WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Fourth Sunday of Advent Lessons and Carols for Christmas December 22, 2019 • 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:
 - \circ $\;$ 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.
 - o 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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Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Holy Communion Setting Ten The Reverend Marc Herbst, Presiding Minister Judith Feuss, Music Director/Organist Bobby Stainkamp, Trumpet

PRELUDE: Seasonal Carols

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

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH

- Assisting: We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
- All: Amen.

The assembly stands.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Light the four candles. The assembly sings the following hymn during the lighting.

ENTRANCE HYMN: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW Hymn 257) Verses 1-4

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.

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ANTHEM OF PRAISE: Alleluia! Christ Is Born (David Lasky)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father 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.

SOLO: Virgin's Slumber Song (Max Reger) Ashley Huber, Soprano

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

- *Lector:* A reading from the prophet Isaiah:
- *Lector:* ¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."
- *Lector:* The word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God.**



ANTHEM: *How Far Is It to Bethlehem?* (Arr. Mark Hayes)

PSALM: *Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*

Assistant: The Psalm is spoken responsively.

Assistant: ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. All: ²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. Assistant: 3Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. All: ⁴O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray? Assistant: 5You have fed them with the bread of tears: you have given them bowls of tears to drink. All: ⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Assistant: 7Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. All: ¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself. Assistant: ¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. All: ¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

DUET: Snowfall Lullaby (Arr. Greg Gilpin) Kelli Shahinian and Stephanie Hall, Altos

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.

Lector: A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans:

Lector: ¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

ANTHEM: *On Christmas Night* (Kenneth Kosche) Amy Kempton, Flute Samantha Stainkamp, Oboe The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

Presider: The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Presider: ¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us."²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

The assembly is seated.

SOLO: *I Wonder as I Wander* (John Jacob Niles) William Herbert, Soloist

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assistant: Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Assistant: Hear your church, O God, as we pray for all who belong to Jesus Christ. Where the church is scorned, preserve it; where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Assistant: Hear the nations, O God, as we pray for those who hold power and authority over people and lands. Help those who create and uphold good laws and those working to reform what is unjust, that the world might better reflect your grace. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Assistant: Hear those in need, O God, as we pray for all who face uncertainty: refugees and immigrants, those who are imprisoned, and those without work, housing, food, or health care, and for those enduring illnesses and other health concerns, especially Otto, Craig, Hilda, Helen, Joseph, Jeanne, Irma, Christa, Belle, Minerva, Jean, Angele, Joyce, Pete, Basilia, Gina, Gisela, Michael, Virginia, Christian, Pastor Diane and Horton. Bring good news to all in need of hope. Lord, in your mercy,
 All: hear our prayer.

- Assistant: Hear this community of faith, O God, as we pray for families and friends who gather in this season, for travelers and hosts, for those who will work or serve others this Christmas, and for those celebrating special moments, especially the birthdays of Robert, Nicholas, Fred, Minerva, Kimberly and Trudy. Let the peace of Emmanuel, God-with-us, shine in every heart. Lord, in your mercy,
- All: hear our prayer.
- Assistant: Hear all who mourn, O God, as we remember the lives of our beloved dead. Encourage the living to learn from our ancestors in faith as we follow your call. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Presider: You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Choir: J Amen. Amen. J

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: Jesus Is Born Tonight! (Arr. Lloyd Larson)

<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.

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:



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: 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: Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.



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 DUET: *The First Noel* (Arr. Trevor Manor) Jamie and Samantha Stainkamp, Sopranos

COMMUNION SONGS: The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came (ELW Hymn 265) Each Winter as the Year Grows Older (ELW Hymn 252)

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.

POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM: Angels from the Realms of Glory (Arr. Jack Schrader)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray.

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

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

- *Presider:* The blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Go Tell it On the Mountain (ELW Hymn 290)

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Away in the Manger (James Murray) Handbell Choir

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The Altar flower arrangement is in loving memory of Gladys and Reaver Shelton and their beloved son, Brooke, given by Eileen Cotter.

Serving this Sunday, December 22nd

Ministers: People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran Acolyte/Crucifer: Sara Keenan Assisting Minister: Carol Herbst Lector: Jeanine Levitan Ushers: Jim Meredith Altar guild: Norma Carrasco & Sieglinde Lubbers Recorder: Katie Miller Coffee Hour: Claire Jensen

Serving next Sunday, December 29th Ministers: People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran Acolyte/Crucifer: Sabrina Bordonaro Assisting Minister: Liana Bordonaro Lector: Lynda Walsh Ushers: Al Rainson Altar guild: Flo Buzzitta & Jeanine Levitan Recorder: Karen Han Coffee Hour: Open

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)

Today, Sunday, December 22nd

8:45AM – Choir practice 10:00AM –Lessons and Carols for Christmas, Worship with Holy Communion, Childcare

Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

4:00-5:30PM – Holy Communion Candlelight Worship 10:30PM-Midnight – Holy Communion Candlelight Worship Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas Day

10:00AM—Carols and Holy Communion Worship

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. Sunday school will resume on January 5th.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS: This service will take place on Sunday, December 29th @ 10am.

DAY OF EPIPHANY: This Holy Communion worship service will take place on Sunday, January 5th @ 10am.

<u>CONFIRMATION CLASSES</u>: Confirmation classes will be held in **January on Sundays** (a) **11:30am on the following days: January 5th and January 12th**. A detailed list of all classes was issued to all Confirmation families.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE: This group will meet on Sunday, January 12th @ 11:45am following worship.

STAMMTISCH MEETINGS: This group's next meetings are on **Tuesday, January 14**th @ **1pm and Tuesday, January 28**th @ **1pm**.

<u>COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING:</u> This meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday, January 14th* @ 7:30pm. Please note date change from January 7th.

<u>WINE ABOUT RELIGION:</u> Our next session will meet on *Wednesday, January 15th* @ *7pm.*

ANNUAL MEETING: Our annual meeting will be held immediately **following service on Sunday, January 26**th.

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: Otto Ackerman, Craig Anderson (father of Keri Anderson Reda), Hilda Bormann, Helen Carstens (mother of Jeff Carstens), Joseph Cobb (father of Carol Herbst), 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: Pete Burrows (brother in law of Vonnie Haff), Basilia Caruso (friend of Lynn Nigro), Gina Farasciano (friend of Stephanie Hall), Gisela Feige (friend of Wilma & Alex Rekow), Michael Gomez (friend of Carol & Sal Furciato), Virginia Marshall, Christian Miller, Pastor Diane E. Rainson (daughter of Maryann & Al Rainson) and Horton Schwartz (brother of Jeanine Levitan).

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING—12/22 through 12/28

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>: Robert Stainkamp – 12/22, Nicholas Barone and Fred Demenus – 12/24, Minerva Lick – 12/26, Kimberly Deremick and Trudy Rich – 12/28

FINANCIALS

NOVEMBER YTD

Income: \$353,840 Expenses: \$383,717 Deficit: \$29,877