *Lector:* [Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you

are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰Ioving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

- *Lector:* The word of the Lord.
- All: Thanks be to God.
- PSALM: *Psalm* 119:1-8

Assistant: The Psalm for the day is spoken responsively.

Assistant:	¹ Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!
All:	² Happy are they who observe your decrees
	and seek you with all their hearts,
Assistant:	³ who never do any wrong,
	but always walk in your ways.
All:	⁴ You laid down your commandments,
	that we should fully keep them.
Assistant:	⁵ Oh, that my ways were made so direct
	that I might keep your statutes!
All:	⁶ Then I should not be put to shame,
	when I regard all your commandments.
Assistant:	⁷ I will thank you with a true heart,
	when I have learned your righteous judgments.
All:	⁸ I will keep your statutes;
	do not utterly forsake me.
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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

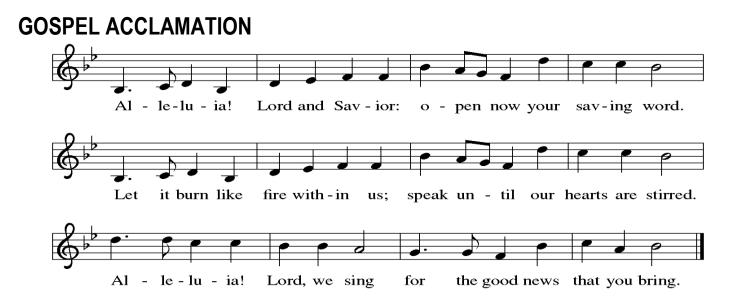
Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

- *Lector:* A reading from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:
- *Lector:* ¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

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

Presider: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN: O God of Love, O King of Peace (ELW Hymn 749)

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: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Assistant: Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with your word. Lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: God of the cosmos, heaven and earth bear witness to the splendor of all you have created. Bless the ground, trees, waterways, and skies with abundant life. Restore synergy between humankind and the natural world, that we may live in harmony with the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

- Assistant: God of peace, you show solidarity with all who suffer. Bring an end to violence, war, discrimination, and all other forms of deadly hate, that we may experience your love through the power of justice. Be with those in need of your healing presence, especially Otto, Craig, Hilda, Jeanne, Irma, Christa, Belle, Minerva, Jean, Angele, Joyce, and Bernadette. Hear us, O God.
- All: Your mercy is great.
- Assistant: God of hope, you provide bountifully for all people. Use our lives to alleviate global injustice and eliminate poverty, that all benefit from the abundant gifts you pour out for your people. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

- Assistant: God of growth, you nurture this community. Cultivate in us a spirit of service to one another, and bless us in the ministry we share. Be with those who are traveling this holiday weekend and those celebrating special occasions, especially the birthdays of Andrew, James, Lynn, Phyllis, Charles, Kate, Jean, Calista, Bennett, Nicholas, Jeanine, Ernie, Zara and Lori, and the wedding anniversary of Amy & Richard. Hear us, O God.
- All: Your mercy is great.

- Assistant: God of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel, we give you thanks for our forebears in the faith who now rest in your eternal grace and love, especially Joseph. Hear us, O God.
- All: Your mercy is great.
- *Presider:* Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- All: 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: Give Me Oil in My Lamp (Arr. Joseph Martin)

<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.

God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

All:

Amen.



DIALOGUE

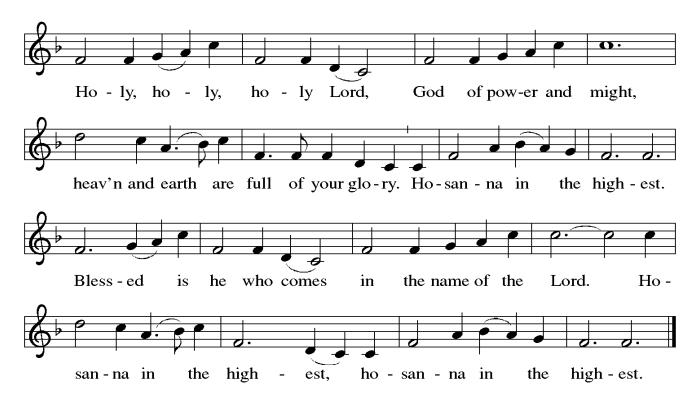
- *Presider:* The Lord be with you.
- All: And also with you.
- *Presider:* Lift up your hearts.
- All: We lift them to the Lord.

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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



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: 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: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

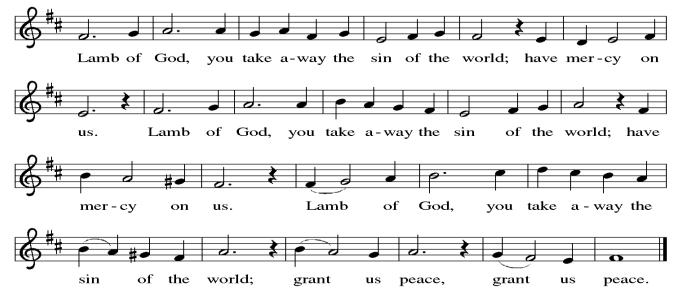
The assembly is seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.



