

## † SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER †

April 11, 2010

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *The order of worship for each of our three weekend services is indicated in the bulletin and the hymnal, “Lutheran Service Book” (LSB), is located in the pew racks in front of you.*
- *We extend a special word of welcome to first-time visitors and invite you to take a welcome kit located by the Jesus Fountain in the church entrance.*
- *To register member and visitor attendance, provide updates or other information, or to submit comments/requests to the pastors or church office, please use the **Welcome Card with Sign-Up/Information Sheet** in the bulletin. Church offerings, welcome cards and any other information will be collected during the offering time or may be left in the wicker basket by the Jesus Fountain after the service.*

### COMMUNION STATEMENT

- *The congregation of Village Lutheran Church welcomes to Holy Communion those baptized Christians who: †Know Jesus Christ as their Savior (John 20:31); †Recognize that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:29); †Are able to examine themselves and repent of their sins (1 Cor. 11:28); and †Look to God’s Holy Spirit for help in living the Christian life (Col. 1:10). Persons not receiving Communion may come forward to receive a blessing.*
- *Non-Alcoholic Fruit of the Vine: Persons who are sensitive to alcohol are welcome to receive the blood of Christ in the sacrament using non-alcoholic grape juice. The juice is located in the center circle of each individual tray and is lighter in color. Wine is always available with the Common Cup or Individual Cups.*
- *Gluten-free consecrated hosts (the bread of Holy Communion) are available for all those with allergies or intolerance to gluten. Simply say “Gluten-Free” to the minister or bring your bulletin forward and point to the Gluten-Free symbol prior to receiving the bread.*
- *Communion may be brought to those with limited mobility. Please alert a Pastor or usher if you wish to commune in this way.*



### TO KNOW LIVE AND SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

- *Under the blessing of God, the mission of Village Lutheran Church is a ministry of the Word and Sacraments. This ministry gives opportunities for mission, witness, nurture, fellowship, stewardship, and service. It focuses on the specific needs of individuals and groups within the congregation and extends to the church-at-large, the community, and the world.*
- *The Chapel School is an integral part of the congregation’s ministry directed specifically to children. It provides a distinctive Christian education enabling children to evidence a Christian lifestyle and to achieve academic success.*

**TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY**

**SATURDAY - 5:30 p.m.**  
**SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m.**  
Service of Holy Communion

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

*As part of our continuing Easter celebration this weekend, the congregation is invited to choose additional hymns for the service in the places indicated. You will find specific titles in the Index at the very end of the hymnal or search within the thematic headings of the hymnal (e.g. Easter 458-490, Praise and Adoration 790-822 or Redeemer 523-554) for hymn choices.*

**PRELUDE**

(5:30)	Voluntary in G Major	- John Stanley
(9:00)	Christ is Risen, Alleluia	- Albin Whitworth

**ENTRANCE HYMN** (Congregation rising)  
He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB **Hymn #480**

**INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Let everyone praise the name of the Lord,

C: **for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.** (*Psalm 148:13*)

P: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne,

C: **and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.** (*Rev. 1:4-5*)

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P: God exalted Jesus at His right hand as Leader and Savior,

C: **to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.** (*Acts 5:31*)

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess to You that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. In Your compassion forgive our sin and uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our light and our truth. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy and abundant in love, has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn Choice*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts 5:27-32

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4-8

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### ALLELUIA VERSE (Congregation rising)

P: Alleluia. Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. (*Romans 6:9*)

C: **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.** (*John 20:29*)

### GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### (9:00) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(After the message, children and teachers in Grades 3-6 go to their Sunday School classes)*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

LSB **Hymn #464**

### SERMON

"He Has Unlocked Life"

Rev. Deric Taylor

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

(5:30)

Musique Royale

- Michel-Richard Delalande

(9:00)

Fantasy on an Easter Hymn

- Gilbert Martin

### **OFFERTORY**

*Hymn Choice*

## **†HOLY COMMUNION†**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD and PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**AGNUS DEI and SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:  
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P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:  
**C: Grant us Your peace.**  
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: And also with you.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

(9:00) *Hymn Choices*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

A: Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts, and that through the gift imparted to us in this present life we may hereafter receive life everlasting; though Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LSB Hymn #475

**SILENT MEDITATION** (*Congregation seated*)

**POSTLUDE**

(5:30) Christ lag in Todesbanden - J. S.

