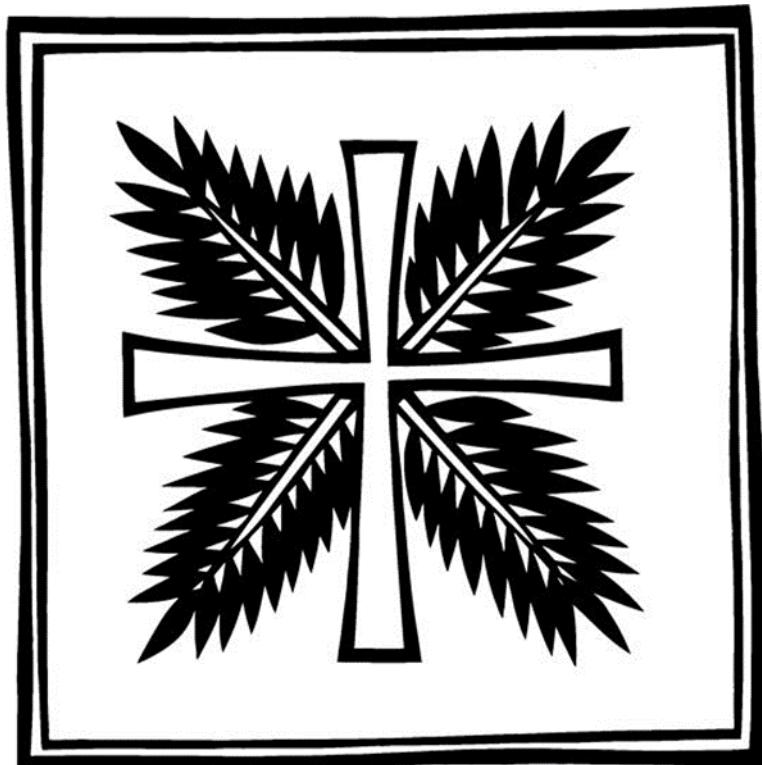


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



**Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019 • 10:00 AM**

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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.

# **Sunday of the Passion • April 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM**

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

**PRELUDE: *All Glory Laud and Honor* (R. Purvis)**

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

***The assembly stands and faces the entrance.***

***The presiding minister begins (repeated three times):***

*Presider:* Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

*All:* **Hosanna in the highest.**

## **BLESSING OF PALMS**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

## PROCESSION

Assistant: Let us go forth in peace,  
All:           **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The procession enters the church and the service continues with the gathering hymn.*

## GATHERING HYMN: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (ELW Hymn 344)

*The presiding minister concludes the procession.*

Presider: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
All:           **Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Presider: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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.

### **PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16**

*Assistant:* The Psalm for the day is spoken responsively.

*Assistant:* <sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

*All:* <sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;**  
**my strength fails me because of affliction,**  
**and my bones are consumed.**

*Assistant:* <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,  
a dismay to my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

*All:* <sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**  
**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

*Assistant:* <sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

*All:* <sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**  
**I have said, "You are my God.**

*Assistant:* <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

*All:* <sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant;**  
**save me in your steadfast love."**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.  
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.  
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.  
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

## GOSPEL: Luke 22:1—23:56

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

Presider: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

The assembly is seated.

*Narrator:* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke: Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray Jesus to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

*Jesus:* Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.

*Narrator:* They asked him,

*Peter:* Where do you want us to make preparations for it?

*Jesus:* Listen, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, “The teacher asks you, ‘Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover meal with my disciples?’” He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.

*Narrator:* So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

*Jesus:* I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

*Narrator:* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

*Jesus:* Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

*Narrator:* Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

*Jesus:* This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

*Narrator:* And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

*Jesus:* This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

*Narrator:* Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

*Jesus:* The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

*Narrator:* And Peter said to him,

Peter: Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

Narrator: They said,

All: **No, not a thing.**

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

Narrator: They said,

All: **Lord, look, here are two swords.**

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: It is enough.

Narrator: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

*Narrator:* Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

*Jesus:* Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

*Narrator:* Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

*Jesus:* Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

*Narrator:* While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

*Jesus:* Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

*Narrator:* When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

*All:* **Lord, should we strike with the sword?**

*Narrator:* Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

*Jesus:* No more of this!

*Narrator:* And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

*Jesus:* Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

*Narrator:* Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

*Servant:* This man also was with him.

