

GOD SAID TO MOSES,  
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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**OCTOBER 1, 2023 10:00 AM**

***(IN-PERSON & ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICE)***

**Lutheran Church of Our Savior**

**231 Jayne Avenue**

**Patchogue, New York 11772**



**Sunday, October 1, 2023**  
**Ordinary Time – Lectionary 26**  
**Baptism of Giavanna Linda Spiteri**

**“A Season of Adventure in a Year of Growing in Faith”**

***Claire Repsholdt***  
***Pastor***

**PLEASE TURN CELL PHONES OFF  
TO PREPARE YOUR HEART AND MIND FOR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME** to God’s House! We are happy that you are with us to Worship God together.

Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a congregation with a big heart. We all know how difficult it is to be new, but we want you to know that no matter who you are or where you find yourself in life, you are invited to join us for worship and fellowship. Come to hear God's Word, share in the Sacraments and discover new ways to reach out to the world with God's peace and grace.

Everyone is a child of God. From crying babies to enthusiastic seniors, we recognize that we are all called to be one body with many members. We welcome people of all races, ethnicities, shapes and sizes of every marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Those of different faith traditions, different physical, mental and emotional abilities and those in recovery or struggling with addiction are always welcome. We sincerely hope you join us in our journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect for each other.

The bottom line: We welcome you! We know that no matter who you are Jesus accepts you and so do we. May our prayers, the hearing of God's Word, and God's grace and love make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed.



**Let us pause before the service to turn our thoughts toward God in silent prayer and meditation.**

## **PRELUDE**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Setting Seven*

**GATHERING – The people rise in body or in spirit.**

## **WELCOME TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION**

*We are blessed to be joined each week with a faithful crew of digital worshippers. Let's take this time of gathering to offer them a warm hello!*

## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be God,  
the one who forms us,  
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.  
**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.  
We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**



**Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

### **Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (ELW #618)**

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.



## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## Gloria



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra\_a-que-llos que\_a-ma\_el Se - ñor.*  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra\_a-que-llos que\_a-ma\_el Se - ñor.*  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of deliverance, you called Moses to be your hands, feet, and voice  
in a troubled world. Generations later, even with the help of so many  
prophets and teachers, our world is still troubled. Never tire of teaching  
us how to work, walk, and speak your word to our community today.

**Amen.**

## THE WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. Please  
be seated for the reading of the word.*

## FIRST READING

**Exodus 1:8-14, 3:1-15**

*Israel is in slavery and calls for help. God calls Moses to bring release.*

**A reading from Exodus.**



8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. 13 The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

3:1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' 4 When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' 5 Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' 6 He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10 So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' 11 But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' 12 He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship



God on this mountain.'

13 But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' 14 God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you." ' " 15 God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever,  
and this my title for all generations.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 25:1-9

*Psalm will be sung during the Pentecost season. The verses printed in plain text will be sung by the south side of the church and the north side of the church will respond in the verses in bold text.*

***Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)***

<sup>1</sup>To I you, O LORD,  
I lift I up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be I put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph I over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be I put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame I who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your I ways, O LORD,  
and teach I me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your I truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all I the  
day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- I sion and love,  
for they are from I everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and I my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of  
your good- I ness, O LORD.



<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up-<sup>1</sup> right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners<sup>1</sup> in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low-<sup>1</sup> ly in justice  
and teach the low-<sup>1</sup> ly your way.

## SECOND READING

## Philippians 2:1-13

*As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

### A reading from Philippians.

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.



<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – The people rise in body or in spirit.

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

## GOSPEL

**Mark 12:26-27a**

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, “I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”? <sup>27</sup>He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Please be seated.**



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

#### "The God of Your Ancestors"

*Sermon by Pastor Claire Repsholdt*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### I Love to Tell the Story (ELW #661)

*(Hymn/Music found in the RED Worship and Hymnal Book)*

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love,  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do,  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

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## LITURGY OF THE HOLY BAPTISM OF: GIAVANNA LINDA SPITERI

**Daughter Of: Karen and Robert Spiteri**

**Godparents: Peter and Jackie Amorello**

### Presentation

The candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the Pastor at the font.