Bach

(9:00) Gelobt sei Gott - Healey Willan

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**SUNDAY - 10:45 a.m.**  
Divine Service and Deacon Commissioning

**PRELUDE** Christ is Risen, Alleluia - Albin Whitworth

**ENTRANCE HYMN** (*Congregation rising*) LSB Hymn #480  
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C: **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** (*sung to the hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns"*)

Worthy is Christ our Lord, the Lamb for sinners slain,  
Whose blood has set His people free, who over all things reigns.  
To Him be glory now, to Him be pow'r and might,  
To Him be wisdom, honor, strength; the Victor in the fight.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

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## RITE OF DEACON COMMISSIONING COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Fantasy on an Easter Hymn

- Gilbert Martin

### OFFERTORY

(LSB Hymn #955)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with Your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## †HOLY COMMUNION†

### PREFACE

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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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven 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.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into

heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB Hymn #490

The Lamb

LSB Hymn #547

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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**C: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

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### **SILENT MEDITATION** (*Congregation seated*)

### **POSTLUDE**

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- Healey Willan

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## VLC NEWS AND NOTES

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Spring from the Pastors, Deacons, Deacon Interns and Deacon students of Village Lutheran Church.

**ALTAR FLOWERS MAY BE GIVEN** in honor or memory of a loved one or a special occasion. The cost is \$35.00 per week and flowers may be taken home after the 10:45 a.m. service. Please sign up on the chart by the Jesus Fountain or contact the church office at 914-337-0207, ext. 1003.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM** after the 9:00 a.m. worship service for cake, coffee and fellowship. Thanks to the Fellowship Action Group for providing the refreshments.

**PRAYER LINE:** Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Robert DeMatteo, Dawn Galloway, Pat Golden, Scott James, Nicholas Johnson, David Just, Mitchell Lunog, Marci Pietarinen, Sylvia Puig, Julio Sanchez, Linda Voelk, Frances Yakman. Also keep our shut-in/ homebound members & friends in your prayers. **Names are listed for 3 weeks.**

**PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK:** HIPAA legislation prohibits hospitals from sharing names of those receiving care, even to clergy. If you are hospitalized or learn of a fellow VLC member who is hospitalized, please call the church office at 914-337-0207 x 1003, so a visit can be made.

**BEREAVEMENT PRAYER LINE:** We include in our prayers all those in our community that have recently lost a loved one, especially: The family of Rita Smyth, aunt of Tricia McGinnis, who passed away on March 28, 2010. The family of Mary Hines, who passed away on March 28, 2010. The family of Genara Rodriguez, aunt of Nelly Palumbo, who passed away on March 27, 2010. Share the information on the tear-off sheet in the bulletin or call the church office 337-0207 x1003.

**Let us continue** to pray for the soldiers, Marines, airmen, sailors and special forces who put their lives in harm's way, especially Joshua Alvarado AFSOS, Maj. Daniel Cahill, Sgt. Marco Cerbone, Chris Finocchio, Andrew Flink AFSOS, Bill Kavanagh, Chris Lena, Nick Lion, Olivia Lion, Ben Millarch, Dan Miller, Gregory Olsen, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith, Aaron Tiso.

### CHURCH NEWS

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!** It is with great joy that we **celebrate the commissioning** of Deacon Elect Faith Forliano and Deacon Elect Betty Roberts at our 10:45 a.m. worship service this weekend. Betty and Faith have worked very hard over these past years completing the Atlantic District Diaconate Program and are now ready for their commissioning as Atlantic District Deacons, serving our congregation and school. May God continue to bless them and keep them.

