

A bronze statue of a woman stands in the foreground, her arms raised high. In her right hand, she holds a dove with its wings spread, symbolizing peace. The statue is positioned in front of a dense canopy of trees with vibrant yellow autumn leaves. In the background, a large, historic building with a dark roof and ornate architectural details is visible under a clear blue sky.

Woman,
you are set free
from your ailment

LUKE 13:12

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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 streamed every week at 9:00AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 829 5757 8827

Password: 1966

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

**Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(#858 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:

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The readings can be found on the back of the bulletin

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

Deacon: Word of God! Word of Life!

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

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: Luke 13:10-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke Chapter 13
beginning at the 10th 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: "Sabbath and Sabbaticals"

Reverend Jeffrey Eaton

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

"Morning Has Broken"

(#556 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:

D: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great!

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:

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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.
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one
Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.
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:

**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.**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our
salvation.

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

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

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: The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

“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
“Take Our Bread”**

**Take our bread, we ask you;
Take our hearts, we love you.
Take our lives, oh Father; we are yours,
We are yours..**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

The Blessing:

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(#886 in the hymnal)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.



The Altar flowers this week are given to the glory and honor of God



August 20th Phil and Betty Mangold

August 23rd Deb Hillman

August 24th Tom Hook

August 30th Ruth Murphy



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.

August 31st, 2025 – Reverend Wayne Plumstead

Sermon title: "The Problem with Saints"

Lessons: Isaiah 58: 9b-14, Hebrews 11:29 -12:2

Gospel: Luke 13: 10-17

September 7th, 2025 Reverend Wayne Plumstead

Sermon title: "Still Green and Full of Sap"

Lessons: Psalm 90 , Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Mark 4: 21-34

ADULT LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP 2025–26 SEASON

SEPTEMBER 11th @12:00 pm

Lunch served at noon, presentation to follow!

Free will offering



Ocean County Library – Books and So Much More!

A lot has changed since The Ocean County Library system was established in 1925. One hundred years later, each of the library's 21 branches still has plenty of books to enjoy, but there is so much more!

Come learn about all the services the Ocean County Library provides free of cost to Ocean County residents, including museum passes, in person programs for all ages and interests, and help with technology, including the many digital offerings available with just your library card.

And that's just the beginning!
Sign up today! (in the foyer)

THE WEEK AHEAD

August 24th, 2025 to August 30th, 2025

Sunday 24 th	9:00 AM	LCHS Worship/Fellowship Reverend Jeffrey Eaton
	11AM-1:00PM	JCI Worship/Fellowship
Monday 25 th	10:30AM	Al-Anon Meeting Room 6/7
	1:00 PM	YMCA COUNSELING Room 4
	7:00 PM	JCI Prayer Session
	7:00PM	Boy Scouts 11/12
Tuesday 26 th	7:30 PM	Al- Anon Meeting
	7:30 PM	AA Meeting
Wednesday 27 th	7:00 PM	JCI Bible Study
Thursday 28 th	7:30PM	AA Meeting Room 11/12
Friday 29 th	10:00am	AA Meeting Room 11/12
	2:00pm – 8:00pm	YMCA COUNSELING Room 4
Saturday 30 th		

WEEKLY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**August 24th, 2025****August 31st, 2025**

Pastor	Pastor Jeffrey Eaton	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	Carol Paonessa	Denise Ross
Keyboardist	Wayzeta Strouse	Daniel Sullivan
Music Leaders	Ben Gilluly, Sue Chin	Ben Gilluly, Sue Chin
Sunday AM Fellowship	Denise Ross	Denise Ross
Set up/Make Coffee	Denise Ross	Denise Ross
Offering Counters	Sue Chin Trish Martinez	Ben Gilluly Denise Ross

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

PRAYER LIST 8/24/25



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

Name to be added/removed_____

Your Name_____ Date_____

Phone number_____



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!

CHURCHOFFICE 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!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from
among you,
the pointing of the finger, the
speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the
hungry
and satisfy the needs of the
afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the
darkness
and your gloom be like the
noonday.
¹¹The LORD will guide you
continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched
places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered
garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations
of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of
the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
¹³If you refrain from trampling the
sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests
on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD
honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own
ways,
serving your own interests, or
pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the
LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the
heights of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of
your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has
spoken.

Psalms 103:1-8

**SECOND READING: Hebrews
12:18-29 [not printed]**

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one
of the synagogues on the sabbath.
¹¹And just then there appeared a
woman with a spirit that had crippled
her for eighteen years. She was bent
over and was quite unable to stand
up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he
called her over and said, "Woman,
you are set free from your ailment."
¹³When he laid his hands on her, im-
mediately she stood up straight and
began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader
of the synagogue, indignant because
Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept
saying to the crowd, "There are six
days on which work ought to be done;
come on those days and be cured,
and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But
the Lord answered him and said,
"You hypocrites! Does not each of
you on the sabbath untie his ox or his
donkey from the manger, and lead it
away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not
this woman, a daughter of Abraham
whom Satan bound for eighteen long
years, be set free from this bond-
age on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he
said this, all his opponents were put
to shame; and the entire crowd was
rejoicing at all the wonderful things
that he was doing.