**Pastor:** God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Today, as we gather, we remember Linda Amorello and Ralph Spiteri, who were already grandparents to Giavanna when she was just a twinkle in our eye.

We know they are with us, watching over us on this special day, and we speak this prayer in their memory:

Loving God,

You call us into relationship with you and with one another.

You give us friends and family to be with us on life's journey, some for a short while, and some for all of the days of our life.



Today, we remember Giavanna's beloved grandparents  
Linda Amorello and Ralph Spiteri.

We thank you for their lives, and we trust that they accompany  
us even now from their place in heaven.

May they be with us when we pray, when we listen,  
when we make good choices.

May they be guardians to Giavanna on her journey of faith,  
An angel who blesses her as she grows.

In Jesus name,

**People: Amen.**

**Pastor:** I invite Giavanna's godparents to come forward.

**Godparents:** I present Giavanna Spiteri

Called by the Holy Spirit,  
trusting in the grace and love of God,  
do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**Parents:** I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism,  
you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten  
Commandments,

place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents:** I do.



Godparents, do you promise to nurture Giavanna in the Christian faith  
as you are empowered by God's Spirit,  
and to help her live in the covenant of baptism  
and in communion with the church?

**Godparents:** I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Giavanna  
and pray for her in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

## **Profession of Faith**

**Pastor:** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and  
confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**People: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**



Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Font**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah  
and his family,  
and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you set us free from the power of sin and death  
and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word,  
that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be  
given new life.

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



## Baptism

**Pastor:** Giavanna Spiteri, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

**People:** You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,  
that through water and the Holy Spirit  
you give your daughters and sons new birth,  
cleansing them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Giavanna with the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Giavanna, child of God,  
you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit  
and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## Welcome

**President Lu Anne Blake:** Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Pastor:** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**People:** We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission  
we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's  
creative and redeeming word to all the world.

## BAPTISMAL HYMN:

### Borning Cry (ELW #732)

*(Hymn/Music found in the RED Worship and Hymnal Book)*





- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interests of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**



Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority. Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way. Give them encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who died secure in the knowledge of salvation. Keep us fearless in our faith and certain of your resurrection.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating new birth in Christ and their birthdays this week, **Giavanna** Spiteri, **Michael** Maas, **Cathleen** Walsh, **Nicholas** Johonnett, **Emilia** Napolitano, **Jason** Blake, **Miles** McVeigh and **Walter** Stoeber. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you as you go forward in life.

**And also with you.**

**The people greet one another with a safe sign of Christ's peace. Then the people are seated.**

## **OFFERING**

*At this time, we encourage you to reflect on the gifts you have been given and how you can share them with others. If you are able to make a financial gift to LCOS, you can do so by scanning the QR Code Card in your pew, on our website or when the Ushers pass the Offering Plate. If you are able to give time, please speak with a council member or other leader about how you can contribute to the needs of the congregation and our community. Let us encourage one another to give generously whenever and wherever we are able, as a celebration of the abundance we have received.*



## OFFERING HYMN

### Thank You, Lord (ACS #1092)

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,  
 2 Been so good, been so good, been so  
 3 Been my friend, been my friend, been my  
 4 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord, love you,

Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
 good, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
 friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
 Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

## OFFERTORY HYMN – The people rise in body or in spirit.

### United at the Table (ELW #498)

*Refrain / Estribillo*

U - ni - dos en la fies - ta, la\_a - le - grí - a  
 U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is

se ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,  
 joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:

la\_a - le - grí - a se ha - ce\_o - ra - ción.  
 all our joy to God be - longs.



1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor  
1 We will praise God, we will sing  
2 We will praise God, we will feast  
3 We will praise God, we will play

a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,  
al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;  
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;  
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;

por - que gran - de es el a - mor  
we will praise God for the love  
we will praise God and give thanks  
we will praise God for the love

*Refrain / Estribillo*  
que en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.  
that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.  
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.  
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Let us pray.*

God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## MEAL

*God nourishes us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



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:

## RESPONSE (*Sanctus*): Holy, Holy, Holy Lord – ELW HC7



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,  
 Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.  
 San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,  
 Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on  
 tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
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 Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.



## COMMUNION

Holy God,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.

