

# ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***



**First Midweek in Lent  
March 13, 2019 • 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 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.

## **First Midweek in Lent • March 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Responsive Prayer (Suffrages)***

**The Reverend Marc Herbst, *Presiding Minister***

***The assembly stands.***

**GATHERING HYMN: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (ELW Hymn 504)**

*Presider:* Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

*All:*           **have mercy on 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.**

*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.

*Presider:* Show us your mercy, O God,  
*All:* and grant us your salvation.

*Presider:* Give us the joy of your saving help again,  
*All:* and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

*Presider:* Give peace in all the world;  
*All:* for only in you can we live in safety.

*Presider:* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*All:* your saving health among all nations.

*Presider:* Let not the needy be forgotten,  
*All:* **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Presider:* Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
*All:* **and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.**

*Presider:* Lord, hear my prayer,  
*All:* **and let my cry come before you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.  
*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.  
O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through 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.*

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

## **FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2**

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

*Lector:* A reading from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians:

*Lector:* <sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

*Presider:* Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

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

*Presider:* <sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’

<sup>11</sup>and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## REFLECTION

*The assembly stands.*

## FINAL PRAYER

*Presider:* Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

*All:* **Amen.**

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

## BLESSING

*Presider:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Presider:* Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

*All:* **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (ELW Hymn 618)**

## DISMISSAL

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

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

## **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 17<sup>th</sup>: Emergency Response**

*Neela Mukherjee Lockel, American Red Cross*

### **March 24<sup>th</sup>: Labor/Workforce**

*John Durso, Long Island Federation of Labor*

### **March 31<sup>st</sup>: Public Service**

*Honorable Thomas Suozzi, U.S. Congressman*

### **April 7<sup>th</sup>: 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 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 17<sup>th</sup>:** *Showing of “The Passion of Christ” (movie)*



Christ  
is  
Risen!  
Alleluia

# Easter Baskets

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:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cake Mix/Frosting/Brownie | Cookies/Candy                |
| Juice/Canned Fruits       | Tomato Sauce/Spaghetti Sauce |
| Sugar/Flour/Salt/Pepper   | Mashed Potatoes              |
| Mac and Cheese/Pasta      | Pudding/Jello                |
| Cereal (Hot and Cold)     | Napkins                      |
| Pancake Mix/Syrup/Jelly   | 1 Lb. Bag or Boxed Rice      |
| Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate  |                              |
| Parmalat 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 25<sup>TH</sup>  
AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE MONTH OF APRIL**

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