WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Ash Wednesday March 6, 2019 • 12:00 Noon, 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 3 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. The last Sunday of each month is designated as Youth Sunday, and the
  students remain 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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#### **PRELUDE**

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

The assembly gathers in silence.

**PSALM: Psalm 51:1–17** 

Presider: <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

All: 2Wash me through and through from my wickedness,

and cleanse me from my sin.

Presider: <sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,

and my sin is ever before me.

All: 4Against you only have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak

and right in your judgment.

Presider: 5Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,

a sinner from my mother's womb.

All: 6Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,

and would have me know wisdom deep within.

*Presider:* <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

All: 8Let me hear joy and gladness;

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Presider: 9Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my wickedness.

All: 10Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Presider: 11Cast me not away from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

All: 12Restore to me the joy of your salvation

and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Presider: 13Let me teach your ways to offenders,

and sinners shall be restored to you.

All: 14Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,

and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

Presider: 15O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: 16For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.

You are not pleased with burnt offering.

Presider: 17The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;

a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.



## The assembly stands.

#### **GREETING**

*Presider:* The Lord Jesus be with you.

All: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and

you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and

honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, 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.



## FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Because of the coming Day of the Lord, the prophet Joel calls the people to a community lament. The repentant community reminds God of his gracious character and asks God to spare the people, lest the nations doubt God's power to save.

*Lector:* A reading from the prophet Joel:

Lector: Blow the trumpet in Zion;

sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,

for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near —

<sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness spread upon the mountains

a great and powerful army comes;

their like has never been from of old.

nor will be again after them

in ages to come.

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD,

return to me with all your heart,

with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

<sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,

for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,

and relents from punishing.

<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,

and leave a blessing behind him,

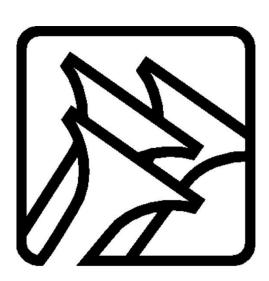
a grain offering and a drink offering

for the LORD, your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. <sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.

Lector: A reading from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians:

Lector: 20bWe entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might

become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

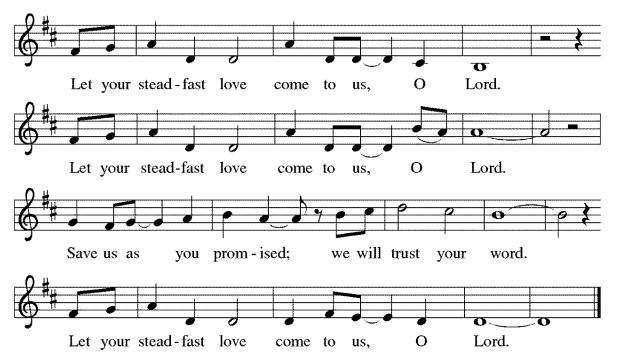
See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





## GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

Presider: Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Presider: "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

## The assembly is seated.

#### **SERMON**

## The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our Father, We Have Wandered (ELW Hymn 606)

The assembly is seated.

#### INVITATION TO LENT

Presider: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of

remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is

renewed.

*Presider:* We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance

and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation,

so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

Presider: As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and

neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-

examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days

of Jesus' death and resurrection.



#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Presider:* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Presider: Most holy and merciful God,

All: we confess to you and to one another,

and before the whole company of heaven,

that we have sinned by our fault,

by our own fault,

by our own most grievous fault,

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Presider: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven

others as we have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Presider: We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We

have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy

Spirit.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Presider: Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that

have infected our lives, we confess to you.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Presider: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other

people, we confess to you.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

*Presider:* Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith

that is in us, we confess to you.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Presider: Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to

injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Presider: Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,

and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we

confess to you.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Presider: Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for

those who come after us, we confess to you.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Presider: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

All: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

#### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

People may come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes.

Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

During this time, hymns or penitential psalms may be sung, or silence may be kept. After those who desire ashes have received them, the assembly remains seated.

