

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY**

**10:00AM SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**DECEMBER 14, 2025**

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

**Lutheran Church of Our Savior**

**231 Jayne Avenue**

**Patchogue, New York 11772**



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**



## Santa Lucia Bearer of Light





**Sunday, December 14, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Advent – JOY**  
**Liturgy of Santa Lucia**

***Rev. 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, 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 are committed to embracing the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. 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 are grateful to the one, holy Triune God who blessed us with this church. 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.**



# HOLY COMMUNION

## Setting Two

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LITURGY OF SANTA LUCIA

*The children are invited to come and be part of the Santa Lucia tradition. Lights will be turned off at this time.*

### THE LEGEND OF SANTA LUCIA

**Read by: Kristina Farmer**

*St. Lucia leads procession down the center aisle, and then around the pews on both side aisles, handing out buns and cookies, small cups of coffee.*

### OPENING HYMN

**Hymn of Santa Lucia**

**Andante**

0 Now neath the silver moon, Oe - an an is glow-i - ng. Or' the calm bi - ll -

5 ows soft winds are blow-ing. Here bal - my bre-ezes blow Pure joy joy in-vi-tes us

10 And as we gen - tly row All things de-light us. Hark how the sai-lors cry joy-i-ous -

15 ly ech-os nigh Sa-n - t a L - u - c - i - a San - ta ta Luc - i - a Hark how the sai-lors

20 cry joy-i-ous - ly ec-hos nigh Sa-n - t - a L - u - c - i - a Sa - nta nta Lu - ci - a.

## A READING FROM JOHN 1:1-9

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.*

*6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

### Lighting of candles.

## SANTA LUCIA POEM: Jesus Bids us Shine

Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light  
like a bright candle burning in the night.  
In His world of darkness we must shine.  
You in your own corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine first of all for Him.  
Well, He sees and knows it if our light is dim.  
He looks down from heaven; sees us shine,  
You in your own corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around.  
Many kinds of darkness in this world abound.  
Sin and want and sorrow; we must shine  
You in your own corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine as we work for him  
Bringing those that wander from the paths of sin.  
He will ever help us if we shine.  
You in your own corner, and I in mine.

## BIDDING PRAYERS

Christ, you are the light of the world.  
**The light no darkness can overcome.**

Through the example of Santa Lucia,  
**Inspire us to shed greater light and share stronger love.**

Let us remember that Santa Lucia travels with us as we  
**As we feed, love, and care for our neighbors.**

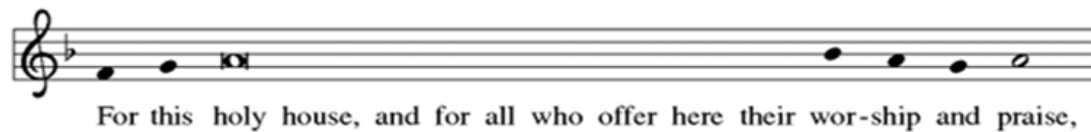
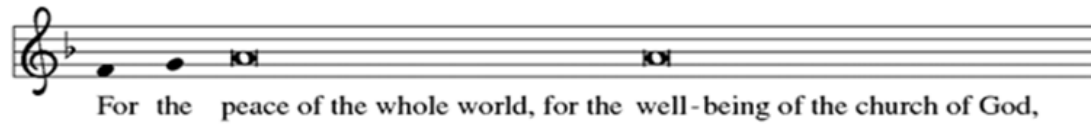
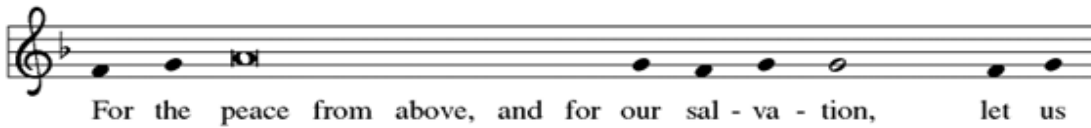
As though we wear crowns of light,  
**Make us courageous, compassionate, and caring.**



## GREETING

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all  
And also with you.

