

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



**Third Midweek in Lent
March 27, 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.

## **Third Midweek in Lent • March 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

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

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

***The assembly stands.***

**GATHERING HYMN: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (ELW Hymn 324)**

*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.  
Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

*Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

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

*Lector:* <sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

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

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

*Presider:* <sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?<sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

*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 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.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** *John 12 1-8*

## **HOLY WEEK**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>:** **Palm Sunday - 9:45 (joint procession), 10 AM**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** **Seder Meal**

**April 18<sup>th</sup>:** **Maundy Thursday - 7 PM followed by 7:45pm showing of "The Passion of Christ" (movie)**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>:** **Good Friday - 12 Noon, 7 PM**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>:** **Easter Vigil - 7:39 PM**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** **Easter Day - 10 AM**



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**

Lutheran Social Services of New York  
New LIFE Center – Long Island

516-483-3240  
[www.lssny.org](http://www.lssny.org)

# **COSL** YOUTH

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## **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**Join us on Saturday, April 20th for our  
annual Easter Egg Hunt.  
Doors open at 10:30am, and we wrap up  
around 12 noon.**

**There will be games, snacks, lots of  
eggs, and a Special Guest Appearance.**

***Easter Egg Hunt***

