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THE HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY 9:00AM

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.
A brief silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are +forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

As Saints of Old

Hymn #695

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

Please recite.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther: we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God: you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

① For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

② you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

A: A reading from 1 Kings—

⁸The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”

¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

“The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.”

P: ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C: ²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P: ³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

C: ⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

P: ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

C: ⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

P: ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

C: ⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed

down; the Lord loves the righteous.

P: ⁹The Lord cares for the stranger; The Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

C: ¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

MEDITATION

Lead On, O King Eternal by Henry T. Smart (Featuring the Bell Choir)

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

A: A reading from Hebrews—

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND AS WE WELCOME THE GOSPEL.

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

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” ⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Day by Day

Hymn #790

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

Petition Response to “Merciful God:” **Receive our prayer.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the Lord.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of the Lord’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words. The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the Church, including the care of those in need. **Please follow the instructions of the ushers as the plate is passed around.**

OFFERTORY MEDITATION

God is Love by Michael Joncas (Featuring the Adult Choir)

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

OFFERTORY SONG



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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day.

P: 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: 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 in 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 in remembrance of me. For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are invited to come forward to receive. Follow the instructions of the ushers. Children who have not yet received First Communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not comfortable receiving at this time, you are welcome to remain seated.

COMMUNION SONG

You may be seated while you sing:



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Blessed Assurance Hymn #638 (Piano)

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, +bless you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O Happy Day When We Shall Stand

Hymn #441

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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We Welcome All Visitors to our Services!

Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary.



Today's Altar Flowers Are Given

for the glory of God.



Today's Communion Elements Are Given

In Loving Memory of Winifred Romano

by The Schmitt Family



Today's Worship Bulletin Is Given

In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Mother and Grandmother, Wilma Doolittle

by The Juergens Family

Serving Today

Presider: The Reverend Ron Klose

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Director of Music: Nicole Nicholson | Organist: Kamelija Galijan-Curry

Acolyte: Michael Murphy

Altar Guild: Regina Coons, Norma Mantay, Doris Ohlander

Communion Assistant: Dee Bloomfield

Counters: Robert Ahearn, John Gross, Hans Vogel

Ushers: Robert Ahearn and John Gross

Coffee Hour Host: The Rath Family

Today's liturgical color is **green**. During the Time After Pentecost, the color green is used to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.

Weekly Announcements

Today is Veterans Recognition Sunday. Thank you to all of our veterans in attendance today! The Church office will be **closed** tomorrow for Veterans Day.

The Thrift Shop invites you to an exciting event! **This Thursday, November 14th at 5:30PM in Room 2000**, Philip Weiss of *Antiques Road Show* and his sons, Jordan and Matthew, will be here to give appraisals on *your items!* The cost per participant is **\$20 at the door**. Limit 1-3 items per person, please. **To sign up, please call Barbara Rath at 516-318-9275.**

Our **Orlando Condo Raffle** is still open! The winner will be called on **Sunday, December 15th**. Thank you to Hans & Laura Vogel for donating!

CLC This Week: November 10th through 17th

Monday, November 11th: Veterans Day - **Church Office Closed**

Monday, November 11th: Worship & Music/Council Meeting, 7PM, Room 2000

Wednesday, November 13th: Bell Choir, 7PM and Adult Choir, 8PM

Thursday, November 14th: Antiques Roadshow, 5:30PM, Room 2000

Friday, November 15th: Thrift Shop (Coat Sale), 9AM-3PM

Sunday, November 17th: Stewardship Sunday

For a complete list of activities this month, please check our website, or your latest copy of the Spire.

St. John's Food Pantry

St. John's Lutheran Church in Merrick has been very supportive of our church activities. They regularly donate bags and bags of items for our thrift shop. We help with their activities to fight food insecurity. As they have for many years, their Social Ministry Committee will be preparing a Thanksgiving dinner for about 100 dinner guests at the Interfaith Nutritional Network's soup kitchen on Saturday, November 16th. This year they could use our help. They need **turkeys (12-15lb.)** and/or someone to roast them and bring them to St. John's kitchen on **Saturday, November 16th from 9-11AM** to be carved. Please also bring the drippings so they can make gravy. Please call their Church office at 516-379-3858 to let them know you'll be bringing a roasted turkey or are willing to roast a turkey. They are also asking for **pumpkin pies**. They will be making **stuffing** to send, along with **canned cranberry sauce, large cans of yams, canned turkey gravy and brownies**. **Large coffee cans** are needed for transporting fresh gravy. They appreciate any help you can give them to bring a delicious meal and some joy to their guests, at this their only Thanksgiving dinner this year.