**VLC MUSIC MINISTRY:** **Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, April 15, at 8:00 p.m. but will not sing on Sunday, April 18; **Youth Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, April 18, at 8:30 a.m.; **High School Choir** will rehearse at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 11 and on Sunday, April 18, at 8:30 a.m.; **Village Brass** rehearses on Wednesdays, time TBD; **Village Bells** will rehearse on Wednesday, April 14, at 7:15 p.m.; **FaithWalk** will rehearse on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday morning Bible Study** will meet on **April 14** at 10:45 a.m. We are working on Isaiah chapters 48 and 49.

**ALPHA** - This program began last week and will continue on **Wednesday, April 14**, from **6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** What is it? An opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian Faith. Low Key, Friendly, Fun! Bring a Friend!

**Join us for monthly worship** at Sprain Brook Manor Rehabilitation in Scarsdale. Services are normally held at 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Future services: **April 13, May 11.**

**Women's Bible Study/LWML** - This **Saturday, April 17**, will be our last **Women's Bible Study** until next fall. Please read Chapter 8, Rachel, and join us for fellowship, food and time to hear what God's Word has to reveal to us. We will also be discussing details of the LWML convention which is the following weekend.

**A Memorial Service** will be held for long time member Laura Gregory at Village Lutheran Church on **Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 11 a.m.**

**PRAYER SERVICES** are held regularly on the last Saturday of the month. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. (after the regular Saturday service), these brief moments for meditation & prayer offer personal prayers at the altar and the ancient tradition of anointing with oil. **The next service is Sat., April 24, at 6:30 p.m.**

**On Saturday, May 8, 2010**, we will host an **Equipping to Share Workshop** sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries. This is a marvelous workshop to equip us to share the Christian faith with someone you already know. We will meet from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. A light breakfast, a delicious lunch and other treats will be provided. A \$10.00 free will offering is welcome. Please RSVP to the church office by May 5, 2010.

The next **Good News Christian Coffee House** will be held at VLC on **Saturday, May 8, 2010** with Servants of the Shepherd (featuring new music!). The Coffee House opens at 7 p.m. with gourmet coffee and pastries, and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5/Adult, Seniors, Students. Children \$2 (ages 5-12). A love offering will be taken to offset expenses.

**Pastor Deric Taylor**, our Associate Pastor, has accepted the Divine Call to serve as Pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Fairlawn, New Jersey. **Pastor Taylor will be honored the weekend of May 15-16** (details will be forthcoming) and has also graciously agreed to participate in the Rite of Confirmation at Village Lutheran Church on May 23. Our Trustee Board and leadership will be working in the days to come to make sure that the many activities that Pastor Taylor coordinated are covered. We could never replace Pastor Taylor but will work diligently to make sure we are properly staffed in the interim and also for the future. Please express your appreciation to Pastor Taylor and Julie and Bradly as they follow God's leading.

**The women of VLC have started a PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY.** A Prayer Shawl is knitted or crocheted and given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a crisis. To assist in this endeavor, please contact Shawl Coordinator, Erika Doherty, at 914-337-1080. For more information, see the pamphlets in the Tract Rack, in the Narthex of the church.

**LWML News** - Mission Completed! To all you good people who helped fill the mite boxes - Thank you. New grants are being made. We will keep you posted as to what they will be. Please continue your support to the LWML & fill those boxes with your coins or bills. Every cent supports Christianity. How great is that!

Village Lutheran Church invites all to attend their informal worship service (Mass) with the Lord's Supper at 5:30 pm on **Saturday, June 5 and 12** and then stay for refreshments and an hour Bible Study called "**Table**

**Talk.”** Visitors and newcomers welcome. The basics of the Christian Faith and the Lutheran Tradition will be explored. Perfect for long-time members to discuss the basics, for seekers, and for prospective members to learn more about the Lutheran tradition. For information call 914-337-0207 or [www.vlc-ny.org](http://www.vlc-ny.org).

### **SENIOR NEWS**

**Upcoming Seniors’ Luncheons** - Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch begins at 12 noon. All VLC Seniors, Lohman Village Residents and community members welcome!

**April 13** - George Heath, Cantor at Village Lutheran Church, will be performing.

**May 11** - Help us say good-bye to Pastor Taylor and thank him for his service to our community and learn about his call to Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Fairlawn, NJ.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

**Today in Sunday School**, the children learned that we, like Thomas, doubt what we cannot see (John 20:19-31). Through His Spirit, God gives us eyes of faith that we might see Jesus in Word and Sacrament and believe in Him. Discuss with your family times when it was hard to trust and believe in the promises of God. Talk about faith and where it comes from (the Holy Spirit). In your catechism review, study the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed and its explanation.