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.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will gather at the river to enjoy the tree of life.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Lord has taught us:

**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.**

## **PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*We invite everyone viewing this service on zoom from home to join in a prayer of Spiritual Communion.*

In union with your faithful people at Holy Communion, O God, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive the sacrament of your body and blood today, we ask you to come into our hearts. Empower us with your grace, God, and let us never be separated in this life or the life to come. **Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus invites you to this table.  
Come, eat and live.

**COMMUNION: This week communion will be served continuously from the common cup in the center aisle.**

*The Lord's Table is open to all wherever you are on your journey of faith. Ushers will guide you pew by pew up the center aisle. The entire organ side of the congregation will be served before the pulpit side.*



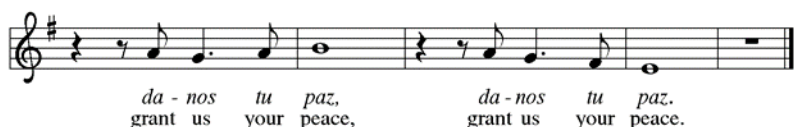
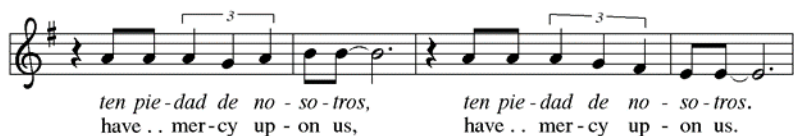
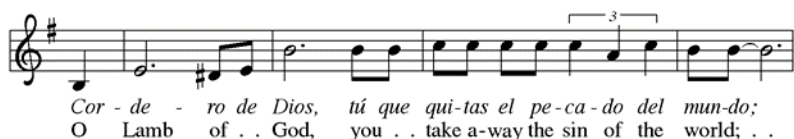
*Please fill out a communion card from the pew rack and give it to one of the ushers to help us keep track of attendance.*

*There is white grape juice already poured into the cups before the altar; otherwise, please pick up an empty cup for wine. There are also gluten-free and regular wafers; please let the pastor know if you are gluten intolerant.*

*If you are not ready to receive the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to come forward and receive God's blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know so that communion can be brought to you. After receiving the bread and wine or blessing, it is customary to say "Amen."*

## COMMUNION SONG (*Agnus Dei*):

## O Lamb of God





Please be seated.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### The God of Abraham Praise (ELW #831)

### God is Here! (ELW #526)

*(Hymn/Music found in the RED Worship and Hymnal Book)*

1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand  
3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace  
4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.

An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love—  
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.  
shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.  
I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.

"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con-fessed;  
I all on earth for-sake—its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—  
You deign to call me friend; you call your-self my God!  
I shall be-hold your face; I shall your pow'r a-dore,

I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.  
and you my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
And you will save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.  
and sing the won-ders of your grace for-ev-er-more.



## God is Here! (ELW #526)

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

**The people rise in body or in spirit.**



## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (*Nunc Dimittis*):

At Last Lord

A - ho - ra, Se - ñor, se - gún tu pro - me - sa,  
At last, Lord, your word of prom - ise ful - fill - ing,  
pue - des de - jar a tu sier - vo ir - se en paz.  
you let your ser - vant go forth in free - dom and peace.  
Por - que mis o - jos han vis - to, a tu Sal - va - dor,  
With my own eyes I have seen the sal - va - tion  
a quien has pre - sen - ta - do an - te to - dos los  
you have pre - pared . . . in the sight of all of the  
pue - blos: luz pa - ra a - lum - brar a las na -  
peo - ples: a light that will re - veal you to the  
cio - nes y glo - ria de tu pue - blo Is - ra - el.  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Let us pray*

Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

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



## BLESSING/BENEDICTION

The God of glory,

✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,

and the Spirit who lives in you,

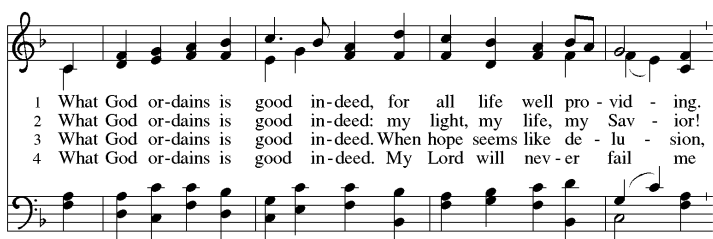
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