Support Your Local Churches!

The **Thanksgiving Interfaith Service** will be held on **Sunday, November 24th at 3PM at Congregation Beth Tikvah in Wantagh**. Churches and temples from around our local area, including Christ Lutheran, will participate. All are welcome to attend!

In collaboration with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Seaford and St. David's Lutheran Church in Massapequa Park, **Christ Lutheran will host a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 27th at 7PM.**



MR. MITTENS

Cold weather means that Mr. Mittens is on his way! Please help us to collect warm winter clothing and cozy books for the children at Nassau University Medical Center. **The items we need (new or gently used) are:** Children's Books - Hats - Gloves - Mittens - Scarves - Sweaters - Monetary donations to purchase needed items (cash or checks made payable to Christ Lutheran Church)

A donation box is located in the narthex. **We would appreciate receiving all donations by Sunday, December 15th.** Thank you for your generous contributions!

Scout Troop 656

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Ring in the Christmas season with a fresh, decorated wreath! The proceeds from this fundraiser allow our Scouts to defray the costs of their activities in the year ahead. Your contribution makes a beautiful gift for you or a loved one, and a lasting one for our church's youth! If you are interested in purchasing a wreath, submit the cut-off form below with your payment to the Church office by **Sunday, November 17th. Thank you for supporting our youth!**

BSA TROOP 656 CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

of Wreaths: _____ (**\$25 per Wreath**) Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks out to BSA Troop 656. Orders are due on November 17th.

For questions, contact Dee Bloomfield at 516-369-3981.



Seafarers International House

For years, our congregation has supported the ministry of Seafarers International House, which serves mariners from around the world by providing spiritual, emotional, and tangible support. These mariners spend long stretches of time away from family, friends, and community, and sometimes require assistance with their medical needs, lodging, food, counseling, and transportation. The holiday season can be especially lonely far away from home, while at sea or in a foreign land. Every year, our congregation collects items for care satchels to be given to crewmembers of visiting ships by Seafarers' port chaplains. Please consider donating items from the list below. **Items indicated in bold are especially needed.**

- Sweatshirts, hooded or unhooded (sizes M, L, or XL)
- T-Shirts (sizes M, L, or XL)
- **Knitted winter caps (no pastel colors, please)**
- **Scarves (no pom-poms or fringe, please)**
- **Thermal or gym socks (men's size)**
- **Snacks (nutrition bars, canned nuts, chocolate bars)**
- Monetary donations (checks made payable to CLC)
- You may also purchase items directly from the Seafarers' Amazon wish list: <https://a.co/bHHEzEz>.

Monetary donations may be sent to the Church office. All other items may be left in the designated box in the narthex. Please have your donations in by **November 25th**. Thank you for bringing comfort and joy to essential workers this Christmas.


WINTER WONDERLAND

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Park at Wantagh High School
Take the Project Thank A Cop Holiday Shuttle
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Saturday November 30th - 12 - 5 PM
Wantagh Preservation Society
1700 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh

Swag Bags to First 500 Families

Featuring Entertainment By:
Wantagh American Legion Pipe Band
Show Stompin' Irish Dance,
The Jewel Tones, and MAZ Entertainment

Holiday Lighting Ceremony
Pictures with Santa Claus,
The Grinch, Holiday Shopping,
Music, DJ, Entertainment, and
The Realty Advisors Petting Zoo, New Special Surprise!

Apparel, Jewelry, Books, Gifts, Home & Holiday Decor, Toys,
Homemade Handcrafted Treats, Pet Treats, and more!

Food and Beverages:
Pies-on Wheels, Simply Greekalicious, Coffee & Hot Cocoa Bar,
Hot Apple Cider, Mama's Custom Cookies, Pips Pit,
Empanadas & More

The Wantagh Preservation Museum will be Open

Please Bring a New Unwrapped Toy for The John Theissen Children's Foundation

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The Jewel Tones Sponsor


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We Remember Especially Those on Our Prayer List

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Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman - Bill Gilmor - Emmy Grenzign
Barbara Grieser - Theresa Heenan - Arnold Howard - Steven Koch
Laura Koenig - Ruth Kollar - Susan Kremer - Jean Leib
Chris Mantay - Norma Mantay - Janet McShea - William McShea
Marilyn Miller - Lilly Ann Munnich - John Nittoli - James Pallas
Jim Pawl - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce - Catherine Rao - Terri Rao
Emmett Reilly - Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer
Della Dorn Rice - Kay Riese - Doris Spiegle
Natalie Stone - James Toomey - Hilde Uccellini
Nancy Valenti - Liz Wagner

To add a name to our prayer list, contact the Church office.



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