From *Life’s Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, [www.barbourbooks.com](http://www.barbourbooks.com)). This week, remind that special child in your life: **It is better to admit a mistake than to hide it!**

### **STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

The Bible teaches that God loves all people, and that, in spite of our sinful ways, He continually reaches out to us. He promises never to leave us or forsake us. We may wander away from God and deny our role as His stewards, but He has chosen to work through us. He uses our hearts, hands, feet and mouths to serve and witness to others. If we say “no,” how useful to God are we?

**The Simply Giving Program** - Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Village Lutheran Church relies upon your regular contributions. Village Lutheran Church deeply appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year. To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions: This program is offered by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Contact Jeanette Van Duyne (914) 337-0207, x1040.

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS**

**NEEDED: A GENTLY USED LAPTOP COMPUTER** - Invest in the education of a teenager in Malawi! I am currently looking for a gently used laptop computer (less than 2 years old) for a teenager that I know. Her name is Charity and she has recently passed exams and was accepted to a university level certificate course in computers. This is a great accomplishment in Malawi! See the April edition Village Voice article on the educational system in Malawi for details. Her family are my friends and extended many kindnesses and support to me on my trip this past summer. Her father, Luzu, was our driver who guided and protected us throughout our trip. Contact Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier @ 914-772-5971 or [carolpfiz@aol.com](mailto:carolpfiz@aol.com). Thanks & God Bless!

The **Blessing Basket** collection will continue under the piano in the Friendship Room. Non-perishable items will be taken to ECAP.

### **PARISH HEALTH NEWS**

**St. Monica’s Circle:** St. Monica (b.333, d.387), the mother of St. Augustine, is a patron saint of mothers. A caring initiative for families growing through childbirth and adoption, St. Monica’s Circle will provide 5 meals to benefit the growing family.

**If you are expecting a child through pregnancy or adoption**, please notify the church office at 337-0207 when your child is expected to come home, so that we may coordinate volunteers.

**Yoga** is held on **Mondays at 7 p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Rm. Cost \$10. If you need more information call Faith Forliano 725-8035. No pre-registration required.

**AED:** Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School have three **Automated External Defibrillators (AED)** located on each level of our campus: by the lunchroom, outside the gym and outside the sanctuary (in the closet marked AED) in the Friendship Room. These life saving devices are easy to use in the event that someone on our campus experiences distress and their heart stops beating.

**Lutheran Counseling Center** provides caring, Christian professional counseling right on our campus. Under LCC's Membership Assistance Program (MAP), VLC members & friends can access these services at the rate of only \$25 per session (for up to 4 sessions). Major health care insurance companies reimburse for LCC services and LCC uses a sliding scale. Call Pastor Hartwell at 337-0207 (1022).

### **CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS**

**Keep Up the Pace, Run the Reading Race!** The Chapel School's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Fair - Wednesday, April 21 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Thursday, April 22 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday, April 23 from 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

**Summer Program** brochures are now available on the tract rack or from the school office. Mad Science will also be on site this summer. Offering 9 weeks of flexible scheduling and classes with many of our own teachers, The Chapel School summer program is a great opportunity for your family and friends with children.

### **YOUTH NEWS**

**Voyagers (3rd-6th)** - Meetings are held in the Multi-Purpose Room 6 - 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The next meeting will be held on **April 15, 2010**. Questions, call Erika (914)395-1954 or e-mail [tyandbash@aol.com](mailto:tyandbash@aol.com).

**Lifers (7th-8th)** - Meet on Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. for Confirmation. Please visit our VLC website under the youth section for more information or contact Pastor Taylor at (914)337-0207 (1021) or e-mail to [Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org](mailto:Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org).

