

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Service of the Word
5th Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2020 • 10:00 AM

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**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 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.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • July 5, 2020 at 10:00 AM**

*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.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

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

**LESSON:** *Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*

*The marriage of Isaac and Rebekah helped to fulfill God's promise that Abraham and Sarah would become the ancestors of many nations.*

*Lector:* A reading from the Book of Genesis:

*Lector:* [Laban, Rebekah's brother, received a visitor who said,] <sup>34</sup>"I am Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup>The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. <sup>36</sup>And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. <sup>37</sup>My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; <sup>38</sup>but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

<sup>42</sup>"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! <sup>43</sup>I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," <sup>44</sup>and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

<sup>45</sup>“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ <sup>46</sup>She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. <sup>47</sup>Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. <sup>48</sup>Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. <sup>49</sup>Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

<sup>58</sup>And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” <sup>59</sup>So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. <sup>60</sup>And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads;  
may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.”

<sup>61</sup>Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

<sup>62</sup>Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. <sup>63</sup>Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. <sup>64</sup>And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, <sup>65</sup>and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup>And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. <sup>67</sup>Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

*Lector:* This is the word of the Lord.

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* (Bates/Ward)  
Owen Connor, Bass**



## 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:* We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith.  
Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living.  
Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* We pray for the nations, especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor.  
Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed, especially Craig, Hilda, Jeanne, Irma, Christa, Belle, Minerva, Jean, Angele, Joyce, Donald, Bill, Charles, Bud, Terri, Linda, and those whom we name in our hearts. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound.  
Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* We pray for this congregation. Bless our congregational leaders. Energize worship leaders, children's ministry volunteers, committee ministries, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives.  
Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* We pray for all who celebrate special milestones in life. Let the grace of your Holy Spirit bring joy to those celebrating birthdays, especially Travis, Kevin, Ryan, Erika, Henry, Samantha, Kristine, and Emily; and wedding anniversaries, especially Pattie & Craig, Cindy & Jeff, and Laura & Ken.  
Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* We give thanks for those who have died in faith, especially Harriet. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life.  
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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

*Presider:* The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

*Assistant:* Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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## **Serving this Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Assisting Minister:** Al Rainson

**Lector:** Jeanine Levitan

**Worship Attendants:** Antonio Centeno, Laurie Herbert, Lisa Keenan, Tim Keenan, Gil McNally, Kathy McNally, Rosa Morakis, Lynn Nigro and Bobby Stainkamp

**Recorder:** Sara Keenan

## **OUTDOOR WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – 34 cars, 51 people, 1 canine!

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – 51 cars, 77 people, 1 canine!



## 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:** Donald Henriksen (brother of Karin Artinian), Bill Herbst (cousin of Pastor Marc Herbst), Charles Lecesse (father-in-law of Bobby Stainkamp), 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 Elisa Cueto and Denise Johnson)

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING — 7/5 through 7/11

**BIRTHDAYS:** Travis Deremick – 7/8, Kevin Rummel, Ryan Barone, Erika DiSapio, Henry Wall – 7/9, Samantha Cavasoglu – 7/10, Kristine Bordonaro, Emily Davidow – 7/11

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Pattie & Craig Anderson, Cindy & Jeff Carstens – 7/5, Laura & Ken Weigand – 7/6

## MAY YTD FINANCIALS

Income: \$116,688

Expenses: \$136,890

Deficit: \$20,202

**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.

**ANNUAL POOL PARTY:** Kathy and Gil McNally have graciously offered to host our congregation's annual pool party once again. But, like most events in these unusual times, the date is tentative. If health conditions permit, we are aiming for **Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please feel free to "pencil in" this event on your calendar.

**DATE OF CONFIRMATION:** The restriction of public worship compelled us to postpone the Affirmation of Baptism rite for our confirmation class students. This has been rescheduled for **Christ the King Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**TASK FORCE REPORTING DEADLINE EXTENDED:** The task forces appointed at the Annual Meeting in January have had the reporting deadline extended until **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. The congregation council will accept reports from the Communications, Financial Controls and Governance Task Forces on or before those dates. Special thanks to the volunteers who have dedicated their time to these efforts.

**ENHANCING OR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Please extend your appreciation to the volunteers who are assisting us with our modified outdoor worship. We especially give thanks to the kind generosity of Laurie and Ray Herbert for donating the canopies to shelter our worship leaders from the summer heat and rays. We also thank Janice Pupelis for creating our worship signage.

**FOOD PLEDGE STILL ON:** The pandemic has made the need to feed the hungry even greater. Please consider bringing non-perishable goods to worship throughout the summer. These donations will be collected and delivered to the Lutheran Social Services of New York's NEW LIFE Center food pantry in Uniondale.



## **REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020**

### Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

Zechariah 9:9-12 • Psalm 145:8-14 • Romans 7:15-25a • Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
(Semi-continuous Series) Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 • Psalm 45:10-17

### Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

Jeremiah 27:1-11 • Romans 1:18-25 • Psalm 131

### Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Jeremiah 28:10-17 • Romans 3:1-8 • Psalm 131

### Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

Jeremiah 13:1-11 • John 13:1-17 • Psalm 131

### Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 48:1-5 • Romans 2:12-16 • Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

### Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 48:6-11 • Romans 15:14-21 • Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

### Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 52:1-6 • John 12:44-50 • Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

### Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 55:10-13 • Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 • Romans 8:1-11 • Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
(Semi-continuous Series) Genesis 25:19-34 • Psalm 119:105-112

## **WORSHIP LESSON FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 12TH**

We continue our summer focus on the semi-continuous series highlighting lessons in the Book of Genesis. For the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost the lesson is Esau selling his birthright to Jacob (Genesis 25:19-34).

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 or 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-foot 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.