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THE HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY 9:00 AM

PLEASE STAND.

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

A brief silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven+ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Come Down, O Love Divine Hymn # 804

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

A: A reading from Habakkuk—

^{1:1}The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you, “Violence!” And you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9

“Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord.”

P: ¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

C: ²For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

P: ³Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

C: ⁴Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart’s desire.

P: ⁵Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

C: ⁶The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

P: ⁷Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

C: ⁸Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

P: ⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

A: A reading from Timothy—

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands;

⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God,

⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,

¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in

whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’

⁸“Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’

⁹“Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?”

¹⁰“So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk By Faith Hymn # 635

PLEASE STAND.

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 "God of grace:" **Hear 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. Our offering baskets are located at the back of the Sanctuary.

OFFERTORY

City of God by Dan Schutte (Featuring the Adult Choir)

PLEASE STAND.

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Amen.

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.

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.

The assembly is seated.

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

COMMUNION MEDITATION

As the Grains of Wheat Hymn # 465

PLEASE STAND.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, +one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing Hymn # 807

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

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.

Parents with Restless Children may wish to move to the library, where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.



Today's Altar Flowers Are Given

In Memory of Janet Veltri, on Her Birthday Anniversary

Given by The Hasteadt and Scibelli Families

In Celebration of the Marriage of Richard Stone & Brittany Joy
on Oct. 1, 2022

Given by Barbara & Roy Stone

Serving Today

Presider: The Reverend Ron Klose

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Altar Guild: Terry Ciro, Eileen Colton, Claudia Gross, Lilly Ann Munnich, Carol
Shoemaker

Counters: Doris & Roger Ohlander, Barbara & Bob Rath

Usher: Craig Sparke

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Heron Family

Nicole Nicholson: Director of Music

Kamelija Galijan-Curry: Organist

Roxanne Toomey: Deacon

Della Rao: Parish Administrator, Christian Education Coordinator

Dana Antonette: Nursery School Director

Weekly Announcements

- The 2022-2023 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is now available. Please see Jan Eastlund if you would like to cover a Sunday. Spots are still available!
- Preparations are well underway for the **Country Fair!** Save the dates for **Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd**. The fair will run from 9AM-3PM both days, rain or shine. Please see a member of the Fair Committee if you'd like to donate a raffle item. **We would especially appreciate cookie donations** for the Annual Cookie Walk. Please see Jan Eastlund for details!
- The Christian Education Program has begun collecting non-perishable food items for our annual **Fall Food Drive**. Please take a copy of our "shopping list" from the Coffee Hour table. Details for our day at Stop & Shop will be announced soon. Thank you for your generosity!

- **Coming Soon!** We have begun planning a “Tech Literacy Workshop!” This class will be taught by Della Rao, and will cover topics like emails, social media, iPhones, and more. Recommendations are welcome! If you are interested in attending, please submit the enclosed input form to the Church office.
- The next WELCA Eastern Nassau Conference Bible Study will be held on **Tuesday, October 18th at 10:00AM in field five of Cedar Creek Park.** For further details, please call Joyce at 516-496-8871.

St. John’s Food Pantry

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Cold Cereal - Cooking Oil - Hot Cereal - Crackers - Pudding Mix - Coffee
Tea Bags - Progresso Soup - Egg Noodles - Spaghetti - Chef Boyardee
Instant Mashed Potatoes - Chicken Broth - Stewed Tomatoes - Tuna Helper
Canned Salmon - Canned Chicken

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

CLC This Week: October 2nd through 10th

Wednesday, October 5th: WELCA Meeting, 1PM, Room 2000

Wednesday, October 5th: Bell Choir, 7PM and Adult Choir, 8PM

Thursday, October 6th: Nursery Board Meeting, 1PM

Thursday, October 6th: Finance Meeting, 5PM

Friday, October 7th: Thrift Shop, 9AM-3PM

Sunday, October 9th: NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

Monday, October 10th: Church Office, CNS Closed

(Columbus Day, Indigenous Peoples Day)

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

Support Our Local Churches!

- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Levittown** is holding their Annual Pumpkin Patch! The patch is open 7 days a week. They will also host a *Community Yard Sale* on Saturday, October 8th from 10AM-2PM (free), and a *Gift Basket Auction* on Saturday, October 15th starting at 10AM (\$10/ticket).
- **Grace Lutheran Church in North Bellmore** will host their Fall Harvest Fair on Saturday, October 15th from 10AM-4PM.
- **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Seaford** will host their Harvest Festival and Yard Sale on Saturday, October 15th from 10AM-4PM.
- **Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church** opens their Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October 15th.



We Remember Especially Those On Our Prayer List

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - Bud Bilewich - James Cathcart
Danielle Chillemi - Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo - Marge Dahlberg
Mike Dauth - Joan Drake - Joanne Drenckhahn - Charlie Fisher
Bob Freyer - Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser
Joe Hanna - Arnold Howard - Carolyn Howard - Jennifer Kenning
Elaine Quigley Levano - Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea
William McShea - Bill Miller - Marilyn Miller - James Pallas
Michael Pluscarr - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce - Catherine Rao - Bob Rath
Sheila Reeves - Emmett Reilly - Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer
Barbara Reimer - Della Dorn Rice - Helga Richert - Eunice Rischan
Christopher Schwarz - Michael Steadman - Natalie Stone - James Toomey
Laura Vogel - Jim Spiegle's Mother, Doris

*To add a name to our prayer list, contact the Church office.
Names remain on the list for a period of six weeks per request.*



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