

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool

576 Deer Park Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Office: (631) 661-7245 ~ Preschool: (631) 376-0773

Website: www.CCLChurch.com ~ Email: Office@CCLchurch.com

Sunday Worship Service ~ 10 a.m.

Sunday School ~ 10 a.m.

(children come to church with family)



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SEPTEMBER
2022

Dear Members and Friends,

How blessed we are on Long Island to enjoy the change of seasons and to appreciate the splendors of God's creation. This past summer many have enjoyed parks, beaches, and many have been enjoying swimming, hiking, and biking. As we get ready for Autumn, God blesses us with beautiful trees, flowers, and lovely surroundings.

One of my favorite hymns expresses this well! "This Is My Father's World" was written by Maltbie D. Babcock.

In his book Then Sings My Soul, Robert J. Morgan wrote:

Maltbie Babcock was arguably the most remarkable student Syracuse University had ever seen. Hailing from an aristocratic family, he was a brilliant scholar with winning personality. Tall and steel-muscled, he was an outstanding athlete, expert swimmer, and captain of the baseball team. He also directed the university's orchestra, played several instruments, and composed original compositions. A proficient vocalist, he directed the university glee club. He entertained other students by drawing and doing impersonations. On the side, he was an avid fisherman.

He would have been successful in any profession, but God called him to the ministry; and after further training at Auburn Theological Seminary, he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Lockport, New York. It was a beautiful area—midway between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, not far from Niagara Falls—and Maltbie enjoyed hiking and running in the hills outside town. Telling his secretary, "I'm going out to see my Father's world," he would run or hike a couple of miles into the countryside where he'd lose himself in nature.

It was during his pastorate at Lockport that he wrote a sixteen-stanza poem, each verse beginning with the words, "This is My Father's World."

In 1886, Maltbie was called to the Brown Memorial Church in Baltimore. In 1899, he moved to the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. When he was 42, his church presented him with a special gift—a pilgrimage to the "Holy Land." With great excitement, Maltbie departed by ship. While enroute at Naples, Italy, he was seized with a deadly bacterial fever and died at the International Hospital on May 18, 1901.

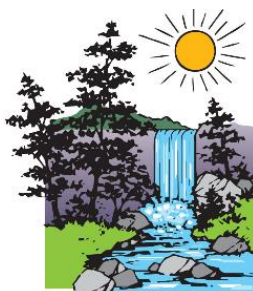
This Is My Father's World

(By Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901)

- 1 This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

- 2 This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

- 3 This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!



"Surely the
LORD is in
this place."

Genesis 28:16

I hope you have enjoyed "My Father's World" during these summer months. As we resume worship in the sanctuary on September 11, we will be returning to celebrating Holy Communion at the altar. Please call the church office if you might be willing to serve as a worship assistant (lector, usher, communion assistant) at our 10 a.m. worship service.

As we begin a new season, I am looking forward to seeing you at worship, and other upcoming fellowship events. (See "Looking Ahead" on page 8.)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Joanne Bond

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On Tuesday, September 6th, Cross of Christ Preschool will open its doors for another year of fun and learning! At Cross of Christ Preschool, we are blessed with a dedicated, caring, and experienced staff. I would like to thank all of our staff for their dedication and service to our preschool and I look forward to wonderful year of teaching and working with such wonderful, caring teachers.

The teachers have been busy setting up the classrooms and the custodians are busy cleaning and polishing the floors to get ready for a new school year! The parents and students are invited to “Meet the Teacher Day” on Thursday, September 1st from 11:00am-1:00pm. The parents and students will explore the classrooms and the playground, while meeting new friends. What a wonderful way to start the new school year!

Our school continues to grow. Cross of Christ preschool will be partnering with North Babylon and Babylon School Districts this year with two Universal Pre-K classes.

There are still limited openings in our classes, so please continue to spread the news about our terrific preschool! Interested persons may call the church office at 631-661-7245 or the preschool office at 631-376-0773 for more information. Information is also posted on the church’s website (CCLChurch.com).

Yours in Christ,
Allison Fischer, Preschool Director

Sunday School News ~ September 2022

Dear Sunday School Families,

I hope that you had an enjoyable summer and were able to relax and spend time with loved ones. It really seemed to fly by and September here we are!

The Sunday School teachers have been meeting and planning for the upcoming year with great excitement! Sunday, September 11th 10:00 a.m. is our first day of class and like last year we will begin in the sanctuary, and after the children’s sermon, the teachers will escort the children to the classroom.

Sunday, September 18th is “Rally Round’ the Cross” on the front lawn. There will be ponies and a petting zoo. We will do crafts, face painting and tattoos. We will also enjoy a barbecue and treats. Please mark your calendar as we begin the kick-off of Sunday School 2022/2023. Hope to see you there!