## KYRIE



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Children are invited to come up to help light the Advent candle.**

## LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE – JOY

We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath  
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

As we light the candles on this wreath,  
strengthen our hearts  
as we await the Lord's coming in glory.

Enlighten us with your grace,  
that we may serve our neighbors in need.

Grant this through Christ our Lord,  
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.  
**Amen.**

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING ANTHEM

**Cantor: Michael Maas**

*Each verse is sung first by Cantor and then again by People*

### Come Now, O Prince of Peace (ELW #247 Verses 1, 2 & 3)

*O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ūi - im - gŭm*

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.  
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

*u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.*

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.



**Please be seated.**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

*The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.*

**A reading from Isaiah.**

<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and shouting.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.]]

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;  
<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp;  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 146:5-10

*Psalm will be spoken during the Advent season. The verses printed in plain text will be spoken by the south side of congregation and the **north side** will respond in the verses in bold text.*

***The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)***

<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob <sup>|</sup> for their help,  
whose hope is in the <sup>|</sup> LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that <sup>|</sup> is in them;**  
**who keeps promis- <sup>|</sup> es forever;**

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to <sup>|</sup> those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the <sup>|</sup> captive free.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who <sup>|</sup> are bowed down;**  
**the LORD <sup>|</sup> loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD cares <sup>|</sup> for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way <sup>|</sup> of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall <sup>|</sup> reign forever,**  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. <sup>|</sup> Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING

## James 5:7-10

*In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.*

**A reading from James.**

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

*John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew the eleventh chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup> What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>11</sup> "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Please be seated.**

# CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON

### "Make Firm the Feeble Knees"

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## He Came Down (ELW #253)

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**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.

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

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of power and mercy, we praise you for Jesus and his acts of healing and liberation. Lead us to proclaim the good news from generation to generation, that all may place their hope in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

When lands are parched and dry, bring rain and snow; where wilderness is barren, sow seeds of life. Fill the lands with trees that grow, plants that flower, and creatures that thrive, as nature proclaims the wonder of your works. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

When there is injustice or corruption among nations and leaders, root it out. Turn their attention to inequity and the cries of the poor. Instill a deeper sense of compassion and care in all who govern. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

When bodies weaken and hearts grow fearful, speak your blessing. In uncertain times, remind us of the promise spoken to our ancestors in faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

When people are imprisoned or held captive, break the chains and offer release. Strengthen the work of the church in restorative justice, breaking cycles of poverty, and welcoming the immigrant. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As we await your coming, we give thanks for the faithful who have lived and died in faith. May their boldness of faith inspire our witness and work. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week, **Jeremy Terhune, Rosemary Slater, Arlo Friedell, and Emmett Moore.** God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

**The people greet one another with a 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.*

## OFFERTORY CHOIR ANTHEM

**"Alleluia for Advent" by: Patrick Liebergen**

## OFFERING HYMN

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel (ELW #257 verses 1-3)**



1	O	come,	O	come,	Em - man	-	u - el,	and	ran - som	cap - tive
2	O	come,	O	Wis - dom	from		on high,	em - brac - ing	all	things
3	O	come,	O	come,	O	Lord	of might,	as	to	your tribes on
4	O	come,	O	Branch of	Jes	-	se, free	your own	from	Sa - tan's



Is	-	ra - el,	that	mourns	in	lone - ly	ex	-	ile	here
far		and nigh:	in	strength	and	beau - ty	come		and	stay;
Si	-	nai's height	in	an - cient	times	you	gave		the	law
tyr	-	an - ny;	from	depths of	hell	your	peo	-	ple	save,



un - til	the	Son	of	God		ap - pear.				
teach	us	your	will	and	guide	our	way.	Re-joyce!	Re-joyce!	
in	cloud,	and	maj - es - ty,			and	awe.			
and	give	them	vic - t'ry	o'er		the	grave.			