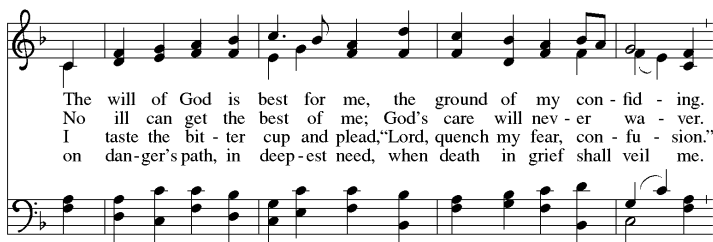
## SENDING HYMN – The people rise in body or in spirit.

### What God Ordains is Good Indeed (ELW #776)

*(Hymn/Music found in the RED Worship and Hymnal Book)*



1 What God or-dains is good in-deed, for all life well pro-vid-ing.  
2 What God or-dains is good in-deed: my light, my life, my Sav-ior!  
3 What God or-dains is good in-deed. When hope seems like de-lu-sion,  
4 What God or-dains is good in-deed. My Lord will nev-er fail me



The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con-fid-ing.  
No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev-er wa-ver.  
I taste the bit-ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con-fu-sion."  
on dan-ger's path, in deep-est need, when death in grief shall veil me.



My faith-ful God, on ev-'ry road you know the way un-  
Through joy and pain I shall at-tain the dawn dis-clos-ing  
God ends the night, re-stores de-light; by faith I face to-  
My God so dear will draw me near, in lov-ing arms will



fold-ing and my hand you are hold-ing.  
clear-ly that God has loved me dear-ly.  
mor-row and yield to God all sor-row.  
hold me, at last in light en-fold me.



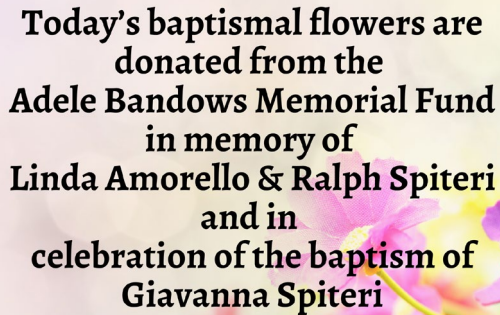
## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PLACED THIS SUNDAY FOR:**

**Today's baptismal flowers are  
donated from the  
Adele Bandows Memorial Fund  
in memory of  
Linda Amorello & Ralph Spiteri  
and in  
celebration of the baptism of  
Giavanna Spiteri**







### ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Lay Assistant	Dina Lotito
Acolyte	Sebastian Lora
Crucifer	
Lector	Margarita Lopez
Tech Assistants Tech for this Sunday is <b>BOLDED</b>	Peter Angelica, Michael Johonnett, Kerri Maloof, Jeremy Terhune and <b>Rob Wottawa</b>
Altar Guild	The Johonnett Family
Tellers	Lois Goelz & Mike Maas
Ushers	Jay Lehnfeld & Margarita Lopez

### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Claire Repsholdt
Deacons	Janet Bachmore & Peggy Kurz
Musicians/Organist/Pianist	<b>This Sunday: Dan Grable</b>
Office Administrator	Nancy Gonzalez

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING GOD DURING WORSHIP.**

**BE A PART OF OUR WORSHIP TEAM. VOLUNTEER TODAY. CONTACT PASTOR CLAIRE OR THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS. MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK FOR ALL.**



# Worship SERVICE

For 9 months, Pastor Claire will choose her preaching text from the Narrative Lectionary. Here's some more information about the Narrative Lectionary, that you can use to inform your listening to sermons this year:

## **What is the narrative lectionary?**

The **Narrative Lectionary** is a four-year cycle of readings. On the Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church.

The texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith.

The texts include the major episodes in Scripture. They are arranged in a narrative sequence to help people see Scripture as a story that has coherence and a dynamic movement.

Texts were selected that lead well to the proclamation of what God is doing. The stories tell of hope and disappointment, suffering and redemption. In all these varied contexts, we find God dealing with the complexities of human life.

