

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2020 • 10:00 AM

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**Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran**

*The Reverend Paul Egensteiner, Bishop*  
*The Reverend Marc Herbst, Pastor*  
*Judith Feuss, Music Director/Organist*



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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.

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Liturgical Color, Revised Common Lectionary – Green

The Reverend Marc Herbst, Presiding Minister

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**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, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. Amen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Assistant:* Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

*Presider:* Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

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

### **LESSON: *Matthew 25:1-13***

*Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

*Assistant:* The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew:

*Assistant:* [Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*Presider:* This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

## **SERMON**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Assistant:* Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Assistant:* Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer, especially Judy. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Heal those who suffer with illness and pain, especially, Craig, Hilda, Gisela, Jeanne, Eric, Irma, Christa, Belle, Virginia, Jean, Angele, Joyce, Tom, Denise, Eileen, Bud, Lauren, John Patrick, Linda, and those whom we silently name in our hearts. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* Holy Provider, fill us with joy and we remember your gift of grace, especially as we celebrate the birthdays of Conner, Dennis, Wilma, Eric, Nancy, Michele, Emma, and Cathryn, and the wedding anniversary of Kristine & Anthony. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Assistant:* Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died, especially John and Bolivar. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Presider:* Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. Amen.

**SOLO OF THE DAY: *Be Thou Vision* (Irish Traditional)**

Shannon Davenport, Soprano

**MEAL - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*Assistant:* Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## 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:* Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
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.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Assistant:* Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we set forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## 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:* Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*During the dismissal, the presiding minister will distribute individual hermetically sealed pre-filled bread & wine communion sets that were consecrated during worship. Offerings may be gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

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## **SERVING THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**Assisting Minister:** Jeanine Levitan

**Worship Attendants:** Antonio Centeno, Valerie Gavora, Lisa Keenan, Gil McNally, Kathy McNally, John Merseburg, Dan Nigro, 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, Gisela Feige, Jeanne Geib, Eric Gordy (son of Anna Gordy), Irma Grunewald, Christa Horn, Belle Lewis, Virginia Marshall, Jean Millington (mother of Debbie Capilupi), Angele Moomjy and Joyce Morin

**HOSPITALIZATION/ILLNESS/MEDICAL CARE:** Rev. Tom Hammond, Denise Johnson, Eileen Kaland (friend of Patricia Anderson), Bud McHale (friend of Kathy McNally), Lauren Osnato (friend of Amy Kempton), John Patrick Walsh (friend of Elisa Cueto) and Linda Ziccardi (friend of Kathy McNally)

**GRIEF:** Family and friends of John Madri (friend of Flora Meredith) and Bolivar Tutiven (friend of Jim Meredith)

### **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING — 11/8 through 11/14**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Connor Feit, Dennis Reiner, Wilma Rekow – 11/8, Eric Zimm – 11/9, Nancy Kiess – 11/10, Michele Ranieri, Emma Taukus – 11/13, Cathryn Wiegand – 11/14

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Kristine & Anthony Bordonaro – 11/9

## SEPTEMBER YTD FINANCIALS

Income: \$210,885

Expenses: \$233,267

Deficit: \$22,382

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### **Today, Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM – Worship, Sunday School, Childcare

11:00 AM – Congregation Council

#### **Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM—Knitwits/Crafts

10:30 AM – Island Winds

11:30 AM – Synod Strategic Planning/Bishop Egensteiner

1:00 PM – Stammtisch

#### **Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – VETERANS DAY (Official Holiday)**

11:00 AM – Virtual Bible Study

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 75 in person (plus 3 canines!), 81 virtual

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – 68 in person (plus 1 canine!), 83 virtual

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – 88 in person (plus 1 canine!), 93 virtual

### TWO SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES BEGINNING NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>:

With COVID-19 pandemic assembly restrictions placed upon Houses of Worship, we are compelled to find alternatives to minimize large gatherings. Our congregation has decided to offer two Sunday worship services to ensure we can continue to proclaim the Gospel for the faithful. Beginning **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will hold half-hour worship services at **9:15 AM** and **10:30 AM**. The later service will be held outdoors, weather permitting, with FM transmission (100.1 FM) for access in parked automobiles. Please note, however, the first **9:15 AM** service, on November 22<sup>nd</sup> will be reserved for Confirmation families and friends.

**FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE:** We are getting close! Please help us reach our goal of donating 2020 pounds of food in 2020 for Lutheran Social Services of New York's New LIFE Center in Uniondale!

**WEEKLY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY HELD ON WEDNESDAYS:** Be part of the Western Nassau Conference of the Metropolitan New York Synod's weekly virtual Zoom Bible study sessions on each Wednesday beginning at **11:00 AM**. All are welcome! Please access using the following log in information:

<https://zoom.us/j/91679186704?pwd=KzJaUENyQ0ZTUE1vakl3Qk4rTFIpQT09>

The password is: 367714

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP:** Please join us on **Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** at **4:00 PM** as we gather in the garden (please enter through the parlor) to worship God and give thanks for the harvest and bountiful gifts of life.

## **REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Amos 5:18-24 • Psalm 70 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 • Matthew 25:1-13  
(Semi-continuous Series) Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 • Psalm 78:1-7

Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Amos 8:7-14 • 1 Corinthians 14:20-25 • Psalm 63

Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Joel 1:1-14 • 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13 • Psalm 63

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Joel 3:9-21 • Matthew 24:29-35 • Psalm 63

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

Ezekiel 6:1-14 • Revelation 16:1-7 • Psalm 90:1-12

Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

Ezekiel 7:1-9 • Revelation 16:8-21 • Psalm 90:1-12

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

Ezekiel 7:10-27 • Matthew 12:43-45 • Psalm 90:1-12

Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 • Psalm 90:1-12 • 1 Thess. 5:1-11 • Matthew 25:14-30

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.