

† ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †

August 8, 2010

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *The order of worship for each service is indicated in the bulletin. At 5:30 and 10:45 we will use the hymnal “Lutheran Service Book” (LSB), located in the pew racks in front of you. At the 9:00 service on the Great Porch we will use “All God’s People Sing.”*
- *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 - 10:45 a.m.
Spoken Divine Service

PRELUDE (5:30) Praise the Almighty, My Soul Adore Him - Jan Bender
(10:45) Allegro Vivace - Handel/Johnson

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

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

C: Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, that we may prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mystery of the Lord's Supper.

(A brief pause for silence follows)

P: Have mercy on us, O Lord,

C: for we have sinned against You.

P: Show us, O Lord, Your mercy;

C: and grant us Your salvation.

P: May almighty God have mercy on us and lead us, with our sins forgiven, to eternal life.

C: Amen. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ENTRANCE HYMN Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng (v. 1-3) **LSB Hymn #813**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, You sent Your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of Your church. Open our hearts to the riches of Your grace, that we may be ready to receive You wherever You appear; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 15:1-6

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

LSB Hymn #735

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Patrick Bayens

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) This is My Father's World - arr. Tim Doran
(10:45) Seelenbräutigam - Anne Krentz Organ

OFFERTORY (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn #672, v. 1)

O sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect!

O sweet and blessed country that faithful hearts expect!

In mercy, Jesus, bring us to that eternal rest

With You and God the Father and Spirit, ever blest.

+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: 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

P: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, 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.

SIGN OF PEACE

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us peace.

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

C: And also with you.

(10:45) **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness LSB **Hymn #636**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

LSB **Hymn #733**

SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE (5:30)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

- Charles Ore

(10:45)

St. Anne

- Healey Willan

SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m.
Family Service with Holy Communion

PRELUDE

Seelenbräutigam

- Anne Krentz Organ

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus, our Savior, have mercy on us, forgive us, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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

C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

AGPS Hymn #204

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng (v. 1-4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

C: **Almighty God, You sent Your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of Your church. Open our hearts to the riches of Your grace, that we may be ready to receive You wherever You appear; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read)

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CHILDREN'S BIBLE READING

“The Boy in the Temple”

Prayer: Dear God, Jesus loved being in Your house and loved to talk about His faith with others. Help me to have a love for worship and help me to be bold as I share Your love. I love You, Jesus. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

AGPS Hymn #115

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Patrick Bayens

APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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C: **hear our prayer.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING HYMN (sung while the offering is collected)

AGPS Hymn #224

The Church's One Foundation

†HOLY COMMUNION†

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. 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. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His life-giving body and blood.

C: **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, 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.** *(Matt. 6:9-13)*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

DISTRIBUTION *(Hymns from All God’s People Sing)*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

AGPS **Hymn #218**

VLC NEWS AND NOTES

PLEASE JOIN US after the 9:00 a.m. worship service for refreshments and fellowship. Thanks to the Fellowship Action Group for providing the refreshments.

Please sign up to host during AUGUST on the summer calendar schedule on the Fellowship bulletin board in the Multipurpose Room. You only need to set-up, serve and clean-up. Pair with another friend/family and help us share time together as a church community. Refreshments will be provided.

PRAYER LINE: Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Jean Andrews, Rosemarie Boecker, Barbara Clark, Teri Eaton, Genaro Febus, Cara Kealy, Alfred Murrer, Marion Murrer, Luz Maria Nieves, Sylvia Puig, Addison Riden, Mary Ruman, Julio Sanchez. 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 Dawn Branham Galloway, High School friend of Pastor Hartwell, who passed away on July 29, 2010. The family of Marie Behnke, aunt of Karen Holzer, who passed away on July 24, 2010. Put 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, James Evans, Chris Finocchio, Andrew Flink AFSOS, Bill Kavanagh, Chris Lena, Nick Lion, Olivia Lion, Ben Millarch, Dan Miller, Gregory Olsen, Michael Porter, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith, Aaron Tiso.

CHURCH NEWS

We would like to thank all of you for the very warm welcome we received last week. We would especially like to thank you for all the wonderful pantry items! It is an exciting time for us and we are very happy to be here with all of you, as we serve our Lord and His kingdom. God's richest blessing! In Christ: Pastor Roy, Jenn, Emily, Rachel and Roy (IV).

