



*For God so loved
the world that he
gave his one and
only Son....*

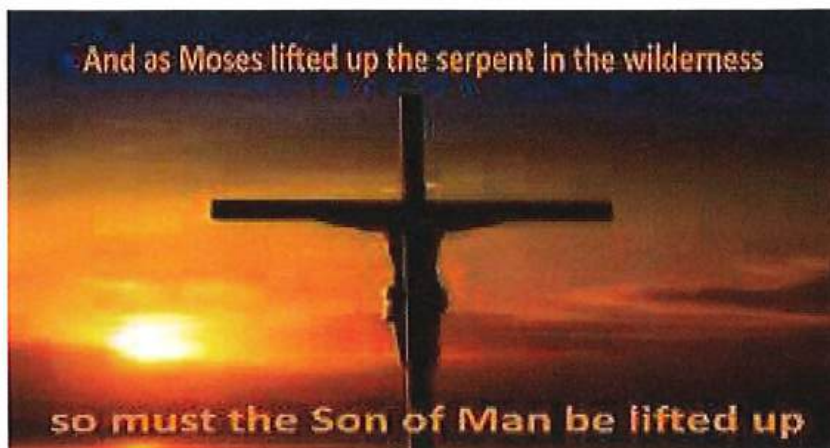
JOHN 3:16, NIV

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September 14th, 2025



Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honored to have you here. We hope that our worship time together will be meaningful to you and bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please fill out a pink attendance form and place it in the offering plate during the offering.

A friendly reminder ...please silence your cell phone.

If you are unable to join us in person,
Please join us on Zoom!

Sunday Service is live on zoom every week at 9:00AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 829 5757 8827

Password: 1966

Holy Cross Day Introduction

This festival, which originated in the fourth century, celebrates the triumph of the cross. Paul reminds us that Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift high the cross as the sign of our health and salvation. Each time we make the sign of the cross we remember our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

**Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.**

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

(#857 in the Hymnal)

INVOCATION:

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!

THE KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

Choir: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

ALL: Lord God, heav'nly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

P: The Lord be with you

C: and also, with you!

P: Let us pray

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The readings can be found on the back of the bulletin

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14; Joshua 1: 1-6

Deacon: Word of God! Word of Life!

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-24

Deacon: Word of God! Word of Life!

All: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: (ELW p. 151)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: John 3: 13-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to John Chapter 3
beginning at the 13th verse.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel reading.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated.

SERMON: Reverend Wayne Plumstead **"What Do We Do When Moses Dies?"**

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Please stand if you are able.*

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

(#805 in the hymnal)

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:

P: God of Grace

C: Receive our prayer

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us
forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ

COLLECTION of TITHES & OFFERING

P: Please be seated as the gifts of the Lord are gathered

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: *Please stand if you are able.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Lord of the harvest,

We return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you!

C: AND ALSO, WITH YOU!

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD!

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

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE!

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 the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus
Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles
to preach the gospel and teach all nations,
and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age.
And so, with the glorious company of the apostles,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

“Lamb of God”

(Page 154 in the front of the hymnal)

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, please come to the altar for a blessing. The wine and grape juice are administered by the individual glass. If you are unable to come to the table, speak with an usher and communion will be brought to you.

During communion, please join us in singing

“Create in me a clean heart”

**Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord
And take not Thy holy spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

The Blessing:

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

"Lift High the Cross"

(#660 in the hymnal)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.



The Altar flowers this week are given to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary on September 27th from Carol and Tom Paonessa



September 18th Rev Chuck and Kathy Romanowski



Pastor Plumstead wants you to get the most out your worship expeirence. Each week the scripture lessons and sermon title will be listed here for the following Sunday. This will give you the opportunity to study the text ahead of Sunday, with the hope of helping you connect with the message on a deeper level. The bold print will indicate the focus of his sermon.

September 21st "The Other Prodigal"

First Lesson: Amos: 6: 4-7

Second Lesson: Psalm 113

Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32

September 28th "Making a courageous reach"

First Lesson: Leviticus 12: 2-7

Second Lesson: Psalm 146

Gospel: Matthew 9: 18-22

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday October 5th 2025
One Service at 12:00pm

Service to be held outside. We invite you to bring your precious pets to receive a blessing from Pastor Plumstead. Each guest will receive a collar charm and a prayer card.

All are welcome!
Spread the word!

ADULT LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP 2025-26 SEASON **October 9th @12:00 pm**

Lunch served at noon, presentation to follow!

