

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Service of the Word
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020 • 10:00 AM

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**Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran**

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*The Reverend Marc Herbst, Pastor*  
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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 childcare, 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 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.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • July 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM**

*Liturgical Color, Revised Common Lectionary – Green*

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Service of the Word*

**The Reverend Marc Herbst, Presiding Minister**

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

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

*Presider:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.

*Presider:* Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Assistant:* Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

*Presider:* Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



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

### **LESSON: *Genesis 29:15-28***

*Laban deceives Jacob by giving his older daughter, Leah, to Jacob in marriage instead of the promised younger daughter, Rachel. Because of his love for Rachel, Jacob agrees to work for Laban for an additional seven years so that he may also be married to her.*

*Lector:* A reading from the Book of Genesis:

*Lector:* <sup>15</sup>Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?”  
<sup>16</sup>Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup>Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. <sup>18</sup>Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” <sup>19</sup>Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” <sup>20</sup>So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

<sup>21</sup>Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” <sup>22</sup>So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. <sup>23</sup>But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.

<sup>24</sup>(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)

<sup>25</sup>When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” <sup>26</sup>Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup>Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” <sup>28</sup>Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

*Lector:* This is the word of the Lord.

## **SERMON**

**SOLO OF THE DAY: *Here I Am, Lord* (Schutte)**

*Max Vitagliano, Tenor*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Assistant:* Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Assistant:* Merciful God, your reign is revealed to us in common things: a mustard shrub, a woman baking bread, a fishing net. Help your church witness to the surprising yet common ways you encounter us in daily life. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Assistant:* When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. Increase our understanding and awe of your creation; guide the work of scientists and researchers. Treasuring the earth, may we live as grateful and healing caretakers of our home. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Assistant:* As the birds of the air nest in branches of trees, gather the nations of the world into the welcoming shade of your merciful reign. Direct leaders of nations to build trust with each other and walk in the way of peace. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Assistant:* Your Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for the saints according to your will. Help us when we do not know how to pray. Give comfort to the dying, refuge to the weary, justice to those who are oppressed, and healing to the sick, especially Craig, Hilda, Jeanne, Irma, Christa, Belle, Jean, Angele, Joyce, Donald, Bill, Charles, Bud, Terri, Linda, and those whom we name in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Assistant:* You show steadfast love and direct us to ask of you what we need. Help this congregation ask boldly for what is most needed. Refresh us with new dreams of being your people in this place and time. Inspire us to rejoice the blessings you provide, especially as we celebrate the birthdays of Kathy, Sabrina, Lina and Billy, and the wedding anniversary of Carol & Marc.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Assistant:* In you our lives are never lost. Strengthen us by the inspiring witness of your people in all times and places. Embolden our witness now and one day gather us with all your saints in light, especially Martha, Minerva and Jack.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Presider:* In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

## **BENEDICTION**

*Presider:* The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

*Assistant:* Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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## **SERVING THIS SUNDAY, JULY 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Assisting Minister:** Jeanine Levitan

**Worship Attendants:** Antonio Centeno, Valerie Gavora, Laurie Herbert, Lisa Keenan, Tim Keenan, Gil McNally, Kathy McNally, Rosa Morakis, John Merseburg, Lynn Nigro and Bobby Stainkamp

### **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:** Craig Anderson (father of Keri Anderson Reda), Hilda Bormann, Jeanne Geib, Irma Grunewald, Christa Horn, Belle Lewis, Jean Millington (mother of Debbie Capilupi), Angele Moomjy and Joyce Morin

**HOSPITALIZATION/ILLNESS/MEDICAL CARE:** Donald Henriksen (brother of Karin Artinian), Bill Herbst (cousin of Pastor Marc Herbst), Charles Lecesse (father-in-law of Bobby Stainkamp), Bud McHale (friend of Kathy McNally), Terri McNally (sister-in-law of Kathy McNally), Linda Ziccardi (friend of Kathy McNally)

**GRIEF:** Family and friends of Martha Deall (sister of Joanne Saltini), Minerva Lick (mother of Carol Furciato and grandmother of Allison Azzara), and Jack Weisman (friend of Rev. Thomas Hammond)



## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING — 7/26 through 8/1**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Kathy McNally – 7/27, Sabrina Bordonaro - 7/30, Lina Loftus – 7/31, Billy Stathis – 8/1

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Carol & Marc Herbst – 7/29

## **JUNE YTD FINANCIALS**

Income: \$148,749

Expenses: \$159,993

Deficit: \$11,224

## **JULY OUTDOOR WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – 37 cars, 50 people

Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – 34 cars, 53 people

Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – 32 cars, 48 people

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** As you know, the present conditions call for modification in our normal worship practices. This calls for different types of ministry roles, particularly the worship attendants who are helping guide the outdoor worship services. If you are interested in serving in a role, please contact Pastor Marc Herbst or Jeanine Levitan, chair of the Worship & Music Committee.