The Church Year helped to shape the flow of the Narrative Lectionary. Old Testament readings move through the story of God's dealings with Israel and culminate in Advent with the prophets who speak of longing and hope. Readings from the gospels fit the movement from Christmas and Epiphany to the Transfiguration, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter.



Selections from the book of Acts and Paul's letters trace the outward movement of the resurrection message, culminating on Pentecost with readings focusing on the Spirit.

## **Who put this together?**

The Narrative Lectionary was initiated by Profs. Rolf Jacobson and Craig Koester of Luther Seminary, in partnership with Lutheran congregations across North America. The experiment began in 2010 and continues to grow.

## **Why follow this this lectionary?**

Though the Revised Common Lectionary has united the church in its reading of scripture and has given much-needed structure, it doesn't present scripture—especially the Old Testament—in a way that helps people to become fluent in complete stories—the first language of faith. The Narrative Lectionary is an attempt to take nine months to do just that.

## **How can I follow along best?**

Here's what you need to get started:

Visit [narrativelectionary.org](http://narrativelectionary.org) for readings and text commentaries on the coming week's preaching texts. Bookmark it.

Listen to "I Love to Tell the Story," the narrative lectionary podcast on [WorkingPreacher.org](http://WorkingPreacher.org)

Connect with others on Facebook by joining the Narrative Lectionary group.

(Follow the link and click on "Join the group" in the upper right corner to gain access.)



**LCOS HAPPENINGS:** <https://lcosevents.view-events.com>

SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY WEDNESDAY (THE NET) EMAIL BLAST OR OUR SANDPIPER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BY CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS OR STOP BY THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP TO CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS AND LCOS NEWS TABLE. FOR CLASSES, UPCOMING EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.



**TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *Sunday, October 1, 2023*

**TODAY:**

- STAY INFORMED ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS can be found in the back pages of the WORSHIP BULLETIN, CHURCH CALENDAR AND THE WEDNESDAY NET. Zoom participants can find a copy of Sunday bulletin on the LCOS Church Web Page or Church Calendar.
- NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – BLESSING OF THE PETS
- PASTOR AWAY – FIRST CALL RETREAT – Monday, 10/9-10/11
- YOUTH ROOM RENOVATION WEEKEND – 10/14-10/15
- CHIME & CHOIR REHERSALS RESUME ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 5TH
- ORDER YOUR FALL MUMS Order form in bulletin – Deadline October 8th

**THIS WEEK:**

- SUNDAY WORSHIP – 10:00am
- SUNDAY SCHOOL – ZOOM OR IN PERSON
- MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - 9:30am – Morning Devotions on Zoom
- ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Begins Wednesday September 27th
- LUNCH BUNCH CRAFT GROUP – Tuesdays at 12pm in the fellowship hall

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – PET BLESSING – 10am Worship Stuffed Animals and 4pm Pet Blessing
- YOUTH GROUP ROOM RENOVATIONS – October 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – WELCA CONGREGATION POTLUCK BRUNCH AFTER WORSHIP. Sign up today.
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> – 3pm Oktoberfest – Sign up required for this event.
- CONFIRMATION DINNER – Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>
- CONFIRMATION AND REFORMATION SUNDAY – Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>
- LCOS CRAFT FAIR – Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> – WELCA THANKOFFERING SUNDAY & CONGREGATION FRIENDSGIVING
- STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AND PLEDGE MONTH – Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>









**YOUR GIVING  
MATTERS!**



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**WAYS TO GIVE TO LCOS CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS**

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FOOD PANTRY.**

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

### **Sunday, September 24th Donations**

<b>TELLER SHEET</b>	<b>SIMPLY GIVING</b>	<b>TOTAL</b> <i>Goal is \$3,800.00</i>	<b>WEEKLY DONATION COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S WEEKLY AVERAGE OF \$2,650.00</b>
\$ 1,465.00	\$1,055.00	\$2,520.00	<i>A little bit less than last year's weekly average...</i>  <i>We needed \$1,280 more to reach our weekly goal.</i>

*Thank you to all who gave to God's house the past two weeks.*

*We need to raise approximately \$3,800.00 every week so  
that we can meet our expenses and do the Lord's work.*

