

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 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.

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Liturgical Color, Revised Common Lectionary – Green

The Reverend Marc Herbst, Presiding Minister

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**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, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. Amen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Assistant:* Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

*Presider:* Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

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

### **LESSON: *Matthew 25:14-30***

*Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.*

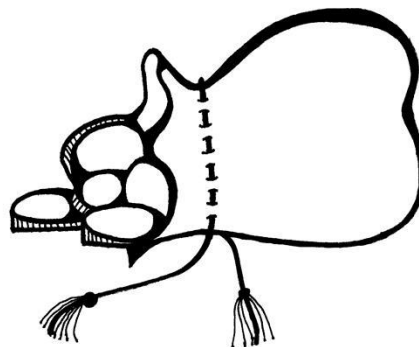
*Assistant:* The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew:

*Assistant:* [Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of

your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

*Presider:* This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

## SERMON



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Assistant:* Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Assistant:* Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing, especially for Craig, Hilda, Gisela, Jeanne, Eric, Irma, Christa, Belle, Virginia, Jean, Angele, Joyce, Matthew, Roger, Tom, Denise, Eileen, Bud, Lauren, John Patrick, Linda, and those whom we silently name in our hearts. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* Lord of celebration, encourage us to savor the moments of joy, especially the birthdays of Bobby, Nicole, Jessica and Heidi, and the wedding anniversary of Ingrid & Chris. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors, especially Bolivar. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Presider:* Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. Amen.

**SOLO OF THE DAY: *This is My Father's World* (Traditional English)**

Amy Kempton, Flute

**MEAL** - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*Assistant:* Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Presider:* Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
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.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Assistant:* Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we set forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **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:* Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



*During the dismissal, the presiding minister will distribute individual hermetically sealed pre-filled bread & wine communion sets that were consecrated during worship. (Should anyone have dietary concerns, the presiding minister will provide gluten-free consecrated hosts inside the sanctuary after the dismissal.) Offerings may be gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

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## **SERVING THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**Assisting Minister:** Jeanine Levitan

**Worship Attendants:** Antonio Centeno, Valerie Gavora, Lisa Keenan, Gil McNally, Kathy McNally, John Merseburg, Dan Nigro, Lynn Nigro and Bobby Stainkamp

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Today, Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM – Worship, Childcare

**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM—Knitwits/Crafts

10:30 AM – Island Winds

1:00 PM – Stammtisch

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> –**

11:00 AM – Virtual Bible Study

## 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, Gisela Feige, Jeanne Geib, Eric Gordy (son of Anna Gordy), Irma Grunewald, Christa Horn, Belle Lewis, Virginia Marshall, Jean Millington (mother of Debbie Capilupi), Angele Moomjy and Joyce Morin

**HOSPITALIZATION/ILLNESS/MEDICAL CARE:** Matthew Capilupi, Roger Feuss, Rev. Tom Hammond, Denise Johnson, Eileen Kaland (friend of Patricia Anderson), Bud McHale (friend of Kathy McNally), Lauren Osnato (friend of Amy Kempton), John Patrick Walsh (friend of Elisa Cueto) and Linda Ziccardi (friend of Kathy McNally)

**GRIEF:** Family and friends of Bolivar Tutiven (friend of Jim Meredith)

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING — 11/15 through 11/21

**BIRTHDAYS:** Bobby Stainkamp – 11/15, Nicole Kiess – 11/18, Jessica Feit – 11/19, Heidi McNamara – 11/21

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Ingrid & Chris Muller – 11/19

## OCTOBER YTD FINANCIALS

Income: \$227,364

Expenses: \$267,271

Deficit: \$39,907

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – 60 in person (plus 1 canine!), 108 virtual

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 75 in person (plus 3 canines!), 85 virtual

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – 68 in person (plus 1 canine!), 83 virtual

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – 88 in person (plus 1 canine!), 93 virtual

## **TWO SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY:**

With COVID-19 pandemic assembly restrictions placed upon Houses of Worship, we are compelled to find alternatives to minimize large gatherings. Our congregation has decided to offer two Sunday worship services to ensure we can continue to proclaim the Gospel for the faithful. Beginning **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will hold half-hour worship services at **9:15 AM** and **10:30 AM**. The later service will be held outdoors, weather permitting, with FM transmission (100.1 FM) for access in parked automobiles. Please note, however, the first **9:15 AM** service, on November 22<sup>nd</sup> will be reserved for Confirmation families and friends.

**CONFIRMATION ON CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY:** Christian Azzara, Sabrina Bordonaro, Zoe Meredith, Sebastian Newhall, Jessica Valencia, and Cathryn Weigand are invited to affirm their baptisms on next **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. This will take place at 9:15 AM in the sanctuary for immediate families and guests.

**FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE:** We are getting close! Please help us reach our goal of donating 2020 pounds of food in 2020 for Lutheran Social Services of New York's New LIFE Center in Uniondale!

**WEEKLY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY HELD ON WEDNESDAYS:** Be part of the Western Nassau Conference of the Metropolitan New York Synod's weekly virtual Zoom Bible study sessions on each Wednesday beginning at **11:00 AM**. All are welcome! Please access using the following log in information:

<https://zoom.us/j/91679186704?pwd=KzJaUENyQ0ZTUE1vaki3Qk4rTFIpbQT09>

The password is: 367714

**MANY HANDS MADE LIGHT WORK:** A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who took time from their day last Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, to help with our property's fall cleanup. We also thank all the fabulous bakers and cooks who helped prepare and sell the delicious Country Kitchen soups and baked goods for the day's successful fundraiser.

**NEW AND IMPROVED**

**NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON:** We are excited to welcome an updated website for our congregation. The new site should be launched before we enter Advent. Please visit [www.manhassetlutheran.org](http://www.manhassetlutheran.org).

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** Please "like" us on Facebook! We encourage you to follow us and receive the most recent information about the ministry at our congregation. [www.facebook.com/manhassetlutheran](http://www.facebook.com/manhassetlutheran)

**ONLINE GIVING:** We have reinstated electronic giving for either one-time or sustained offerings. Please visit our website at [www.manhassetlutheran.org](http://www.manhassetlutheran.org) and click the "giving" tab on the right end of the top bar for further instructions. It's easy and convenient!

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP:** Please join us on **Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** as we gather in the garden (please enter through the parlor) to worship God and give thanks for the harvest and bountiful gifts of life.



## **REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

### Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 • Psalm 90:1-12 • 1 Thess. 5:1-11 • Matthew 25:14-30  
(Semi-continuous Series) Judges 4:1-7, 14-25 • Psalm 123

### Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

Zechariah 1:7-17 • Romans 2:1-11 • Psalm 9:1-14

### Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Zechariah 2:1-5, 5:1-4 • 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 • Psalm 9:1-14

### Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

Job 16:1-21 • Matthew 24:45-51 • Psalm 9:1-14

### Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

1 Kings 22:13-23 • Revelation 14:1-11 • Psalm 85:1-7a

### Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

1 Chronicles 17:1-15 • Revelation 22:1-9 • Psalm 85:1-7a

### Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

Isaiah 44:21-28 • Matthew 12:46-50 • Psalm 85:1-7a

### Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 • Psalm 95:1-7a • Ephesians 1:15-23 • Matthew 25:31-46  
(Semi-continuous Series) Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 • Psalm 100

## **WORSHIP LESSON FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

For Christ the King Sunday the lesson will focus on Jesus comparing himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him. (Matthew 25:31-46).

# **Cans for a Cause**

**Church of Our Saviour Lutheran**

**We're collecting bottles and cans with deposits to raise funds for a cause. Our goal is to purchase a goat for a family in need through Samaritan's Purse.**

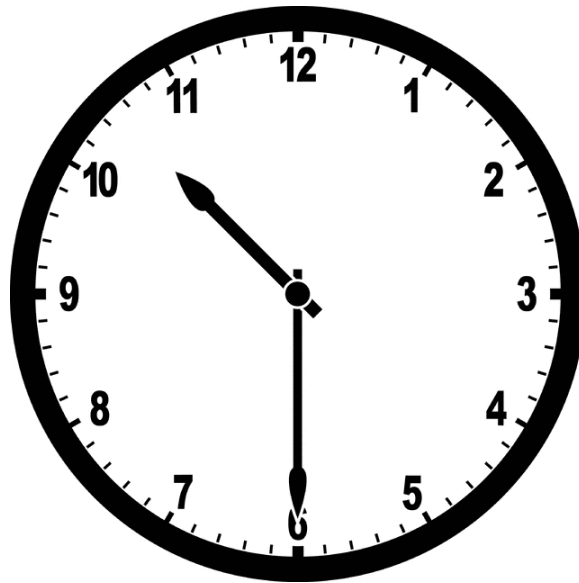
**Bottles and cans can be brought on select days to be announced. First drop off will be Sunday Nov. 22nd**



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**DON'T FORGET!!!!**

**NEW WORSHIP TIMES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:15 AM and 10:30 AM**

**Weather permitting, the 10:30 am worship liturgy held outdoors with FM transmission (100.1 FM) for access in parked automobiles.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The 9:15 AM worship service next Sunday is reserved for confirmation family and friends**

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 you wish to sit in a lawn area, you are permitted to bring your own personal 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.