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Nourishing God,  
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.  
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,  
that we may rejoice and be for the world  
signs of your kingdom come.  
**Amen.**

## **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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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 – ELW HC2**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## COMMUNION

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Holy God,  
We long for your Spirit now.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven,

3

hal - low - ed be Thy Name, Thy - King - dom come,

Thy - will - be done on earth as it is in hea - ven.

7

Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our debts, -

9

as we for - give our debt - - - - - ors,

and lead us not in - to temp - ta - - - - - tion,

11

but de - liv - er us from the e - - - - - vil one.

**PASTOR:** The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. **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**

Here is life. God is with us.

Come, receive what God has promised.

**Please be seated.**

**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):**

## **Lamb of God**



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace;
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



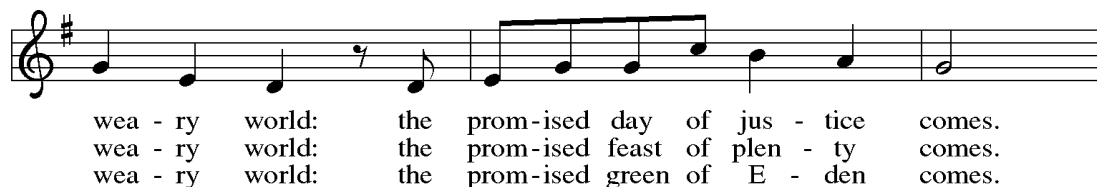
**Please be seated.**

## COMMUNION HYMNS

**Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW #726)**

**Prepare the Royal Highway (ELW #264)**

**Wait for the Lord (ELW #262)**



## Prepare the Royal Highway (ELW #264)



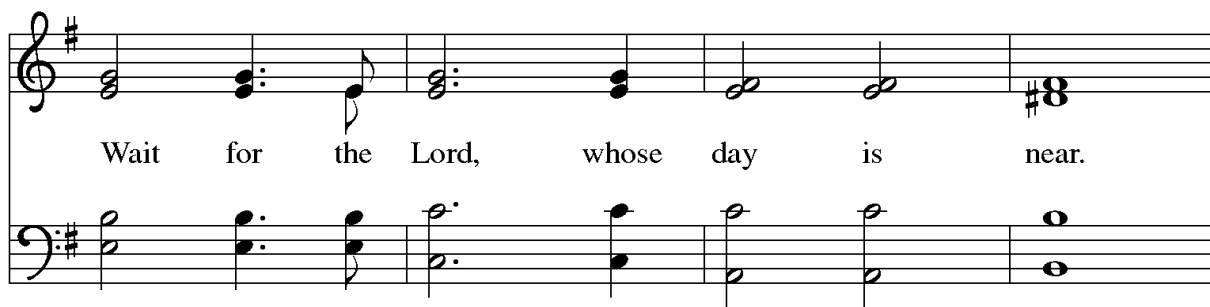
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*  
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

## Wait for the Lord (ELW #262)



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:

**Now Lord**

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our host,  
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.  
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,  
welcome the stranger,  
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

