

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



**First Sunday of Christmas
Blue Christmas Service of Healing
December 29, 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.

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***Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Holy Communion Setting Four***  
**The Reverend Marc Herbst, Presiding Minister**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Every year, there are some among us who, for one reason or another, simply cannot enter into the joy of the Christmas season. It could be many things: mourning someone who has died or who may die soon, coping with the aftermath of divorce, job loss, sickness — any of the different unfortunate and tragic circumstances the life sometimes serves up. Christmas parties and caroling are the last things some of us want.*

*The Blue Christmas Service (or sometimes called The Longest Night Service) is a way to acknowledge this reality, while still recognizing that part of the reason for Jesus' coming was to bring hope and comfort, to heal the sick, to seek the lost, to restore the broken and broken-hearted.*

**PRELUDE: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (Arr. Wilbur Held)**

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

*The assembly stands.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

*Presider:* We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Presider:* In this season of our longest nights, let us bring to God the pain in our hearts, as we confess our faults and failings.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Presider:* Merciful Father,

*All:* **we confess the way we feel now. Our hearts feel heavy within us; we are weighed down with the loss of loved ones, the loss of opportunities, the shifting of hopes and dreams. As many people celebrate Jesus' birth, it's hard for us to lift up our hearts. As many celebrate and sing with joy, we often find the days seem gray and our tongues cannot rejoice. Help us. Embrace us. Heal us. You, who know the grief of the world, meet each of us in our aching hearts. Hold us close until the days dawn a bit brighter and we find we can walk in delight once more.**

*Presider:* God knows the emptiness we sometimes feel. God knows the feelings of abandonment, anger, loneliness, and relief we sometimes feel, too. God knows us from the depths of our hearts, and God sits with each one of us as we learn to be whole people once more. So in the name of Jesus Christ ✝ be assured of God's love, compassion, and forgiveness.

*All:* **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW Hymn 257)**

## **GREETING**

*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.**

## OPENING DIALOGUE

*Presider:* The God of strength moves within us;

*All:* **the God of courage hears our distress.**

*Presider:* The God of hope reveals wholeness to us;

*All:* **the God of healing touches us when we are broken.**

*Presider:* When the pain overwhelms us, when the burden is too heavy,

*All:* **we turn to our God, who is sustaining and redeeming.**

*Presider:* When there is loneliness, when there is isolation,

*All:* **we turn to our God, who is loving and present.**

*Presider:* For God created us, redeemed us and sustains us,

*All:* **and we are not alone. Lead us in your ways, O God, and bring us your healing touch.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

God of mercy, hear our prayer for ourselves, and for our families and friends who live with the struggles of illness and the pain of loss. We ask for your strength for today, courage for tomorrow, and peace for the past. We ask these things in the name of Christ, who shares our life in joy and sorrow, in despair and promise, in death and new birth.

*All:* **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

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

**FIRST READING: *Matthew 11:28-29***

*Lector:* A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

*Lector:* <sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

**BRIEF COMMENT AND PRAYER**

**SECOND READING: *John 11:32-35***

*Lector:* A reading from the Gospel of John:

*Lector:* <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

**BRIEF COMMENT AND PRAYER**

### THIRD READING: *Luke 19:41-44*

*Lector:* A reading from the Gospel of Luke:

*Lector:* <sup>41</sup>As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup>saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup>They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

### BRIEF COMMENT AND PRAYER



## FOURTH READING: *Luke 14:15-23*

*Lector:* A reading from the Gospel of Luke:

*Lector:* <sup>15</sup>One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” <sup>16</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. <sup>17</sup>At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ <sup>18</sup>But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ <sup>19</sup>Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ <sup>20</sup>Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ <sup>21</sup>So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ <sup>22</sup>And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ <sup>23</sup>Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.’

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

## BRIEF COMMENT AND PRAYER



## FIFTH READING: *Luke 6:17-23*

*Lector:* A reading from the Gospel of Luke:

*Lector:* <sup>17</sup>He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

## BRIEF COMMENT AND PRAYER



## SIXTH READING: *Revelation 21:1-7*

*Lector:* A reading from the Revelation to Saint John:

*Lector:* <sup>1</sup>“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

## BRIEF COMMENT AND PRAYER

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Silent Night, Holy Night!* (ELW Hymn 281)**



## CREED

*Presider:* Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

*All:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*All:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*All:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## HEALING

*Presider:* Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who need healing.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Assistant:* Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

*A brief silence.*

*Assistant:* We pray for all who hurt in their bodies ... for all the aches and pains and weakness and discomfort and sleepless nights. To them, Lord draw near.

*All:* **Draw near and stay.**

*Assistant:* We pray for all who hurt in their hearts ... for the fear, for the sorrow, for the disappointment, for the disillusionment. To them, Lord draw near.

*All:* **Draw near and stay.**

*Assistant:* We pray for all who grieve ... who feel empty, who live with loneliness and discouragement and rejection. To them, Lord draw near.

*All:* **Draw near and stay.**

*Assistant:* We pray for all who experience violence ... for the bullied and the persecuted, for those betrayed and sold out, for those bruised and afraid to be bruised. To them, Lord draw near.

*All:* **Draw near and stay.**

*Assistant:* We pray for caregivers ... for brave people who try, who don't know what to say or what to do, but they show up. Bless them, for it has to hurt them to see our hurt. Strengthen the knees of those who pray and those who kneel to wash and kiss and hold. To them, Lord draw near.

*All:* **Draw near and stay.**

*Assistant:* We pray for those who are with us today ... we pray, knowing we are not alone, knowing there are others, beginning to realize this is more normal than what we thought was normal. To us, Lord draw near.