**ONLINE GIVING:** We have reinstated electronic giving for either one-time or sustained offerings. Please visit our website at [www.manhassetlutheran.org](http://www.manhassetlutheran.org) and click the “giving” tab on the right end of the top bar for further instructions. It’s easy and convenient!

**DATE OF CONFIRMATION:** The restriction of public worship compelled us to postpone the Affirmation of Baptism rite for our confirmation class students. This has been rescheduled for **Christ the King Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**TASK FORCE REPORTING DEADLINE EXTENDED:** The task forces appointed at the Annual Meeting in January have had the reporting deadline extended until **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. The congregation council will accept reports from the Communications, Financial Controls and Governance Task Forces on or before those dates. Special thanks to the volunteers who have dedicated their time to these efforts.

**FOOD PLEDGE STILL ON:** The pandemic has made the need to feed the hungry even greater. Please consider bringing non-perishable goods to worship throughout the summer. These donations will be collected and delivered to the Lutheran Social Services of New York's NEW LIFE Center food pantry in Uniondale.

**SCHOOLS OPENING:** Whether classrooms open or remain virtual in September, all students will need supplies. Please support our annual school supply drive for needy children. You may donate the following items:

- Backpacks
- Lunch Boxes
- 3-Ring Binders
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Composition Notebooks
- Spiral Notebooks
- Folders
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Markers/Dry Erasers
- Pens
- Pencils/Pencil Sharpeners
- Pencil Boxes
- Erasers
- Glue/Glue Sticks
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Index Cards

**FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK:** Please "like" us on Facebook! We encourage you to follow us and receive the most recent information about the ministry at our congregation. The many posts will keep you up to date. If you happen to miss worship you will be able to sustain your faithfulness through our posted hymns, sermons, and other messages. [www.facebook.com/manhassetlutheran](http://www.facebook.com/manhassetlutheran)



## **REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020**

### Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

1 Kings 3:5-12 • Psalm 119:129-136 • Romans 8:26-39 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
(Semi-continuous Series) Genesis 29:15-28 • Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

### Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

1 Kings 3:16-28 • James 3:13-18 • Psalm 119:121-128

### Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

1 Kings 4:29-34 • Ephesians 6:10-18 • Psalm 119:121-128

### Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33 • Mark 4:30-34 • Psalm 119:121-128

### Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

Proverbs 10:1-5 • Philippians 4:10-15 • Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

### Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

Isaiah 51:7-23 • Romans 9:6-13 • Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

### Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

Isaiah 44:1-5 • Matthew 7:7-11 • Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

### Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Isaiah 55:1-5 • Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 • Romans 9:1-5 • Matthew 14:13-21  
(Semi-continuous Series) Genesis 32:22-31 • Psalm 17:1-7, 15

## **WORSHIP LESSON FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>**

We continue our summer focus on the semi-continuous series highlighting lessons in the Books of Genesis and Exodus. For the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost the lesson is Jacob wrestling at Peniel (Genesis 32:22-31).

For the personal health, safety and well-being of you and others gathering, the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran is adhering to New York State Department of Health's "Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Religious and Funeral Services and Operations of Faith-Based Institutions." Below are some highlights:

**SCREENING AND TESTING**: In order to participate in today's worship, you must be able to answer "no" to the following questions:

- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Do you have any of the following symptoms?
  - Fever above 100.4F
  - Persistent dry cough
  - Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
  - Chills or repeated shaking with chills
  - New loss of taste or sense of smell
  - Flu-like muscle pain, sore throat, and headaches
- In the last 14 days, have you been in close or proximate contact with any individuals suffering from COVID-like symptoms?

**TRACING AND TRACKING**: As you enter, your attendance will be noted so that you may be alerted should it become known you have come into close or proximate contact with a person with COVID-19.

**PHYSICAL DISTANCING, PROTECTIVE GEAR, PROPER HYGENE**: All gathered in the assembly are required to observe six-foot social-distancing etiquette, and wear face coverings always. Washing of hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer must be observed. There should be no physical contact with others.

**GATHERING SPACES**: For drive-in worship, you are encouraged to remain in your vehicles, and if possible, all vehicles should park in alternate spaces. Should we wish to sit in a lawn area, you are permitted to bring your own person chairs, but above guidelines must be observed. For indoor worship, 25% capacity is permitted (60 people), and you will be asked to sit in alternate pews, where bulletins will be placed. Families may sit together.