**Crusaders (9th-12th) - Singing for Cure Band Bash:** Autism Speaks will be a beneficiary of the upcoming Singing For A Cure, an autism diabetes awareness concert sponsored by the Crusader Youth Group of Village Lutheran Church on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 6 p.m. at Village Lutheran Church in Bronxville, NY. The cost of the tickets for the event is \$11.

**Recycle and Help the Youth Attend the Gathering in New Orleans:** VLC Crusader Youth Group will hold a Tag Sale on Saturday, May 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Donations will be accepted on Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30. Volunteers are needed to help sort items for the tag sale from 8 am - 8 pm on Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30. If you could donate an hour or two, please sign up on the tear off sheet. Perfect for all ages and service hours may be earned by students needing to fulfill community service hours for school requirements. Proceeds benefit the youth group's trip to New Orleans for the LCMS Youth Gathering over the summer. For more information call 914-337-0207 or [www.vlc-ny.org](http://www.vlc-ny.org)

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**The Baltimore Lutheran H.S. Choir** will be touring New York from **April 16-18, 2010**, and will be in need of some housing for the evenings of April 16 and 17. Please contact Randy Gast at Concordia College if you are able to help. Randy can be reached at 914-337-9300 x. 2106 or e-mail [randal.gast@concordia-ny.edu](mailto:randal.gast@concordia-ny.edu).

**Organ/Vocal Recital** - Dr. Marsha Long, an internationally acclaimed organist, harpsichordist and vocalist, will be performing a program of organ works by Bach, Dupré and Vierne, as well as singing Italian arias and traditional Irish music, on **Sunday, April 18, at 3:00 p.m.** The concert features the magnificent 45-rank pipe organ at Saint Barnabas Church, 409 E. 241<sup>st</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10470. Tickets are \$10/general admission or \$25 advance purchase for reserved seats. For more info, call Music Director Thomas Fierro at (718) 325-5531, or go to [www.stbarnabasbronx.org](http://www.stbarnabasbronx.org).

**Organ Recital by Anthony Rispo** - West Point Cadet Chapel, **Sunday, April 25 at 3:00 p.m.** Anthony played a recital at the VLC in spring 2009 and is currently studying in Cleveland.

**The Eastchester and Tuckahoe Chamber of Commerce** Person of the Year Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Isle Country Club. Pastor Hartwell will deliver the Invocation, and Cornell's (the Fix Family) and Richard Forliano (VLC Member and Town Historian) will be honored. Please join us in congratulating and honoring Richard and the fine work of Cornell's and the Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the Chamber at <http://www.eastchestertuckahoechamberofcommerce.com> or cetcoc@aol.com.

**Travel and Learn with Concordia College-New York** In the Footsteps of St. Paul...travel to Greece and Turkey (October 19-29). For more information call Rev. Greg Dwyer at 914-337-9300 x 2198.

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**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES**

Assisting Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Wendy Haddad
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Intern Joan Condon
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Kevin Warnken
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Janet George
	9:00 a.m.	James Decker
	10:45 a.m.	John Eaton
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Janet George
	9:00 a.m.	James Maxeiner, Andrea Maxeiner, Mark Blanco, Anton DeRosa
	10:45 a.m.	Lydia Chao
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Kaitlyn Gotte
	9:00 a.m.	Andrew Snyder
	10:45 a.m.	Volunteer
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	Ralph Schoene, Dan Chao, Robert Waldmann, John Divi
	10:45 a.m.	Mickie Hover, Carol Raff, Sylvia Essington, Ed Vidal
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
	9:00 a.m.	Molly Nagel, Marion Scaramuzzino
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Intern Joan Condon, Joan Deery
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rappillo
Childcare:		Jennifer Pinto
Sexton:		Molly Warnken

**NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP - Youth Sunday**

*SAT., Apr. 17, 2010* 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service  
*SUN., Apr. 18, 2010* 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (Total Family Worship)  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion

Kassie Maxeiner shares a Youth Message  
VLC Youth assist as worship leaders and ushers

LESSONS: Acts 9:1-6  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

**Stewardship Update**

Amount received last week: \$13,545

Amount received to date: \$267,712

Amount needed to date: \$265,400

\$6,635 average weekly need to meet our 09-10 commitment

**Acts 5:27-32**

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Revelation 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

<sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**