

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Service of the Word
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020 • 10:00 AM
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**Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran**

*The Reverend Paul Egensteiner, Bishop*  
*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.

# **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • September 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM**

*Liturgical Color, Revised Common Lectionary – Green*

**The Reverend John Jurik, 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, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. Amen.

*Presider:* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Assistant:* Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Presider:* God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✙ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. Amen.

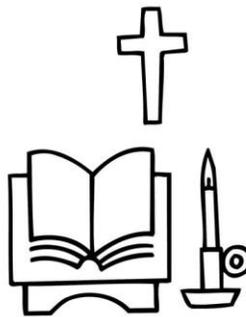


## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



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

### **LESSON:** *Exodus 14:10-31*

*Having decided to let the Israelites go from Egypt, Pharaoh had second thoughts and sent his army after them (14:5-8). Though the passage through the Red Sea became a sign of salvation for the people of Israel, Pharaoh's forces drowned in the waters. As a result the Israelites believed in the Lord and in the Lord's servant Moses.*

*Assistant:* A reading from the Book of Exodus:

*Assistant:* <sup>10</sup>As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” <sup>13</sup>But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

<sup>15</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. <sup>16</sup>But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

<sup>19</sup>The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup>It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup>At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. <sup>25</sup>He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

<sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

## **SERMON**

**SOLO OF THE DAY: *Back to God (Davidson and Houser)***

Jamie Stainkamp, Soprano

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Assistant:* Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Assistant:* You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Assistant:* The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Assistant:* Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Assistant:* Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Care for all who are ill and suffering, especially Craig, Hilda, Gisela, Jeanne, Irma, Christa, Belle, Jean, Angele, Joyce, John, Tom, Lisa, Virginia, Bud, Richard, Linda, and those whom we name in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Assistant:* Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Help us to focus on the joyous celebrations of life, especially the birthdays of Erwin, Chris, Flo, and Liana, and the wedding anniversaries of Laurie & Ray, and Heidi & Andy. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Assistant:* Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you, and those who have died in faith, especially Bill, John, Emma Jean and Curt. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Presider:* All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through 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, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**Assisting Minister:** Jeanine Levitan

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

## **WELCOME BACK, PASTOR JURIK!**

We are blessed to have our beloved past interim pastor, Rev. John Jurik, return today to preside at our liturgy. He is graciously substituting for Pastor Marc Herbst, who is currently unable to join us for worship. After travelling to North Carolina to officiate the funeral of his cousin Bill Herbst, he is abiding by the state's mandated quarantine requirements following out-of-state-travel. Please know he tested negative for COVID-19 and is 100% healthy, but the quarantine is in place for community safety precautions.

## **OUTDOOR WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – 32 cars, 47 people, 1 canine!

Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – 38 cars, 58 people, 1 canine!

Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 43 cars, 59 people, 1 canine!

### **JULY YTD FINANCIALS**

Income: \$168,998

Expenses: \$185,118

Deficit: \$16,120

## 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, Gisela Feige, Jeanne Geib, Irma Grunewald, Christa Horn, Belle Lewis, Jean Millington (mother of Debbie Capilupi), Angele Moomjy and Joyce Morin

**HOSPITALIZATION/ILLNESS/MEDICAL CARE:** John Davis (friend of Jim Meredith), Rev. Tom Hammond, Lisa Keenan, Virginia Marshall, Bud McHale (friend of Kathy McNally), Richard Peterson, and Linda Ziccardi (friend of Kathy McNally)

**GRIEF:** Family and friends of Bill Herbst (cousin of Pastor Marc Herbst), John Kantlis (friend of Meredith Family), Emma Jean Harless (friend of Meredith Family), and Curt Meyhoefer (cousin of Jeanine Levitan)

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING — 9/13 through 9/19

**BIRTHDAYS:** Erwin Schaub – 9/13, Chris Muller – 9/15, Flo Buzzitta – 9/16, and Liana Bordonaro – 9/19

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Laurie & Ray Herbert – 9/14, and Heidi & Andy Loftus - 9/19

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT ON SATURDAY:** Join us this Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM for an outdoor viewing of “The Greatest Showman.” Please know that there is no admission charge and you are encouraged to bring along family and friends.

**OUTDOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS NEXT SUNDAY:** The new Sunday School program will begin next Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Students will be invited to gather on the lawn area outside the Youth Room (weather permitting) following the opening of worship.

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPT. 16<sup>TH</sup>:** The Western Nassau Conference of the Metropolitan New York Synod will resume its weekly Zoom Bible study sessions on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. These sessions, held for one hour every Wednesday beginning at 11:00 AM, are led by Pastor John Jurik. Each week the upcoming Sunday lectionary readings are discussed. Since each week is different, everyone should be comfortable joining any week they are available. All are welcome! For September and October, please access using the following log in information:

<https://zoom.us/j/91679186704?pwd=KzJaUENyQ0ZTUE1vaki3Qk4rTFIpbQT09>

The password is: 367714

**NEW LIFE NEEDS YOU:** Please continue bringing your gifts of non-perishable foods and bottled water each week to worship. Your generosity is helping keep the shelves stock at the Lutheran Social Services of New York's NEW LIFE Center food pantry in Uniondale. Thank you for your kind support for those in need.

**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)

**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!

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 you wish to sit in a lawn area, you are permitted to bring your own personal 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.