WE REJOICE ON THE OCCASION of the baptism of Nathan James Graybosch, son of Erik and Catherine Graybosch. The baptism took place at a special service on August 1, 2010. Godparents for Nathan are Heather Schulz and Christopher Graybosch. Nathan was born on May 12, 2010.

Thanks to VLC member & Chapel School parent Eric Bennett for his loving refurbishing of our church doors! Thanks, Eric. They look fantastic!

Outdoor Family Worship at 9:00 a.m. will continue on the Great Porch (weather permitting) through September 5 (Labor Day Weekend). The Saturday 5:30 and Sunday 10:45 services will remain our beautiful, air-conditioned sanctuary.

The VLC is looking for Sunday School teachers for the fall. Teachers Needed: Teachers Needed: Nursery 3 & 4, Kindergarten and a co-teacher for 2nd grade. Teachers must be in High School or older. Contact the church office of fill out the tear-off if you would like to be contacted to serve. Call 914-337-0207 (1003).

Summer Children's Bible Story - During the summer we will be reading from The Children's Bible at the 9:00 a.m. Family Service. Guest readers will read the story for the week and lead a short prayer. The children will also receive a coloring activity packet with crayons as they return to their seats.

The next **Good News Christian Coffee House** will be held at VLC on **Saturday, August 14, 2010**, featuring Michael J. Maione. The Coffee House opens at 7 p.m. with gourmet coffee and pastries, and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10/Adults, \$5 Students. Children \$3 (ages 5-12).

Join us in the Friendship Room for a Deacon Training Informational Meeting on Sunday, August 15 at 10:15 a.m. These meetings will briefly explain the Deacon Training Program. A "Q and A" time will follow. You may also call Pastor Hartwell at 914-337-0207 (1022) for additional information. **Deacon classes begin Tuesday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m.**

Volunteer Painters Needed ... Thursday, August 19 from 5-9 PM ... SIGN UP TODAY in MPR or on the rolling Bulletin Board ... We need painters and drop-cloths. Any brushes or rollers you can bring would also be great. We will provide paint, roller covers, pizza and beverages. Prep work is done! It's time for a fresh coat on the ground floor classrooms and hallways. A few walls on the 1st (middle) and 2nd (top) floors need some TLC too. Bring a friend or two – more hands make for less work! Please just be sure to notify Mrs. Kim Rapillo in the Church Office by Tuesday, August 17th so that we know how much food and drink we need.

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., August 28, at 6:30 p.m.**

RALLY DAY WEEKEND "Plus" will take place on Sept. 11-12. Our annual kick-off for Christian education is going to be enhanced this year with the addition of a special 10th anniversary 9/11 service and the installation of Pastor Minnix as Associate Pastor at VLC. Please join us in worship as we thank God for His blessings and rededicate ourselves to His mission:

Saturday, Sept. 11 - 10th Anniversary 9/11 Service of Remembrance at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12 - Sunday School start-up and faculty/staff installations at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Installation of Rev. Roy Minnix as Associate Pastor at 4:00 p.m.

Join our 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. For information, please contact Shawl Coordinator, Erika Doherty, at 914-337-1080 or see the pamphlets in the Tract Rack, in the Narthex of the church.

Now that summer is here refreshments are served outside rather than in the Multi-Purpose Room after the 9:00 a.m. service. But the **mite boxes** still remain on the piano inside. So if you can, you might want to stop inside and pick one up! The LWML appreciates every contribution. Keep cool and have a great summer. **God Bless!**

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Stewardship Appeal 2010 - 2011: The Lifestyle of Faithful Stewards. A life of stewardship is a life characterized by receiving God's grace through Word & Sacraments and then freely sharing what God has first given us. Prayerfully consider how you might live the lifestyle of a faithful steward for the praise and glory of our Lord. Bring your Commitment Form with you to church, drop it off in the church office or return it in the envelope enclosed in the Stewardship Appeal you received by mail.

In the Old Testament, God's people were asked to tithe or give ten percent of their harvest or livestock. In the New Testament, too, our admonition is clear, *"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income..."* (1 Corinthians 16:2). The percentage amount to give is not stated, but we are to give in proportion to how God blesses us. Many of the examples of giving in the New Testament surpassed ten percent. Zacchaeus gave 50 percent of his income to the poor; the Macedonians gave beyond their ability; and the poor widow gave all that she had. We are to seek God's guidance as to what He wants us to give.