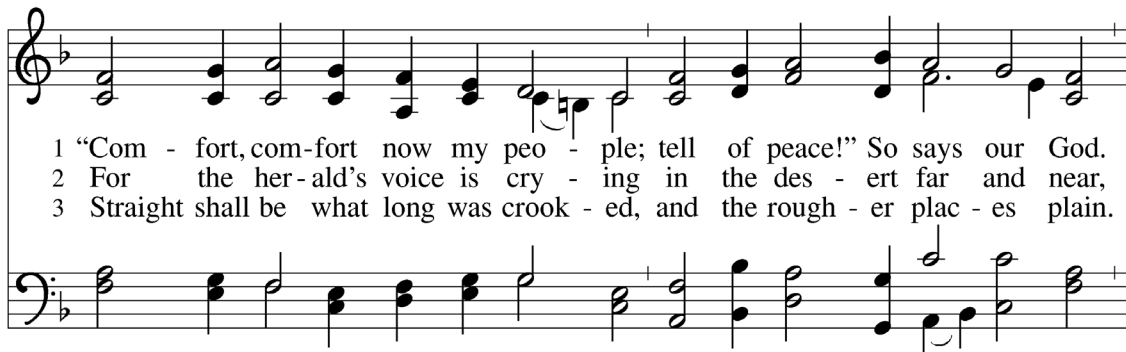
## BENEDICTION

May the light of Christ, the Morning star,  
Shine ever brighter in our hearts,  
That with Lucia and all the saints in light  
We may shine forth as lights in the world;

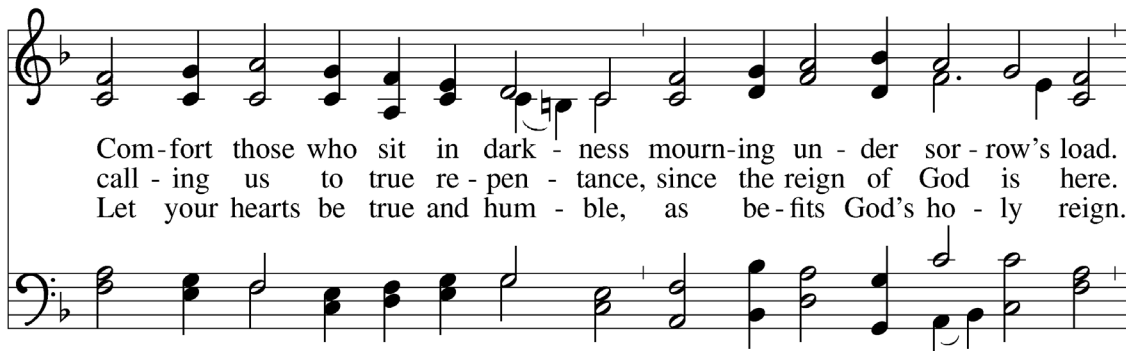
And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SENDING HYMN

### Comfort, Comfort Now My People (ELW #256)



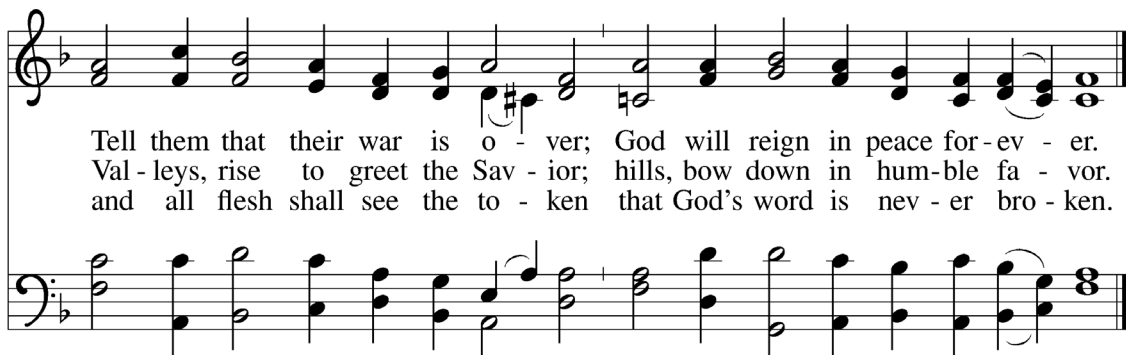
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



