

My beloved had a
vineyard

ISAIAH 5:1

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
333 North Main Street Manahawkin, NJ
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Sunday, October 4, 2026



Welcome!

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 our service is now live streamed on YouTube. Open YouTube and search @LCHSManahawkin to watch live!

Additionally, you can rewatch previous Sunday's and Pastor's class. Check it out!

The responses throughout the bulletin are printed in **bold print**.
The lessons are printed on the back of the bulletin.

Introduction

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars..

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others. Turn our hearts back to you.**

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

Opening Hymn #803

When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

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

Prayer of the Day:

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Today's Scripture Lessons:

The readings are printed on the back of your bulletin.

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Chapter 20 beginning at the 1st 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.

The Sermon: Pastor Dan Marrone

Hymn of the Day # 733

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Apostles' Creed

Let us now 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

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

C: and also, with you

P: God has greeted us with his peace. Let us
now pass the peace of Christ to each other



Collection of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory Hymn We Are an Offering

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

The Offertory Prayer:

Loving God,
We offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
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 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:

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:

**Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!**

Lamb of God (Pg. 154 in 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 red wine and white 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. Gluten free wafers are available, let Pastor know.*

Prayer After Communion:

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

The Blessing:

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord's face shine on
you with grace and mercy, may the Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.
Amen.

The Sending Hymn # 835

All Creatures Worship God Most High

Dismissal

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST 10/4/26



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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| ~ Rose Bombelli | ~ Carol Martinek |
| ~ Miranda Boylan | ~ Jack Masterson & family |
| ~ Victoria Cambridge | ~ Mimi Matey |
| ~ Megan Caruso | ~ John Moro |
| ~ Bill & Joanne Clark | ~ Bruce Phillips |
| ~ Jeffrey Clark | ~ Amy Pooler |
| ~ The Congdon Family | ~ Sherry Quinn |
| ~ Daniel Derr | ~ Pastor Chuck Romanowski |
| ~ Maureen Doheny | ~ Hunter Ross |
| ~ William Doheny | ~ Danielle Ruiz |
| ~ Stephen Donofrio | ~ Patricia Schmelz |
| ~ Joe Fazz | ~ Morgan Serrao |
| ~ Ben and Ingie Gilluly | ~ Ken Scherer |
| ~ Jerry Hanford | ~ Prudence Simonds |
| ~ Carol Hemberger | ~ Vicki Thompson |
| ~ Glen Hemberger | ~ Jennifer Tondera |
| ~ Marie Leffingwell | ~ Pat Verry |
| ~ Geri Marchitto | |

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.

FALL FESTIVAL

October 17th
1pm - 4pm

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Fun for the Whole Family!



There are several vacant spots still available to reserve flowers. The chart is in the hall right outside the office. The cost is 30\$. You can Keep one yourself and ask for the other to be given to someone of your choice or for a shut-in member. They can be dedicated for a reason, celebration, in memory of and it will be printed in the bulletin.



@LCHSManahawkin you will see the current service and if you ever miss it or just want to relisten to Pastor Dan's sermon YOU CAN! It's a WIN-WIN!

THE WEEK AHEAD

October 4, 2026, Through October 10, 2026

Sunday 4 th	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	LCHS Worship/Fellowship JCI Worship/Fellowship
Monday 5 th	10:30AM 7:00 PM 7:00PM	Al-Anon Meeting Room B JCI Prayer Session Room B Boy Scouts FELLOWSHIP
Tuesday 6 th	4-6:30PM 7:30PM 7:30PM	YMCA Al-Anon Meeting ROOM B AA Meeting FELLOWSHIP
Wednesday 7 th	7:00 PM 6:00 PM	JCI BIBLE STUDY ROOM B Soccer Shots (the field)
Thursday 8 th	7:30PM	AA Meeting Fellowship
Friday 9 th	10:00 AM	AA Meeting Room Fellowship

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Worship with Communion Sunday's at 9:00am



Please stay and enjoy a time of fellowship, bagels and coffee, in fellowship hall every Sunday following service! Straight down the hall the room on the left!

There are no strangers here, only friends you have not yet met -William Butler Yeats



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit Manahawkin

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 5:1-7
[not printed]

Psalm 80:7-15

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?'

⁴³"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14.

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