

# ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***



**Nativity of Our Lord  
Christmas Day**

**December 25, 2019 • 10:00 AM**

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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**, 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.

# **Nativity of Our Lord • December 25, 2019 at 10:00 AM**

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Holy Communion Setting Four***

**The Reverend Marc Herbst, Presiding Minister**

**PRELUDE: *Christmas Carols***

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

*The assembly stands.*

**GATHERING HYMN: *Joy to the World* (ELW Hymn 267)**

**GREETING**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

*Presider:* The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. O come let us adore him. May the light and peace of Christ be with you all.

*All:* **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of 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.**

**HYMN: *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* (ELW Hymn 275)**

*The assembly is seated.*

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

**FIRST READING: *Isaiah 62:6-12***

*The prophet invites the people to give God no rest until God reestablishes Jerusalem. In turn, they will receive names full of promise: Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord, a City Not Forsaken.*

*Lector:* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

*Lector:* <sup>6</sup>Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,  
I have posted sentinels;  
all day and all night  
they shall never be silent.  
You who remind the LORD,  
take no rest,  
<sup>7</sup>and give him no rest  
until he establishes Jerusalem  
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.  
<sup>8</sup>The LORD has sworn by his right hand  
and by his mighty arm:  
I will not again give your grain  
to be food for your enemies,  
and foreigners shall not drink the wine  
for which you have labored;  
<sup>9</sup>but those who garner it shall eat it  
and praise the LORD,  
and those who gather it shall drink it  
in my holy courts.

<sup>10</sup>Go through, go through the gates,  
prepare the way for the people;  
build up, build up the highway,  
clear it of stones,  
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD has proclaimed  
to the end of the earth:  
Say to daughter Zion,  
“See, your salvation comes;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.”

<sup>12</sup>They shall be called, “The Holy People,  
The Redeemed of the LORD“;  
and you shall be called, “Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken.”

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**



**HYMN: *What Child is This* (ELW Hymn 296)**

## **SECOND READING: *Titus 3:4-7***

*God saves us not because of what we do. Rather, God is a God of mercy and salvation who graciously cleanses us in baptism and renews our lives through the Holy Spirit.*

*Lector:* A reading from the Letter to Saint Titus:

*Lector:* <sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN: *Away in the Manger* (ELW Hymn 277)**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## **GOSPEL: *Luke 2:8-20***

*The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.*

*Presider:* The holy gospel according to Saint Luke:

*All:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Presider:* <sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in

the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

<sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Presider:* The gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (ELW Hymn 279)**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Assistant:* Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Assistant:* Loving God, you come among us in Christ Jesus. Grant to your whole church the humility to recognize our sinfulness, and direct us to work toward unity. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Lord of all the earth, all of creation rejoices in you. Endow us with wisdom to care for all that you have made as we give thanks for the beautiful intricacy of your creative work. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* O Lord, you love mercy and justice. Grant to the leaders of all nations good judgment that leads them to work for justice, peace, and equality for all. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Merciful God, you promise to be with us always. Make your comforting presence known to new parents, families, those who live alone, those who are sick, those who are hungry, and all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Merciful God, with the shepherds you call us to not be afraid. Free us from our fears so that we share the great joy of your love with everyone. Bless our ministries to the wider community. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Gracious God, you guard the lives of the faithful and you have revealed your love to us through the lives of your saints. Inspired by their witness, embolden us to share your love in word and deed. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Presider:* Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

*A brief silence.*

## **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 SOLO: *I Wonder As I Wander* (John Jacob Niles)  
Jenna Weitman, Soprano**

*The assembly stands.* *Bread, wine, money and other gifts may be brought forward.*

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the following prayer.*

*Assistant:* Let us pray.

Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

*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 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:* Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

*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. For today's liturgy Holy Communion will be distributed by intinction, the Eucharistic practice of partly dipping consecrated bread, or host, into the consecrated wine before consumption. Worshipers will approach a station in front of the altar from the center aisle in a continuous flow. The presiding minister will distribute the consecrated bread, or hosts and worshipers will proceed to assisting ministers who will hold chalices for intinction. The communed worshipers are then invited to return to their places via the side aisles. 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 forward 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."*

## COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL

*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.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Assistant:* Let us pray.