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



COMMUNION SONG:

Faith of Our Fathers (ELW Hymn 812) *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (ELW Hymn 659)

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

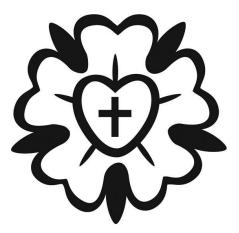
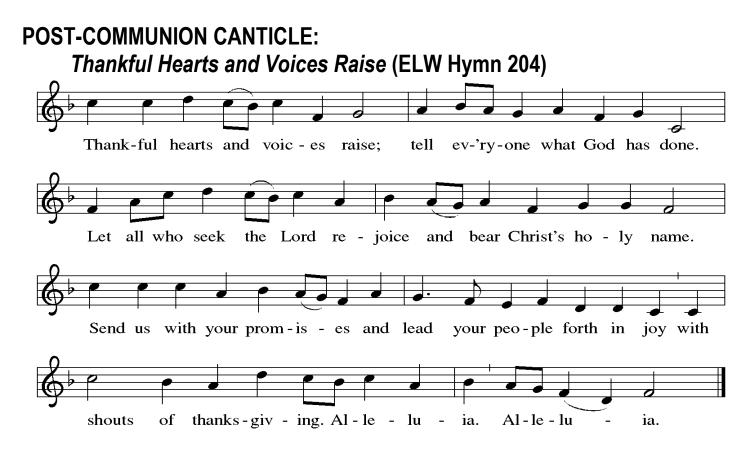


TABLE BLESSING

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



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (ELW Hymn 888)

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Go in peace. Let your light shine. All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Pasticcio (Jean Langlais)

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Serving this Sunday, February 16th

Ministers: People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran Acolyte/Crucifer: Frank Rivilli Assisting Minister: Al Rainson Lector: Wilma Rekow Ushers: Ken Benes & Tim Keenan Altar guild: Louise Benes & Carol Furciato Recorder: Karen Han Coffee Hour:

Serving next Sunday, February 23rd

Ministers: People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran Acolyte/Crucifer: Jessica Valencia Assisting Minister: Kathy McNally Lector: Lynda Walsh Ushers: Dan Nigro & Alex Rekow Altar guild: Norma Carrasco & Sieglinde Lubbers Recorder: Coffee Hour:

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)

Today, Sunday, February 16th

8:45AM – Choir practice 10:00AM –Worship with Holy Communion, Childcare (No Sunday School today) <u>Monday, February 17th</u> President's Day (official holiday) <u>Tuesday, February 18th</u> 10:00AM – Ruth Circle Crafts and Knitwits <u>Wednesday, February 19th</u> 7:00 PM – Wine About Religion – The Book of Ecclesiastes

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

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

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>: Class meets most Sundays @ 10:15am from September through June. Please see flyer in back of bulletin for all meeting dates through Easter Sunday.

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

STAMMTISCH MEETINGS: This group's next meetings are on **Tuesday, 2/11** @ **1pm and Tuesday, 2/25** @ **1pm**.

<u>COUNCIL MEETING</u>: This meeting will take place on *Tuesday, February 25th* @ 7:30pm.

<u>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES</u>: We will hold two services on *Ash Wednesday, February 26th* — *12 noon and 7pm.* Bishop Paul Egensteiner will join us for the 7pm liturgy.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS (cont'd)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: The next Confirmation class will be held on **Ash Wednesday, February 26**th @ 6:15pm. A detailed list of all classes was issued to all Confirmation families.

RUTH CIRCLE BABY SHOWER: This event will take place *during coffee hour following worship on Sunday, March* 1st. See flyer on bulletin board for more *details*.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: This group is scheduled to meet on **Sunday, March** 8th following service.

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: Craig Anderson (father of Keri Anderson Reda), Hilda Bormann, 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: Bernadette Ivanovich (daughter of Elise Cueto)

GRIEF: Family of Joseph Cobb (father of Carol Herbst)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING—2/16 through 2/22

BIRTHDAYS: Andrew Giordano, James Morakis and Lynn Nigro – 2/17, Phyllis McDermott, Charles Navas and Kate Petras – 2/18, Jean Cogan, Calista DiSapio, Bennett Gulbenkian, Nicholas Gulbenkian, Jeanine Levitan – 2/20, Ernie Aiello, and Zara Zung – 2/21 and Lori Quinn – 2/22

ANNIVERSARY: Amy and Richard Freund – 2/18

FINANCIALS

Income:	\$28,193

JANUARTY YTD

Expenses: \$26,643 Surplus: \$1,550

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

LENTEN THEME SERIES: The Worship and Music Ministry Team has selected "All God's Children" as the theme for our worship during the upcoming Lenten Season. The focus will be on religious intolerance in today's society and culture. Special guests will join us for worship and share their experiences and thoughts. Bishop Paul Egensteiner will kick off the series on Ash Wednesday, February 26th at 7pm. Dr. Isma H. Chaudhry, President of the Islamic Center of Long Island, will join us for the First Sunday in Lent, March 1st at 10am.