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Sandy Miller
Sunday School Superintendent





DID YOU KNOW

Cross of Christ Lutheran Preschool

- *Is one of the few preschools in our community that has New York State Certification by Office of Children & Family Services*
- *Has a fine Director, Mrs. Allison Fischer*
- *Employs a fine staff of Teachers and Assistant Teachers, who meet high standards of Office of Children & Family Services*
- *Enjoys a newly expanded, beautiful playground*
- *Utilizes a “Smart Board” for educational purposes*
- *Partners with Babylon and North Babylon School Districts for two Universal Pre-K classes*
- *Includes a fine music program for children with Miss Rossina*
- *Provides ample parking in our private, off-street parking lot*
- *Has a brightly lit full gymnasium*
- *Is in a safe, secure environment*
- *Shares the “Good News” with children at chapel services as Pastor Bond teaches children about God’s love for them*

**Please call to arrange a tour, or meet with our Director,
and find out why our school is a cut above.**

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*Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
invites you join us as we*



*“Rally ‘Round the Cross”
Sunday, September 18th*

10 a.m. Uplifting worship service

*Distinguished Disciple to be recognized:
~ Trudi Guarino ~*

*Barbecue on the front lawn!
All ages welcome!*

(Parents, please accompany your children).

*Please join us for food, fun, fellowship, pony rides,
petting zoo and many surprises!*

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A Flu Shot Clinic by Rite Aid Pharmacy is scheduled at Cross of Christ on **Wednesday, October 26, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Please call the church office to sign-up and for additional information.



The MNYS adult-education program "**Growing in Faith**" will be launching a new **online-only** program site for its new term. Classes will be held **Tuesdays, 7-10 PM**. If you are interested, speak to Pastor Bond or call the church office.



Tuesdays, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. with "grab & go" meals. We could use a few more volunteers. **If you can assist, please call the church office. Thank you!**

TAI CHI CLASSES – will resume soon! Fridays at 7 p.m. Fee: \$10.00 per class. Good for the mind, body, and spirit! For more information, call the Church Office (631-661-7245) or look in the weekly Sunday Bulletin.



Summer Fun ~ 2022 - Special thanks to Faith Schoelermann (Director) and all who helped to make "Summer Fun" a special program at our Church.



Would you like to sponsor a COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR following worship on Sunday morning? You may celebrate an occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.). Call the Church Office (631-661-7245) with any questions, or to schedule your coffee hour dates.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ~ As we have been doing for many years now, we will again participate in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to reach out to children in countries all over the world, not only with a Christmas box full of fun and much-needed gifts, but more importantly with the good news of Jesus and his love.

Shoeboxes can be picked up at Cross of Christ on Sunday mornings for the next two months. Please read and follow the instruction sheet in each box. Take as many boxes as you want to fill with school supplies, toiletries, toys, etc. It is amazing how much will fit into a shoebox! Return the boxes (with the appropriate label attached) to church by **Sunday November 13**. The boxes will be delivered as a group to the nearest collection site and from there delivered to children all over the world.

An alternative to packing an actual box is to pack a VIRTUAL BOX. Just log in to www.samaritanspurse.org/occ and follow the directions to "Build A Shoebox."

To find out more about this project check out the Samaritans Purse website above. If you have any questions, speak to Anita Meserole or call the church office.



*Love and Prayers
for
Jesus' Little Lamb
~ Carter Patrick Bein ~*

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2022
Time: 12 noon to 2 p.m.
Place: Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
(on the front lawn; rain or shine)
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Please join us for hot dogs and prayers as we raise funds for baby Carter Patrick Bein who will be undergoing heart surgery for a rare heart condition. Thrivent Financial will provide funds for this event.

If you are unable to join us, you may send in a donation to assist. Please make checks payable to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and write "Carter Patrick Bein" on the memo line.

THANK YOU in advance for your generosity!



- **Sunday School** – classes will resume Sunday, September 11 at 10 a.m.
- **Senior Choir** - rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 7, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. We need you!! All are welcome to come and try it out.
- **Children's Choir** - rehearsals begin Sunday, September 11 following the church service. Every child is welcome! The children prepare one anthem each month; the date to be announced far in advance.
- **Youth Choir** – rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Bell Choir Rehearsals** – will begin Wednesday, September 14 at 7:15 p.m. Anyone interested in playing (or even just trying) handbells is welcome!
- **Feeding the Flock** – Tuesdays, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. with "grab & go" meals
- **Rally Day Festivities** – Sunday, September 18 following the 10 a.m. worship service. (See flyer on page 6.)
- **Fund Raiser for Bein Baby** – Saturday, September 24, 12 noon - 2 p.m.
- **Confirmation Class** – Orientation Meeting, Wednesday, September 28, 7 p.m.
- **Prime Timers** – meetings will resume Wednesday, October 12 at 12 noon.
- **Flu Shot Clinic** – Wednesday, October 26, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Bible Study / Prayer Group** – to resume in October.
- **Blood Drive – Save the Date!** Sunday, November 6, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.