*Will you help us reach our goal? We can do this together!*



**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**PLEDGE MONTH**

**ATTENDANCE FOR: Sunday, September 24, 2023**

In Person Attendance: (50)

Zoom Participants: (18)

**Thank you for worshipping with us.**



# PRAYER REQUEST

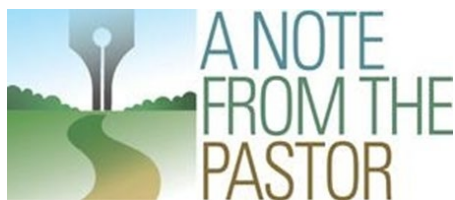
## IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

<p><b><u>For those with Illness/Sickness Preparing for Surgery or Recuperating and for those who assist them and those in need of healing:</u></b></p> <p>Kristen – Border Guard  Michele Aleixo  Barbara  Baby Jett  Premature Baby Justin  Marie  Shepherd  Brittany and Steve  Diane Baruch  Angela Bello  Eileen Benedict  Veronica Bergin  Eric Bjorklund  Kodi Blamey (Child)  Luis Cedeno  Dianna Charpentier  Marilyn Clukey  Mary Ann Dittmeier  Jeff Dittmeier  Kathryn Monaco Douglas  Timmy Dunn  Ann Dunn  Jeff Durham  Bill Ellis  Edie Emeritz  Patty Kelly-Farmer  Vanessa Fay &amp; Jed Babbitt  Adeline Feeney  Amany Fuentes  Miranda Gonzalez  Al Hafner  Marie Holst  Nolan Horn-Child  Michael Hyman</p>	<p>Margaret Johonnett  Marcel Joseph – Toddler  Roxanne Kevlin  Eileen Kuhn  Peggy Kurz  Diane Lauben  Vera Liles  Thomas Liles  June Lohmann  Janet LoPiccolo  Cindy Magee  Trevor McDonald  Infant McMahon &amp; The McMahon Family  Erin McQuade  Pam Madison  Ed Maguire and his family  Melissa Mathieu  Jane Noack  Kumi Deborah Oladapo  Mary O'Neill  Bill Roche  Vianna Russo - Toddler  Michele Sanchez  Mario Saravia - Stroke  Grace Schumacher  James Shields  Scott Simonetti  Rob Slater  Irene Snyder  Barbara and Jim Tabb  Giseli Vieira  Miguel Villafane  Rebecca &amp; Niko Violandi  James Vogel  Jean Wisbauer - Surgery  Timothy Wittmann  Janeen</p>	<p><b><u>At Home</u></b>  Eileen Kuhn</p> <p><b><u>In Hospice</u></b></p> <p><b><u>In Crisis/Recovery/Needs Prayers</u></b></p> <p><b><u>In Service</u></b>  John Charpentier  Ian Kuhn  Corey Papile  Logan Putnam  Jenna Vaughan</p> <p><b><u>Nursing Home/Rehab</u></b></p> <p><b><u>For the Families of:</u></b>  Thelma Stegemann  John Violandi  Jesus Maria Gonzalez</p>
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## WE WOULD LIKE TO PRAY FOR YOU!

Please forward your prayer requests for the homebound, sick or recuperating, for those in crisis or recovery, in a nursing home/rehab or for those brave men and woman serving in our Military. **COMPLETE A BLUE PRAYER REQUEST FORM OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE OR FORWARD AN EMAIL REQUEST TO [OFFICE@LCOSPATCHOGUE.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@LCOSPATCHOGUE.ORG)**





### **This year we are becoming “Partners in Faith”**

This season we welcome a new Pastor and dive into sharing the life of the church.

### **Together we ask:**

How can we be good partners to each other?

What stories might we share and what lessons might we learn to help us collaborate as partners in our community?

In this way, we will prepare ourselves to *grow* in faith in our future.



### **CONNECT WITH PASTOR CLAIRE**

**[rev.c.repsholdt@gmail.com](mailto:rev.c.repsholdt@gmail.com)**



**Tuesday: 12pm-5pm**

**Wednesday: 12pm-5pm**

**Sunday: 12pm-5pm**

**Pastor Claire would love to connect with you one on one to hear your stories of life in faith. Email Pastor Claire or call the office to schedule an appointment.**

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