*Narrator:* But he denied it, saying,

*Peter:* Woman, I do not know him.

*Narrator:* A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

*Witness:* You also are one of them.

*Narrator:* But Peter said,

*Peter:* Man, I am not!

*Narrator:* Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

*Witness:* Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

*Narrator:* But Peter said,

*Peter:* Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

**Narrator:** At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

**All:** **Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?**

**Narrator:** They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

**All:** **If you are the Messiah, tell us.**

**Narrator:** He replied,

**Jesus:** If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

**Narrator:** All of them asked,

**All:** **Are you, then, the Son of God?**

**Narrator:** He said to them,

**Jesus:** You say that I am.

**Narrator:** Then they said,

**All:** **What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!**

*Narrator:* Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

*All:* **We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.**

*Narrator:* Then Pilate asked him,

*Pilate:* Are you the king of the Jews?

*Narrator:* He answered,

*Jesus:* You say so.

*Narrator:* Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

*Pilate:* I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

*Narrator:* But they were insistent and said,

*All:* **He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**



*Narrator:* When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

*Pilate:* You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

*Narrator:* Then they all shouted out together,

*All:* **Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

*Narrator:* (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

*All:* **Crucify, crucify him!**

*Narrator:* A third time he said to them,

*Pilate:* Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

*Narrator:* But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

*Jesus:* Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

*Narrator:* Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

*Jesus:* Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

*Narrator:* And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

*All:* **He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!**

*Narrator:* The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

*Witness:* If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

*Narrator:* There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

*First*

*Criminal:* Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

*Narrator:* But the other rebuked him, saying,

*Second*

*Criminal:* Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

*Narrator:* Then he said,

*Second*

*Criminal:* Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*Narrator:* Jesus replied,

*Jesus:* Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last.

*The assembly stands.*

(Silence)

Narrator: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

*Presider:* The gospel of the Lord.  
*All:* Praise to you, O Christ.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (ELW Hymn 351)**

### **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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Assistant:* Trusting in Christ's passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

*Assistant:* God, most holy and humble, plant in your church Christ's spirit of humility. Remove any barriers preventing us from seeing his saving work on the cross. Hear us, O God.

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

*Assistant:* Rescue those who suffer torture, and free those held captive by others. Bring to light the hidden systems that perpetuate injustice among your people. Hear us, O God.

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

*Assistant:* Pour courage and hope into people who feel like they are wasting away in distress and grief, especially Otto, Hilda, Helen, Joseph, Jeanne, Irma, Christa, Mary, Belle, Jean, Angele, Joyce, Craig, Raymond, Florence, Donna, Carolanne, Minerva, Christian, Elizabeth, Charlie, John, and Pastor Charley. Restore their trust in you, even as you meet their every need. Hear us, O God.

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

*Assistant:* Open our hearts and minds to receive the words that you speak. Give us words to encourage the weary and to sustain one another in word and deed. Hear us, O God.

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

*Assistant:* You reveal your will in the splendor of what you have made. Show us your care for everything, both great and small. Be present in the joy of celebration, especially with those commemorating birthdays, including Janice, Jon and Richard and wedding anniversaries, including Joyce & William, Joanne & Ed and Sandra & Ernie. Hear us, O God.

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

*Assistant:* Gather your saints into the new covenant that Christ has established for all creation. When we fall into sin, continually renew us until Christ dwells with us again in fullness. Hear us, O God.

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

*Presider:* Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Jesus 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: *Hosanna Processional* (J. Martin)**

**Karin and Bobby Stainkamp, Handbells**

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

#### **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS and OFFERING SONG:**

***Create in Me a Clean Heart* (ELW Hymn 188)**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

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

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, 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: 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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**COMMUNION SOLO: *The Palms* (Faure)**  
Brian Sternemann, Tenor

**COMMUNION SONGS: *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* (ELW Hymn 337)  
*Were You There* (ELW Hymn 353)**

*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.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

### *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* (ELW Hymn 885)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## 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.

*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.*

### **BLESSING OF PARAMENTS**

*Presider:* Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart these paraments to the glory of God in loving memory of Irma Frey and Dan Nigro, Sr.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children; and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy. Send your blessing on these paraments, which we set apart today; may they adorn this house, show us the beauty of holiness, and so proclaim the glory of your majesty. To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

*All:* Amen.

