WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Service of the Word 4th Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 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:
 - 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 childcare, 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 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) – Service of the Word The Reverend Marc Herbst, Presiding Minister

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, whose steadfast love is

everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Presider: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Assistant: Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Presider: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and

Lord. Amen.



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

LESSON: Genesis 22:1-14

Abraham was prepared to obey God's command amid extreme contradiction: the child to be sacrificed is the very child through whom Abraham is to receive descendants. God acknowledged Abraham's obedient faith, and Abraham offered a ram in the place of his son Isaac.

Assistant: A reading from the Book of Genesis:

Assistant: 1God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." 3So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." 6Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²[The angel] said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Assistant: This is the word of the Lord.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: How Great Thou Art Nicole Sciarrino, Soprano

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assistant: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Assistant: God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise.

Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.

Assistant: God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you.

Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.

Assistant: God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned, especially Craig, Hilda, Jeanne, Irma, Christa, Belle, Minerva, Jean, Angele, Joyce, Judy, Bill, Bud, Terri, Linda, and those whom we name in our hearts. Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you.

Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.

Assistant: God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.

Assistant: God of abundance, you are the source of all gifts. Bless us as we celebrate the joyous occasions of life, especially the birthdays of Daniel, Zachary, Norma and Emily, the wedding anniversaries of Kari & Anthony, Karin & Robert, and Judy & Roger, and the graduations of Luca, Liana, Caitlyn, Kevin, Ashley, Brandon, Nicole and Lauren. Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.

Assistant: God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died, especially Harriet. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise.

Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.

Presider: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



BLESSING OF GIFTS AND GRADUATES

Presider: Dear friends: Life presents us with various significant milestones that set the stage for the next phase in our earthly journey. Graduation from high school is one of these milestones. Today we wish to honor those who are moving through this special time of accomplishment, transition, and change, and to show them that we, their community of faith, stand with them and support them as fellow believers in Jesus Christ.

Presider: In the presence of God, we give thanks and praise for the achievements earned by the following graduating students who can join us today as well as those who are with us in spirit.

Presider: Dear graduates: At this special time in your life we are eager to show you how delighted we are that you have reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of this community of faith we rejoice with you and want you to know of our pride and excitement as you move from this accomplishment into the next phase of your life. We also want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

Presider: By the grace of God members of this congregation have received marvelous skills and talents. We give you thanks for these talented servants of the Lord who handcrafted these beautiful gifts. We ask you, O Christ, to bless these servants and their crafts. Allow the presentation of these gifts be celebrated in glory to God as obedience to your command to love one another.

Presider: O Lord Jesus Christ, when you welcomed the children your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon these young men and women. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears. In times of confusion you have offered direction. In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Bless them and keep them. Guide their steps. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. Bless them and keep them now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Presider:

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the

comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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Serving this Sunday, June 28th

Ministers: People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran

Assisting Minister: Jeanine Levitan

Worship Attendants: Antonio Centeno, Lisa Keenan, Tim Keenan, Gil McNally,

Kathy McNally, Rosa Morakis, Lynn Nigro and Bobby Stainkamp

Recorder: Sara Keenan

THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)

Today, Sunday, June 28th

10:00 AM - Worship

12:00 NOON - "Zoom" Sunday School

- https://zoom.us/j/97637336094?pwd=cTZrZFpiSjZwUk5BTmJXMXZVdUk1U
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- Meeting ID: 976 3733 6094 Password: 3eqgbb

Wednesday, July 1st

11:00 AM - "Zoom" Bible Study

- https://zoom.us/j/92622511850 (or dial 646-558-8656)
- Meeting ID: 926 2251 1850

Saturday, July 4th

Independence Day – National Holiday

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: Judy Feuss, Bill Herbst (cousin of Pastor Marc Herbst), Bud McHale (friend of Kathy McNally), Terri McNally (sister-in-law of Kathy McNally), Linda Ziccardi (friend of Kathy McNally)

GRIEF: Family and Friends of Harriet Henderson (friend of Elise Cueto and Denise Johnson)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING — 6/28 through 7/4

BIRTHDAYS: Daniel Pereira, Zachary Zung – 6/28, Norma Carrasco, Emily Weigand – 7/3

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Kari & Anthony Catuogno, Karin & Robert Stainkamp – 7/3, Judy & Roger Feuss – 7/4

<u>HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:</u> Luca Bombardiere, Liana Bordonaro, Caitlyn DiGia, Kevin McDermott, Ashley Huber, Brandon Martinez, Nicole Sciarrino, Lauren Valencia

MAY YTD FINANCIALS

Income: \$116,688 Expenses: \$136,890 Deficit: \$20,202

<u>WELCOME BACK!!!</u> Following a 15-week hiatus of public worship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were finally able to gather once again last Sunday. We praise God for the many volunteers and staff who assisted in sustaining the ministry of this congregation during these challenging times. Thank you for joining us today and we pray you will continue to gather with us each Sunday in praising our Lord.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: As you know, the present conditions call for modification in our normal worship practices. This calls for different types of ministry roles, particularly the worship attendants who are helping guide the outdoor worship services. If you are interested in serving in a role, please contact Pastor Marc Herbst or Jeanine Levitan, chair of the Worship & Music Committee.

For the personal health, safety and well-being of you and others gathering, the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran is adhering to New York State Department of Health's "Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Religious and Funeral Services and Operations of Faith-Based Institutions." Below are some highlights:

SCREENING AND TESTING: In order to participate in today's worship, you must be able to answer "no" to the following questions:

- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Do you have any of the following symptoms?
 - Fever above 100.4F
 - Persistent dry cough
 - Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
 - Chills or repeated shaking with chills
 - New loss of taste of sense of smell
 - Flu-like muscle pain, sore throat, and headaches
- In the last 14 days, have you been in close or proximate contact with any individuals suffering from COVID-like symptoms?

TRACING AND TRACKING: As you enter, your attendance will be noted so that you may be alerted should it become known you have come into close or proximate contact with a person with COVID-19.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING, PROTECTIVE GEAR, PROPER HYGENE: All gathered in the assembly are required to observe six-feet social-distancing etiquette, and wear face coverings always. Washing of hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer must be observed. There should be no physical contact with others.

GATHERING SPACES: For drive-in worship, you are encouraged to remain in your vehicles, and if possible, all vehicles should park in alternate spaces. Should we wish to sit in a lawn area, you are permitted to bring your own person chairs, but above guidelines must be observed. For indoor worship, 25% capacity is permitted (60 people), and you will be asked to sit in alternate pews, where bulletins will be placed. Families may sit together.