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

*All:* **Amen.**

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

## BENEDICTION

*Presider:* Grace from God's own heart, peace from the ✝ Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

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

## DISMISSAL

*Assistant:* Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: *Christmas Carols***

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***The Christmas holly arrangement is given by  
the Himsworth and McNally families.***

### **Serving at our 10am Christmas Day Service**

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

**Assisting Minister:** Carol Herbst

**Lector:** Al Rainson

**Usher:** Ken Benes & Erwin Schaub

**Altar guild:** Jeanine Levitan (setup)

### **UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Class meets most ***Sundays @ 10:15am*** from September through June. Classes will resume on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**KNITWITS/RUTH CIRCLE CRAFTS:** This group meets most ***Tuesdays at 10am***. Meetings will resume in January.

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

## **UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS (cont'd)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Poinsettia plants to beautify our 2019 Christmas altar**

| <i>From....</i>                  | <i>In Memory/In Honor of ...</i>                                                                                |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Daniel B. Becker, Jr.</b>     | <b>In memory of his parents, Greta &amp; Dan Becker</b>                                                         |
| <b>Anna Calace-Mottola</b>       | <b>In memory of Joseph Calace-Mottola</b>                                                                       |
| <b>Marita &amp; Fred Demenus</b> | <b>In memory of parents</b>                                                                                     |
| <b>Denise Johnson</b>            | <b>In memory of Ken Johnson &amp; Simone Ekstrom</b>                                                            |
| <b>Amy Kempton</b>               | <b>In honor of Judy Feuss and the choir</b>                                                                     |
| <b>Nina &amp; Kurt Kiess</b>     | <b>In memory of Joseph Calace-Mottola &amp; Ken Kiess</b>                                                       |
| <b>Minerva Lick</b>              | <b>In memory of my husband, Ralph Lick</b>                                                                      |
| <b>Sieglinde Lubbers</b>         | <b>In memory of Robert Lubbers</b>                                                                              |
| <b>Katie &amp; Bill Miller</b>   | <b>In memory of Sheila Gilliam, Mary Kavanagh, our parents, our sisters, Karin &amp; Ruth and grandson, Tim</b> |
| <b>Bruce Morin</b>               | <b>In memory of my beloved spouse of 42 years</b>                                                               |
| <b>Chris &amp; Ingrid Muller</b> | <b>In memory of Charles &amp; Kathleen Muller and Ella &amp; Erich Kaiser</b>                                   |
| <b>Edith &amp; Heinz Pape</b>    | <b>In memory of loved ones</b>                                                                                  |
| <b>Maryann &amp; Al Rainson</b>  | <b>In memory of Lillian Gregory</b>                                                                             |
| <b>Wilma &amp; Alex Rekow</b>    | <b>In memory of our parents</b>                                                                                 |
| <b>Norma Schweizer</b>           | <b>In memory of loved ones</b>                                                                                  |
| <b>Stephen von Czerniewicz</b>   | <b>In memory of the von Czerniewicz and Stenzel families</b>                                                    |

*\*Received in church office by December 17<sup>th</sup>.*

**December 2019 Living Memorials**

| <i>From...</i>                   | <i>In Memory/In Honor of...</i>                                           |
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| <b>Anna Calace-Mottola</b>       | <b>In memory of Joseph Calace-Mottola</b>                                 |
| <b>Marita &amp; Fred Demenus</b> | <b>In memory of loved ones</b>                                            |
| <b>Denise Johnson</b>            | <b>In memory of Ken Johnson and Russell Persson</b>                       |
| <b>Amy Kempton</b>               | <b>In memory of Sheila Gilliam</b>                                        |
| <b>Nina &amp; Kurt Kiess</b>     | <b>In memory of Joseph Calace-Mottola &amp; Ken Kiess</b>                 |
| <b>Klaus &amp; Nancy Kiess</b>   | <b>In memory of Kenneth Kiess</b>                                         |
| <b>Bruce Morin</b>               | <b>In memory of my beloved spouse of 42 years</b>                         |
| <b>Edith &amp; Heinz Pape</b>    | <b>In memory of loved ones</b>                                            |
| <b>Maryann &amp; Al Rainson</b>  | <b>In memory of Carl Raymond Johnson and In honor of Diane E. Rainson</b> |
| <b>Wilma &amp; Alex Rekow</b>    | <b>In memory of our parents</b>                                           |
| <b>Lore L. Sullivan</b>          | <b>In memory of William Sullivan &amp; Mike Giordano</b>                  |

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