*The assembly stands.*

### **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: *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (ELW Hymn 347) Verses 1-3**

### **DISMISSAL**

*Assistant:* Go in peace. Remember the poor.

*All:*       **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (Arr., MacGorman) Handbell Choir**

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### **GOSPEL LECTORS:**

Narrator: Bobby Stainkamp  
Jesus: Pastor Marc Herbst  
Peter: Sebastian Newhall  
Servant: Catherine Weigand  
Witness: Sabrina Bordonaro  
Pilate: Christian Azzara  
1<sup>st</sup> Criminal: Catherine Weigand  
2<sup>nd</sup> Criminal: Zoe Meredith  
Centurion: Sebastian Newhall



***The Altar flower arrangement is from Vonnie and Carter Haff  
in memory of parents, Alvah & Stella Haff.***

**Serving this Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Acolyte/Crucifer:**

**Assisting Minister:** Liana Bordonaro

**Lectors:** Confirmation class

**Ushers:** Harold Feldhusen & Erwin Schaub

**Altar guild:** Carol Furciato & Lynn Nigro

**Recorder:** Katie Miller

**Coffee Hour:** Norma Carrasco & Kathy McNally

**Serving Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Sara Keenan

**Assisting Minister:** Jeanine Levitan

**Lector:** Janice Grasso

**Ushers:** Jim Meredith, Dan Nigro and Alex Rekow

**Altar guild:** Louise Benes & Lynn Nigro

**Recorder:** Karen Han

**Coffee Hour:** Open

## **THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)**

### **Today, Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:45AM—Joint procession following by 10am Worship with Holy Communion, Sunday school, Childcare  
11:30AM – Coffee Hour  
11:45AM – Education Committee meeting

### **Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

10:00AM – Ruth Circle crafts/Knitwits

### **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00PM – Seder

### **Thursday, April 18th (Maundy Thursday)**

7:00PM – Maundy Thursday service followed by a showing of the movie, “The Passion of Christ”

### **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)**

Noon & 7:00PM – Good Friday services  
Church office is closed.

### **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

10:30AM – Youth Easter egg hunt  
7:39PM – Easter Vigil

### **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> (Easter Sunday)**

10am-- Easter service with Holy Communion

## **UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Class meets most ***Sundays @ 10:15am*** from September through June.

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

**STAMMTISCH MEETINGS:** This group's next meeting will take place on ***Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 1pm.***

**COUNCIL MEETING:** The Council will hold its April meeting on ***Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm. Please note date change from April 23<sup>rd</sup>.***

**FLEA MARKET:** This annual event will take place on ***Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>***. Details to follow.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSESS:** Confirmation classes will meet in ***May on the following Wednesdays @ 6:15pm: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.***

**RUTH CIRCLE SPRING LUNCHEON:** This event will take place on ***May 8<sup>th</sup> at noon.*** See flyer on bulletin board for further details.

**WINE ABOUT RELIGION:** Our next session will take place on ***Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.***

## **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, Hilda Bormann, Helen Carstens (mother of Jeff Carstens), Joseph Cobb (father of Carol Herbst), Jeanne Geib, Irma Grunewald, Christa Horn, Mary Kavanagh, Belle Lewis, Jean Millington (mother of Debbie Capilupi), Angele Moomjy and Joyce Morin.

**HOSPITALIZATION/ILLNESS/MEDICAL CARE:** Craig Anderson (father of Keri Anderson Reda), Raymond Bordonaro (father in law of Kristine Bordonaro), Florence Buzzitta, Donna Houman (friend of Elise Cueto), Carolanne Lemkau (friend of Dan Hanley), Minerva Lick, Christian Miller (son of Katie Miller), Elizabeth Nagy, Charlie Pupelis, John Stallard (friend of Denise Johnson) and Pastor Charles Vogeley

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING—4/14-4/20**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Janice Grasso –4/14, Jon Pelzer – 4/15, Richard Freund – 4/20

**ANNIVERSARIES** – Joyce & William Viklund – 4/14, Joanne & Ed Pedersen – 4/18, Sandra & Ernie Aiello – 4/19

## **FINANCIALS**

### **MARCH YTD**

Income: \$82,112

Expenses: \$85,733

Deficit: \$(3,621)

# COSL YOUTH

Church of Our Saviour Lutheran

## 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*



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Vacation Bible School is Back!

Save the Date!  
August 19th - 23rd 2019