*All:* **Draw near and stay.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers.*

*Presider:* O God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Choir:* ♪ Amen. Amen. ♪

## **LIGHTING OF CANDLES, LAYING OF HANDS AND ANOINTING**

*Presider:* Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God. You are invited to come forward to light a candle for yourself or a loved one. If you choose, you may also come forward for laying of hands and anointing. Those who remain in their seats are invited to pray for those who have gone forward for healing.



The assembly is seated.

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing approach and, if able, they may kneel. The minister lays both hands on each person's head and anoints the person's forehead with oil, making the sign of the cross. The following or similar words may be spoken:

**Presider:** In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. You are anointed in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The laying on of hands and anointing is accompanied by singing a taizé hymn, a short song repeated again and again, to create a meditative character. Using just a few words they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God.

**TAIZÉ HYMN: Jesus, Remember Me (ELW Hymn 616)**

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 7/8 time signature. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first system, featuring a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The lyrics are repeated below the treble staff.

*Following the laying of hands and anointing the assembly stands, and the presiding minister continues.*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**



## 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: *In the Bleak Midwinter* (Holst/Rossetti)

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

### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS and OFFERING SONG:

#### *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* (ELW Hymn 184)

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Let the Vineyards be Fruitful'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

## 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.**

*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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:

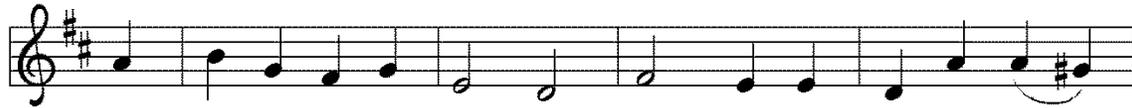
## SANCTUS: *Holy, Holy, Holy*



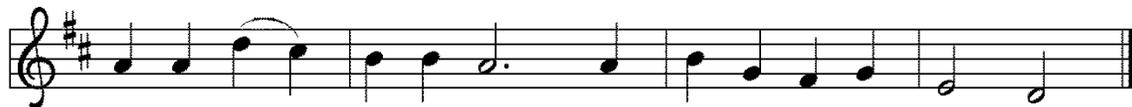
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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:* Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*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:* Do not let your hearts be troubled. God fills the hungry with good things. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

*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 SOLO:** *Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion*  
*from The Messiah (GF Handel)*  
Shannon Davenport, Soprano

**COMMUNION SONGS:** *What Child is This (ELW Hymn 296)*  
*Let All Together Praise Our God (ELW Hymn 287)*

## TABLE BLESSING

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.*

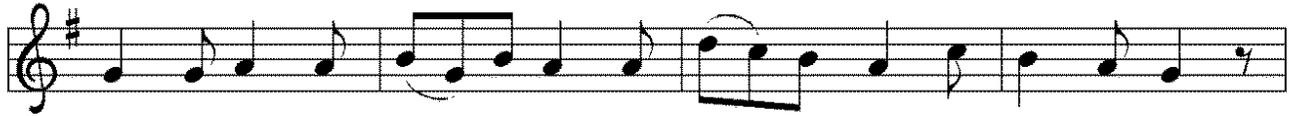
*Presider:* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*All:* **Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise***  
**(ELW Hymn 207)**



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Assistant:* Let us pray.

Merciful God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*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.*

## **CLOSING DIALOGUE**

*Presider:* For loving the world and knowing our names, we thank you, God.

*All:* **Thank you, God.**

*Presider:* For your strength that fills us and your love that heals us, we thank you, God.

*All:* **Thank you, God.**

*Presider:* For your presence here with us today and for your hand that leads us into tomorrow, we thank you, God.

*All:* **Thank you, God.**

*Presider:* Come bless us, hold us, wrestle with us, and warm us with your embrace.

*All:* **For we are your people, and in you, we find wholeness and joy.**

## **BENEDICTION**

*Presider:* And now may God bless you in every way, and grant you hope all the days of your life. May God restore you to health and grant you salvation. And may God fill your heart with peace and lead you to fullness of life. In the name of the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (ELW Hymn 288)**

## DISMISSAL

*Assistant:* Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

## POSTLUDE: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (Arr. David Cherwien)

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**Serving this Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Sabrina Bordonaro

**Assisting Minister:** Liana Bordonaro

**Lector:** Lynda Walsh & Jamie Stainkamp

**Ushers:** Al Rainson

**Altar guild:** Flo Buzzitta & Jeanine Levitan

**Recorder:** Karen Han

**Coffee Hour:** Open

**Serving next Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Caroline Azzara

**Assisting Minister:** Susan Anderson

**Lector:** Laurie Herbert

**Ushers:** Jim Meredith & Dan Nigro

**Altar guild:** Karin Artinian & Valerie Gavora

**Recorder:** Karen Han

**Coffee Hour:** Open

**CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)**

**Today, Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:45AM – Choir practice

10:00AM – Blue Christmas Service of Healing, Worship with Holy Communion,  
Childcare

**Tuesday and Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Happy New Year! Church office is closed.

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Practice takes place on *most Sundays at 8:45am.*

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

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

**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>.*

## 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:** Michael Aufiero (friend of Minerva Lick), 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), Virginia Marshall, Christian Miller, Pastor Diane E. Rainson (daughter of Maryann & Al Rainson) and Horton Schwartz (brother of Jeanine Levitan).

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING—12/29 through 1/4

**BIRTHDAYS:** Thomas Capilupi & Marita Demenus – 12/29, Lexie Feit, Anita Himsworth and Rocio Pozo – 12/31, George Morakis – 1/4

## FINANCIALS

### NOVEMBER YTD

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

**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available to pick up on the table opposite the Youth room.

**2020 ALTAR FLOWER CHART** is up on bulletin board to sign up for flowers. Cost is \$25.