Free will offering



SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE!

From September 1st to September 30th

Bring your food donations to the church during the month of September. The recipient of the donations will be the food pantry at Ocean Community Church in Manahawkin and ultimately our friends

and neighbors in need.



THE WEEK AHEAD

September 14th, 2025 to September 20th, 2025

Sunday 14 th	9:00 AM	LCHS Worship/Fellowship Reverend Wayne Plumstead
	11AM-1:00PM	JCI Worship/Fellowship
Monday 15 th	10:30AM	Al-Anon Meeting Room 6/7
	1:00 PM	YMCA COUNSELING Room 4
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
	7:00 PM	JCI Prayer Session
	7:00PM	Boy Scouts 11/12
Tuesday 16 th	7:30 PM	Al- Anon Meeting
	7:30 PM	AA Meeting
Wednesday 17 th	7:00 PM	JCI Bible Study
Thursday 18 th	12:00 PM	ALF! Lunch & Presentation
	7:30PM	AA Meeting Room 11/12
Friday 19 th	10:00am	AA Meeting Room 11/12
	2:00pm – 8:00pm	YMCA COUNSELING Room 4
Saturday 20 th		

**** Next Council Meeting – Monday 15th @ 6:30 PM**

WEEKLY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**September 14th, 2025****September 21st 2025**

Pastor	Reverend Wayne Plumstead	Reverend Wayne Plumstead
Lector	Janice Hurley	Janice Hurley
Communion Assistant	Janice Hurley	Janice Hurley
Ushers	Pat Padula Lou Padula	Pat Padula Lou Padula
Acolyte	Lou Padula	Lou Padula
Sound Booth	Victoria Cambridge	Victoria Cambridge
Altar Guild	Denise Ross	Janice Hurley
Keyboardist	Daniel Sullivan	Daniel Sullivan
Music Leaders	Ben Gilluly Sue Chin	Ben Gilluly
Sunday AM Fellowship	Denise Ross	Denise Ross
Set up/Make Coffee	Denise Ross	Denise Ross
Offering Counters	Ben Gilluly Denise Ross	Dody McNally Dianne Silva

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

PRAYER LIST 9/14/25



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| ~ Chris Byron | ~ Carol Martinek |
| ~ Bill & Joanne Clark | ~ Izzy Martinez |
| ~ Jeffrey Clark | ~ Trish Martinez |
| ~ The Congdon Family | ~ Jack Masterson |
| ~ Alice Cranmer | ~ Mimi Matey |
| ~ Christine Davis | ~ Dennis McNeil |
| ~ Maureen Doheny | ~ Eileen Moyer |
| ~ William Doheny | ~ Kippy Ross |
| ~ Stephen Donofrio | ~ Patricia Schmelz |
| ~ Ingie Gilluly | ~ Prudence Simonds |
| ~ Jerry Hanford | ~ Vicki Thompson |
| ~ Carol Hemberger | ~ Dawn Thumhart |
| ~ Allen Horvath | ~ Jennifer Tondera |
| ~ Ellen Knolmajer | |

Name to be added/removed_____

Your Name_____ Date_____

Phone number_____

Prayers for World Peace



If you have someone you would like on the list please fill out the above form, include your phone number and you will be contacted once a month to see if that person should remain on the list.

Need to add or remove a name? Please notify the church office.

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Worship with Communion Sunday's at 9:00am



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Lutheran Church of Holy Spirit
Manahawkin, NJ



Our worship service is live-streamed every week on
Zoom @ 9:00am.

If you are unable to join us in person, please join us on
zoom!

Meeting ID: 829 5757 8827 Password: 1966



Please stay and enjoy a time of fellowship, bagels
and coffee, in fellowship hall every Sunday
following service!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Phone: 609-597-2696

Email: HolySpiritNJOffice@gmail.com

Interim Pastor: The Reverend Wayne Plumstead



for worshipping with us!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, are a Christian community.

Committed to knowing God • to serving ALL people • to sharing the
“Good News” of Jesus Christ!

Exodus 32:7-14

7 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt.

8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

9 “I have seen these people,” the Lord said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people.

10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

11 But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. “Lord,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?

12 Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.

13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’”

14 Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Joshua 1:1-6

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide:

2 “Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.

3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.

4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead

these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

18 The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.

22 For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles,

24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

John 3:13-17

[Jesus said:] 13 “No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”