

# ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***



**Fourth Midweek in Lent  
April 3, 2019 • 7:00 PM**

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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** is 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.

## **Fourth Midweek in Lent • April 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Responsive Prayer (Suffrages)***

**The Reverend Marc Herbst, *Presiding Minister***

***The assembly stands.***

**GATHERING HYMN: *Our Father, We Have Wandered* (ELW Hymn 606)**

*Presider:* Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

*All:*           **have mercy on 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.**

*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.

*Presider:* Show us your mercy, O God,  
*All:* and grant us your salvation.

*Presider:* Give us the joy of your saving help again,  
*All:* and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

*Presider:* Give peace in all the world;  
*All:* for only in you can we live in safety.

*Presider:* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*All:* your saving health among all nations.

*Presider:* Let not the needy be forgotten,  
*All:* **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Presider:* Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
*All:* **and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.**

*Presider:* Lord, hear my prayer,  
*All:* **and let my cry come before you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.  
*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

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

*Lector:* <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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



*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father's home.*

*Presider:* Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

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

*Presider:* <sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup>“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## REFLECTION





*The assembly stands.*

## **FINAL PRAYER**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

*All:* **Amen.**

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

## **BLESSING**

*Presider:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Presider:* Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

*All:* **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: *Amazing Grace* (ELW Hymn 779) Verses 1-3**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Presider:* Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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

## **2019 SACRIFICE AND SERVE LENTEN SERIES**

Each week during our worship in the Lenten Season a special guest will exemplify the Lenten call to “Sacrifice and Serve.” We will learn of those caring for others, and lift them up in prayer for their service, and be inspired to consider personal opportunities to serve God in similar means of thanksgiving.

### **April 7<sup>th</sup>: Addictions**

*Drew Scott, Opioid Addiction Task Forces*

**MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP:** Each week, on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7:00 PM, you are invited to join us for a brief, approximate 30-minute, worship service.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:**        *John 12 1-8*

### **HOLY WEEK**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>:**        **Palm Sunday - 9:45 (joint procession), 10 AM**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:**        **Seder Meal**

**April 18<sup>th</sup>:**        **Maundy Thursday - 7 PM followed by 7:45pm showing of “The Passion of Christ” (movie)**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>:**        **Good Friday - 12 Noon, 7 PM**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>:**        **Easter Vigil - 7:39 PM**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:**        **Easter Day - 10 AM**



Christ  
is  
Risen!  
Alleluia

# Easter Baskets

Easter is a joyous and glorious time for us as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. For many, that joy is overshadowed by a feeling of hunger.

It is our purpose, at the **New LIFE Center – Long Island**, to care for and uplift our neighbors and we invite you to participate in building up the body of Christ.

We are asking for your help in providing Easter Food Baskets for the hungry. These baskets are much more than food. They are a visible sign that carries the message of Christ's love and concern.

Please help by donating any of these suggested items:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cake Mix/Frosting/Brownie | Cookies/Candy                |
| Juice/Canned Fruits       | Tomato Sauce/Spaghetti Sauce |
| Sugar/Flour/Salt/Pepper   | Mashed Potatoes              |
| Mac and Cheese/Pasta      | Pudding/Jello                |
| Cereal (Hot and Cold)     | Napkins                      |
| Pancake Mix/Syrup/Jelly   | 1 Lb. Bag or Boxed Rice      |
| Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate  |                              |
| Parmalat Milk             |                              |

**Fresh/Frozen/Turkey/Ham/Chicken**

**In lieu of food donations, store Gift Certificates would be appreciated.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF FOODS BASKETS ARE TO BEGIN ON MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>  
AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE MONTH OF APRIL**

Lutheran Social Services of New York  
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[www.lssny.org](http://www.lssny.org)

# **COSL** YOUTH

**Church of Our Saviour Lutheran**

## **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**Join us on Saturday, April 20th for our  
annual Easter Egg Hunt.  
Doors open at 10:30am, and we wrap up  
around 12 noon.**

**There will be games, snacks, lots of  
eggs, and a Special Guest Appearance.**

***Easter Egg Hunt***

