

# ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***



**Eve of Thanksgiving  
November 27, 2019 • 4:00 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**, 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.

## **Thanksgiving Eve • November 27, 2019 at 10:00 AM**

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Holy Communion Setting Three***

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

### **PRELUDE**

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

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*The assembly stands and faces the baptismal font. 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, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Presider:* Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

*Presider:* We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

*Presider:* Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

*Presider:* We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

*Presider:* To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

*The service continues with gathering hymn.*

## **GATHERING HYMN: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (ELW Hymn 733)**

### **LITANY OF GREETING**

*Presider:* Our God has called us together at this distinct time in history. We gather together to give thanks, remember, and reconsider our call as God's people.

*All:* **We give thanks for all that has sustained us through this year—a year of want and abundance, fear and comfort, grief and hope.**

*Presider:* We remember the forming of this nation—our mixed history of oppression and freedom, violence and peace, division and unity in our diversity.

*All:* **We reconsider our call as God's people in the midst of this nation—a call to justice, compassion, and shalom.**

*Presider:* Let all the gathered take this time to give thanks to God and take in the blessings of our Maker.

*All:* **We gather with gratitude and celebrate community and the empowering presence of our God.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*



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

**LESSON:** *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

*The annual harvest festival called the feast of Weeks provides the setting for today's reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land, offered back to God in thanks. As they bring their offerings, worshipers remember and proclaim God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

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

*Lector:* <sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (ELW Hymn 693)**

## 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:* Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Assistant:* Lord our God, we celebrate the bounty you share with us. Place in your church a heart of thanksgiving. Help us share the bread that is Jesus Christ, so that no one will ever hunger for anything. Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* Your creation is filled with life. You provide fields and orchards, streams and lakes, animals and plants in endless variety. Fill us with wonder and awe at your handiwork as we seek to live humbly among all creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* Be close to people for whom this is not a day of celebration, but a day of mourning. Make us mindful of all people and nations, with ears to hear and hearts to listen. Make our daily thanksgivings a path to reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* God of peace, be with those who are suffering illness or hardship of any sort. Relieve their worried hearts by your nearness. Grant them the peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* Watch over our community and guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Be the safety of those who travel, and grant joyous times with friends and loved ones. Bring reconciliation to families in discord. Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* Lord, you are near to those who have died in you. Relieve our worries and give us the joy of your saints, who, in unending truth, purity, and excellence, praise you always. Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Presider:* Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 assembly stands. Bread, wine, money and other gifts may be brought forward.*

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS and OFFERING SONG:**

***Let the Vineyards be Fruitful (ELW Hymn 184)***



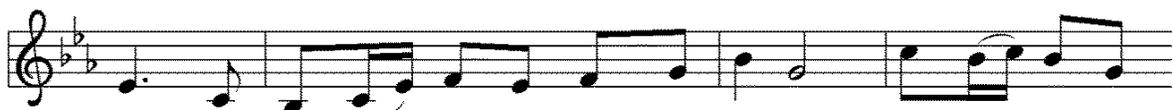
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

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

*Assistant:* Let us pray. God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.

*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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## 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:

*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:* Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

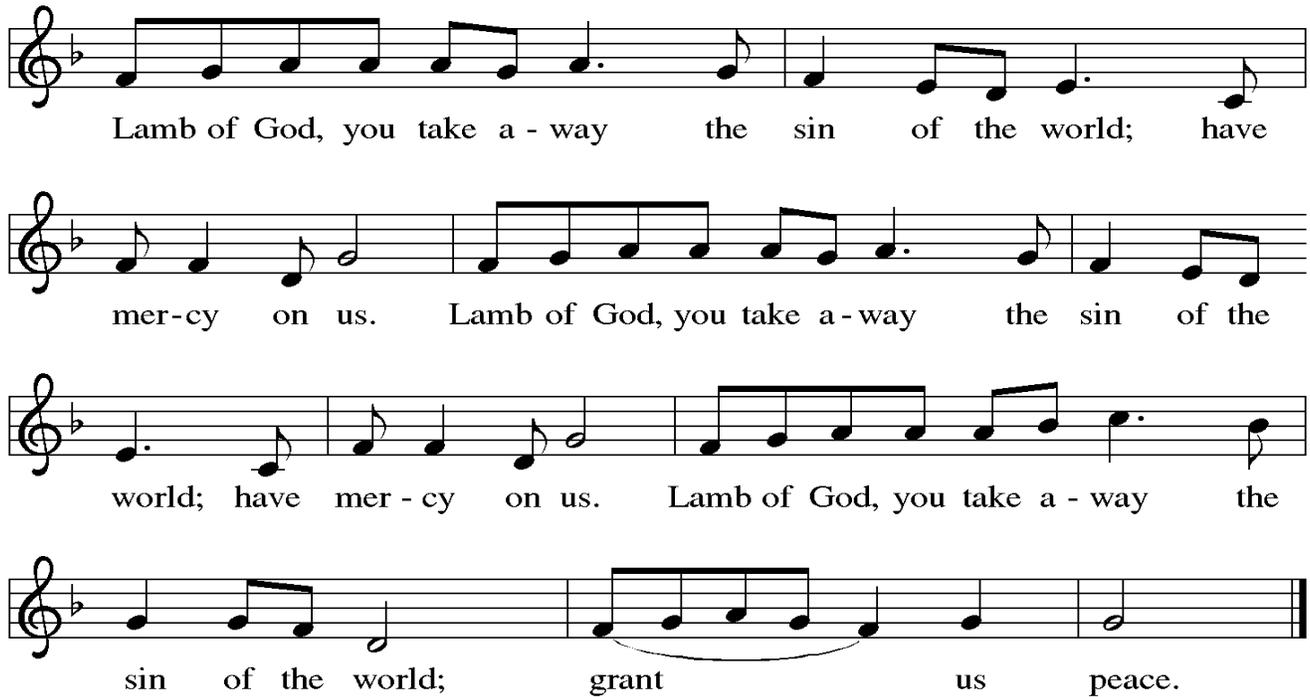
*The assembly is seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*



## 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. For today's liturgy Holy Communion will be distributed by intinction, the Eucharistic practice of partly dipping consecrated bread, or host, into the consecrated wine before consumption. Worshipers will approach a station in front of the altar from the center aisle in a continuous flow. The presiding minister will distribute the consecrated bread, or hosts and worshipers will proceed to assisting ministers who will hold chalices for intinction. The communed worshipers are then invited to return to their places via the side aisles. 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 forward 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."*

## 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; grant us peace.

*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.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Assistant:* Let us pray. We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*All:* **Amen.**

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

## **BENEDICTION**

*Presider:* Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ✝ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*All:* **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* (ELW Hymn 543)**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Assistant:* Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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