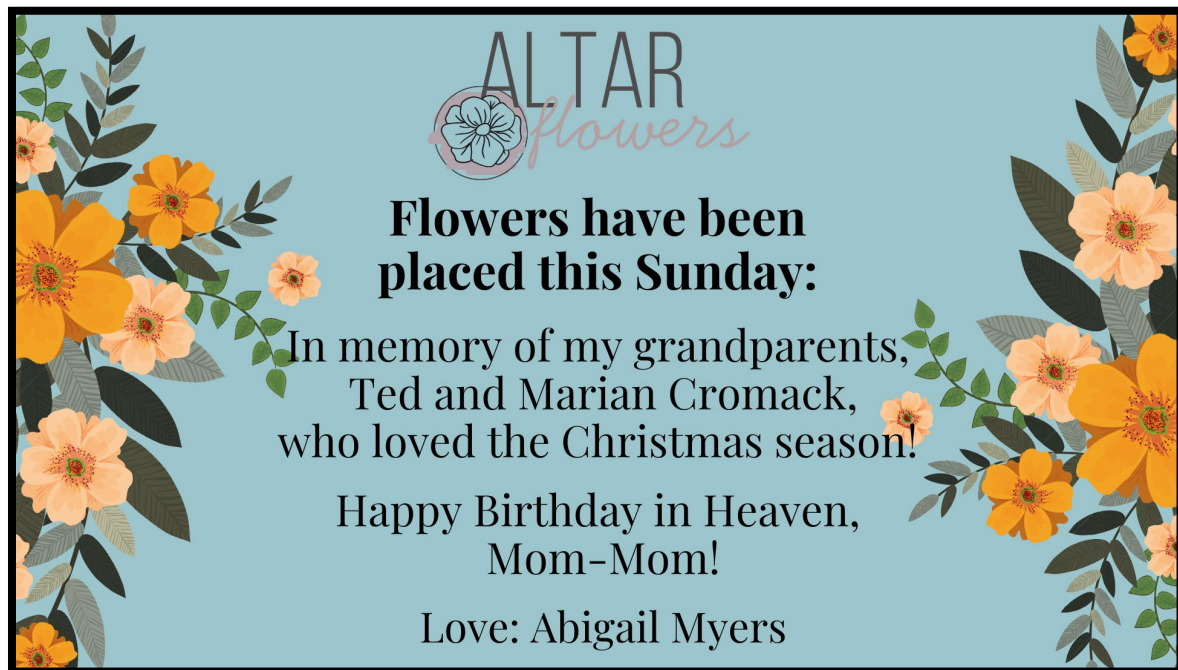
To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.  
Thanks be to God.





## ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Lay Assistant	Matthew Salzano- Zeiler
Acolyte	Calie Slater
Crucifer	Colin St. George
Lector	Aaron Salzano- Zeiler
Cantor/Psalmist	Michael Maas
Children's Church Volunteers For this Sunday is <b>BOLDED</b>	Abigail Myers, Pete Angelica, Gena Mizzi, Karen Mizzi, Adrienne Perito and Kristen Salami
Tech Assistants Tech for this Sunday is <b>BOLDED</b>	Matt Aleixo, Peter Angelica, Dakota Blair, Michael Johonnett, <b>Jules Mueller</b> and Jeremy Terhune
Altar Guild	Linda Cook
Tellers	Margarita Lopez & Elly Supinsky
Ushers	Karen Mizzi & Rich Stewart