Presider: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, All: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

*Presider:* By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

All: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The presiding minister stands and addresses the assembly.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our

Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of

the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All: Amen.

## The assembly stands.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assistant: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

A brief silence.

Assistant: Holy and righteous God, teach us, your church, to be honest about our

sinfulness. Turn our hearts back to you to receive the fullness of your

forgiveness and redemption. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Open wide your hand to satisfy the needs of every living thing. Send your Spirit to places suffering from drought or floods. Fill every habitat

with life. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Raise up reconcilers who point us to the sources of injustice and teach us how to build relationships. Establish your lasting peace among the nations. Hear us. O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Soothe the souls of people who feel like they are beyond your mercy. Wash away the barriers that keep us far from you, and restore joy in our lives. Hear us. O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Fill our fasting bodies with your Spirit of justice. Lead us into the challenging work of feeding and freeing all people. Fulfill your purpose in us. Hear us. O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Reveal the treasures of heaven through the witness of all your saints. Give us the will to journey faithfully and to bear Christ's salvation to all who yearn for it. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great. All:

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to Presider: your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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.

## The assembly is stands.

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Assistant: Let us pray.

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus

Christ, our host and our guest.

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.

#### 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: Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are

welcomed home.

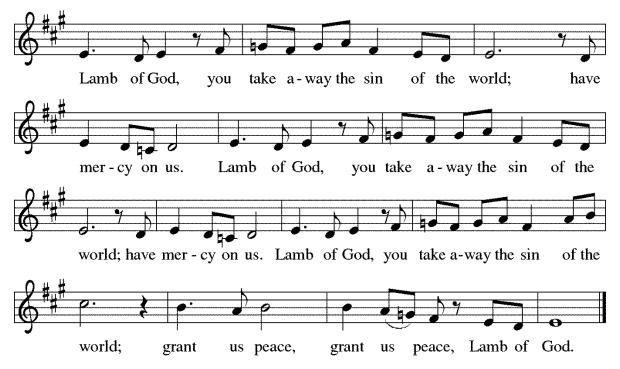
The assembly is seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.



## **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 HYMN: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling (ELW Hymn 608)

## The assembly stands.

Presider: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep

you in his grace.

All: Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray.

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

Presider: God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his

arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, + bless

you and bring you to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow (ELW Hymn 327)

#### **DISMISSAL**

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Assistant: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

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Serving on Ash Wednesday, March 6th

Ministers: People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran

Acolyte/Crucifer: Sebastian Newhall (7:00pm)

Assisting Minister: Al Rainson (noon), Janice Grasso (7:00pm)

Lector: Al Rainson (noon), Zoe Meredith (7:00pm)

Altar guild: Joanne Saltini & Lynn Nigro (noon) and Valerie Gavora & Laurie Herbert

(7:00pm)

#### 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.

March 10th: Hunger & Poverty

Jean Kelly, The Interfaith Nutrition Network

March 17th: Emergency Response

Neela Mukherjee Lockel, American Red Cross

March 24th: Labor/Workforce

John Durso, Long Island Federation of Labor

March 31st: Public Service

Honorable Thomas Suozzi, U.S. Congressman

**April 7th: 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.

March 13th: Luke 4:1-11

March 20<sup>th</sup> Luke 13:31-35 March 27<sup>th</sup>: Luke 13:1-9 April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 April 10<sup>th</sup>: John 12 1-8

April 17th: Seder (Passover 4/19-27)





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:

Cake Mix/Frosting/Brownie
Juice/Canned Fruits
Sugar/Flour/Salt/Pepper
Mac and Cheese/Pasta
Cereal (Hot and Cold)
Pancake Mix/Syrup/Jelly

Cookies/Candy
Tomato Sauce/Spaghetti Sauce
Mashed Potatoes
Pudding/Jello
Napkins
1Lb. Bag or Boxed Rice

Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate
Parmalot 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 25TH AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE MONTH OF APRIL

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