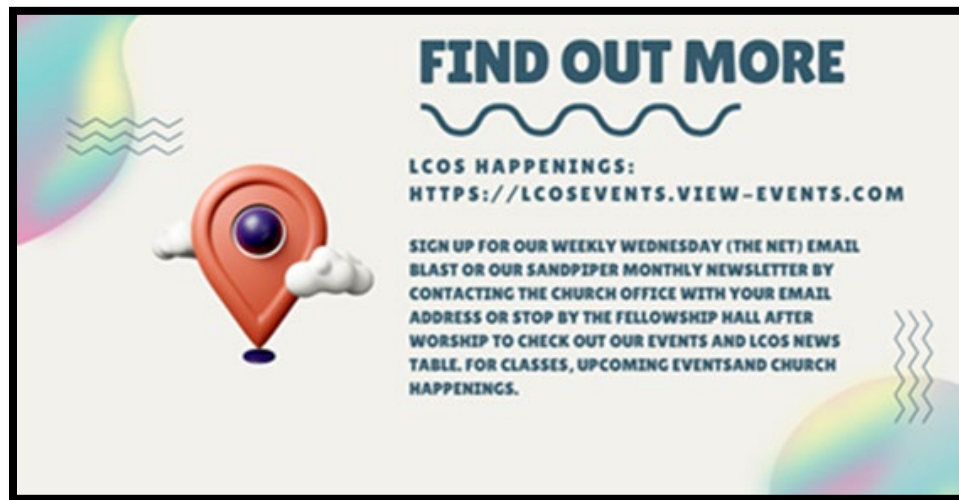
## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Reverend Claire Repsholdt
Deacons	Janet Bachmore, Angela Bello, Carol Rios & Penny Liles-Clukey
Musicians/Organist/Pianist	Stephen Goldstein
Office Administrator	Nancy Gonzalez

## **TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Sunday, *December 14, 2025*

### **TODAY:**

- **7:00 PM WEDNESDAY ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP**
- **WELCA RUTH CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY, TUESDAY, DEC. 16<sup>TH</sup>**
- **NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> – CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & UGLY SWEATERS**
- **WEEKLY:**
- **SUNDAY WORSHIP – 10:00am**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL IN PERSON – EVERY OTHER SUNDAY CHECK CALENDAR**
- **ZOOM MORNING DEVOTIONS - MON WED & FRI - 9:30 AM**
- **LUNCH BUNCH CRAFT GROUP – Tuesdays at 12pm in the fellowship hall.**



### **LIVE VIDEO RECORDING AND PHOTOS**

Notice to families with small children, because we maintain an active online ministry, we frequently share photos and videos on our website and social media accounts.

We have a consent form available to maintain your permission to share images of your family. Please request a form from Pastor Claire or any of our Children's Church Volunteers to help us keep an active record.







## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS MAY BE ORDERED BY FILLING OUT A PINK FORM FOUND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH OFFICE AND PLACING IT IN THE CHURCH OFFICE MAILBOX TO THE RIGHT OF THE BULLETIN BOARD.**

**THEY ARE \$10 PER ARRANGEMENT (\$20 FOR TWO BOUQUETS).**

**THIS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO MARK A SPECIAL OCCASION OR HAVE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.**

Donations of beverages, food, paper products and your help for set up and clean up for all events are always appreciated and welcomed.

**ALL EVENT DETAIL FLYERS AND SIGN-UP SHEETS CAN BE FOUND IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

# *Join us!*



**All are welcome  
in this place.**



**Lutheran Church of Our Savior  
231 Jayne Avenue  
Patchogue, New York 11772**



Lutheran Church of Our Savior

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Join  
Gena Mizzi  
& Pastor Claire



Join us for  
a new  
adventure  
every  
month

231 Jayne Avenue, Patchogue, New York 11772

## Lutheran Church of Our Savior Children's Church



EVERY OTHER SUNDAY  
DURING WORSHIP  
AFTER THE CHILDREN'S  
SERMON

COME AND JOIN US!

ABIGAIL MYERS  
PARISH EDUCATION STEWARD



## WELCA RUTH CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

3rd Tuesday of each  
month at 10:30am  
in the fellowship hall

Join the Ruth Circle for a Bible  
Study based on Gather  
Magazine.

We meet the third Tuesday of  
each month. All ladies are  
welcome to come.

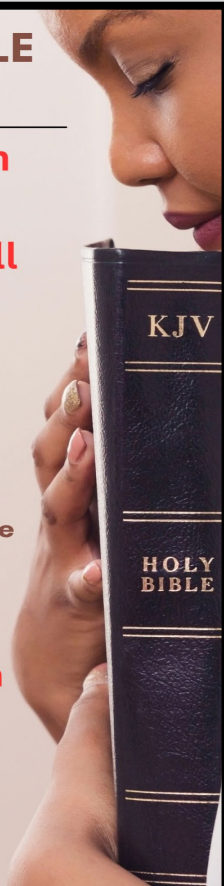
Please bring your Bible and  
Gather Magazine. We will have  
Bibles and copies on hand if  
needed.

### UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, December 16th

Tuesday, January 20th

Tuesday, February 17th



## Lutheran Church of Our Savior Drive-Thru Food Pantry



THURSDAYS  
ONLY UNTIL  
11AM



SOLO JUEVES  
HASTA LAS  
11AM

ONE BAG PER FAMILY. UNA BOLSA POR FAMILIA.





## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR LUNCH BUNCH CRAFT GROUP

**MEETS ON TUESDAYS  
FROM NOON TO 2PM**

**BRING YOUR LUNCH AND JOIN US IN  
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR CRAFTING  
AND FELLOWSHIP. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR  
FIRST SATURDAY OF NOVEMBER  
10AM-3PM**



The people who walked in  
darkness have seen a great  
light: those who lived in a  
land of deep darkness--on  
them light has shined.  
Isaiah 9:2

# Advent

· A Time of Preparation ·

Join us this Advent as we prepare for Christmas  
together with weekly services in December, special  
Advent events, and weekly devotionals.

**2:00pm - Family Advent Party**  
Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

**7:00pm - Wednesday's  
Advent Midweek Worship**  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
December 10<sup>th</sup>  
December 17<sup>th</sup>

**10:00am - During Worship - Children's Christmas Pageant**  
Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>



***Don't Be Bashful...*  
JOIN US!**

## This Month's Schedule



# CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



For unto us  
a child is born!

✦ **Lutheran Church of Our Savior**

**Sunday,  
December 21, 2025  
during sermon at 10am worship.**



Join us for

## UGLY SWEATERS SUNDAY

**DECEMBER  
21ST  
10:00AM  
WORSHIP**

**DRESS CODE: UGLY  
CHRISTMAS  
SWEATER**



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR  
CONGREGATIONAL

## Christmas PARTY

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025  
12:30PM**

**CHURCH PARSONAGE  
RSVP. 631-475-5725 OR EMAIL:  
OFFICE@LCOSPATCHOGUE.ORG**



## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP



**CHRISTMAS EVE - WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 24TH  
5:00 PM - FAMILY WORSHIP  
WITH CANDLE LIGHTING  
11:00 PM - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
WITH CHOIR & CANDLES!**

**CHRISTMAS DAY - THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 25TH 9:30AM  
MORNING PRAYER - WEAR YOUR  
PAJAMAS!**





# TITHE AND OFFERINGS

WAYS TO GIVE TO LCOS  
CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE  
FOR MORE DETAILS

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



For more information, scan the QR code here or visit our website:  
<http://www.lcospatchogue.org/faithful-donations/>.

Gifts made out to The Lutheran Church of Our Savior by check can be addressed and sent to the church at:  
231 Jayne Ave, Patchogue, NY 11772.






## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### December 7, 2025, Donations



TELLER SHEET	SIMPLY GIVING	TOTAL RECEIVED	WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED FOR LCOS TO BE A SUSTAINING CONGREGATION: \$3,900.00
<b>\$6,747.00*</b> <i>*Includes \$140 from 12/3 Wed Advent Service &amp; \$1,525 in Stewardship Contributions</i>	<b>\$2,794.40</b>	<b>\$9,541.40</b>	<b>WOW LCOS! Just Wow!</b> <i>Everything came together last week: First of the month donations, Wednesday Advent Service, Stewardship Donations, &amp; your generosity. This is what we are capable of when we all work together for our beloved LCOS!</i>

**Thank you to all who gave!**





# PRAYER REQUEST

## IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

**For those with Illness/Sickness Preparing for Surgery or Recuperating and for those who assist them and those in need of healing:**

Alexis  
Barbara  
Marie  
Nikki  
Chuck Arcuri  
Diane Baruch  
Angela Bello  
Amy Bergin  
Hailey Bergin – Grieving  
Kelly Branigan  
Carol Bjorklund  
Richard Boyle  
Fabiola Cahill  
Nancy Cleary  
Ted Colligan  
Terry Costabile  
Alessia De La Vega  
Joaquin Solorzano De La Vega  
Pastor George Dietrich & Family  
Marge DiSibio  
Mary Ann Dittmeier  
Jeff Dittmeier  
Monica Dorsey  
Kathryn Monaco Douglas  
Bobby Dunn  
Timmy Dunn  
Ann Dunn  
Jeff Durham  
Edie Emiritz  
Marissa Faicloth  
Marissa, Faith & Hope Fairchild  
Patty Kelly-Farmer  
Adeline Feeney  
Joseph Figueroa  
Venus Gallant – ICU  
Frank Garske  
Richard Garske  
Sammy Gehrig  
Ella Giannotti  
The Gonzalez Family  
Luyo Gonzalez Farrilia  
Flo Hafner  
Katherine Haberman  
Mark Hendricks  
Joseph Hernandez  
Ed Hofman  
Marie Holst  
Michael Hyman

Bryson Jezewski  
Brian Joyce  
Liza Karnick  
Michael Korber  
Peggy Kurz  
Diane Lauben  
Laura Leone  
Cindy Liles  
Vera Liles  
Thomas Liles  
June Lohmann  
Armando Luyo  
Ruth & Gene Maag  
Carol McCaffrey  
Trevor McDonald  
Erin McQuade  
Pam Madison  
Melissa Mathieu  
Diana Mesales  
Johnnie Faye Minor  
Jane Noack  
Mary O'Neill  
Kumi Deborah Oladapo  
Judy Onorato  
Ally Pierre  
Maureen Pietarinen  
Nancy Pulsch  
Sally & Bob Rebscher  
Letty Reirra  
Kevin Rios  
Bill Roche  
Oscar Rojas  
Gail Rooney  
Michele Sanchez  
Jimmy & Robin Schatz  
James Shields  
Scott Rhodes  
Scott Simonetti  
Bill and Millie Slater  
James Smith  
Irene Snyder  
Wilson Sosa  
Rob  
Jim Stegemann  
Myriam & Raul (Sickness)  
Jimmy – Recovery  
Luke – Infant – Surgery  
Donald Tucciarone  
Jim Tabb

Brielle Toro  
Audrey Tremmel  
Giseli Vieira  
Carol Vilbig  
Linda  
Miguel Villafane  
June Votava  
James Vogel  
Walter  
Joanne – Cancer  
Cathy Walsh  
Timothy Wittmann  
Janeen  
Matthew Wynhurst  
Anthony Zeffiro

**At Home**

**In Hospice**

**In Crisis/Recovery/**

**Needs Prayers**

Alice Anderson - Hospice

**In Service**

John Charpentier  
Will Dorvilier  
Victor Ferrer  
Ian Kuhn  
Corey Papile  
Logan Putnam

**Nursing Home/Rehab**

**For the Families of:**

Charles Walsh  
Pastor Joanne Bond  
Susan Rusano  
Deacon Hans Peter Wiedemann  
Lachlan McReynolds  
Walter Kuhn  
Richard Boyle  
Kasmer Zalak  
Bruce Perry  
Rev. Ron Klose  
John Baum  
John Meyer  
Thomas Bergin  
Mario Saravia  
Linda Liles

## 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 “Acting on Faith”**

This season we start to explore our growing areas and create plans for the future of the church.

**Together we ask:**

How do we hope to grow in relationship to each other, our community and to God? What stories might we share and what lessons might we learn to help us grow in our faith?



**CONNECT WITH PASTOR CLAIRE**

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

**Church Office: (631) 475-5725**



**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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