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.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

New Church Family Pictorial Directory - A directory is a very valuable tool that helps everyone to place names with faces and enhances the sense of fellowship. The Fellowship Action Group has invited Lifetouch Church Directories to produce a Church Family Album for us. Each participating family will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a FREE Church Family Album. All we need to make our new directory a success is you! Whether you are single, a couple or family with children, please help by scheduling a sitting for the directory. Remember: The more members photographed, the more useful our directory will be. **Photos will be taken at church from Wednesday, Sept. 15 through Saturday, Sept. 18.** Outside photos may also be submitted by those unable to attend the photo shoot. **Sign-ups will begin on Saturday, Aug. 14, after the 5:30 p.m. service and on Sunday, Aug. 15, after the 9 a.m. service & before and after the 10:45 a.m. service. Sign-ups will run each Saturday & Sunday until the photo date. Questions, call the church office 914-337-0207 x 1003.**

PARISH HEALTH NEWS

Health tip from your Parish Health Practitioner Joy Elwell - A child's delicate skin needs protection from the sun to prevent a painful burn and skin damage. The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these suggestions to protect children from sunburn: Sunburn can happen even on a shady day. The sun doesn't have to be shining brightly to cause a burn. Use sunscreen with sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15. Apply 30 minutes before your child heads outdoors and reapply throughout the day. Cover skin with cool, light cotton clothing that covers arms and legs. Keep your child shaded with a beach umbrella. Put a wide-brimmed hat on your child. Never put a young baby (younger than six months) in direct sunlight. Try to keep your child out of the sun between 10 a.m. & 4 p.m. when the sun is strongest.

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.

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).

Yoga classes will not be held over the summer. We will resume after Labor Day. If you need more information call Faith Forliano 725-8035. No pre-registration required.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

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

YOUTH NEWS

Voyagers (3rd-6th) - Meetings are held from 6 - 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The next meeting will be on **August 19, 2010 on the Playground for water balloon night.** Wear your bathing suit. Questions, call Erika (914)395-1954 or e-mail tyandbash@aol.com.

Lifers (7th-8th) - On Thursday evening, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m., the Village Lutheran Church's Confirmation program will begin with a brief orientation meeting for children, parents and caregivers. It is open to all community members and provides weekly Christian education programming for students in grade 7 and 8 leading to The Rite of Confirmation (in the spring of the 8th grade year). Cost for the program is \$125 and includes a weekend winter retreat for the students (and interested parent chaperones) in January each year. Confirmation/CCD is held Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Contact Kate Porter at Kporter@VLC-NY.org or at 914-337-0207 for more information.

Crusaders (9th-12th) - Contact Kporter@VLC-NY.org or at 914-337-0207 for more information.

CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

Save the Date: The 10th Annual Chapel School Golf Outing on **Monday, Oct. 4, 2010** at Leewood Golf Club.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Custodian Needed - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Tremont (1984 Crotona Avenue, Bronx) is seeking a custodian. The custodian is given as compensation (rent free) a two bedroom apartment with electricity, gas and telephone (local only). Duties include the regular cleaning of the church, recreation room and gym. The employee is free to hold another job as long as these duties are accomplished. For more information and to apply, contact: Marcia Williams at 718-367-9826.

Eastchester Senior Citizens Cruising on the Italian lines ship "Poesia" from New York on **Wednesday, September 22 through Saturday, October 2, 2010.** Port of calls - Sydney Canada, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Halifax & Newport. Cabins range \$1430 - \$1880. Including cancellation insurance. Complete itinerary available at the Senior Center at Lake Isle. For more information call (914) 337-0390.

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 or e-mail gregory.dwyer@concordia-ny.edu.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

Assisting Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Betty Roberts
	10:45 a.m.	George Heath
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Marcia Kollmann
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	James Maxeiner
	9:00 a.m.	Peter Kollmann
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Intern Joan Condon
Children's Bible Story	9:00 a.m.	Sharon Peterson
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	James Maxeiner
	9:00 a.m.	Peter Kollmann
	10:45 a.m.	Lydia Chao
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Alex Primavera
	9:00 a.m.	Volunteer
	10:45 a.m.	Luke Geiling
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Rich Foster
	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.	Marion Scaramuzzino
	10:45 a.m.	Joan Deery, Deacon Intern Joan Condon
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rاپillo
Child Care:		Volunteer
Sexton:		Greta Kollmann

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

SAT., Aug. 14, 2010	5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service (Sanctuary)
SUN., Aug. 15, 2010	9:00 a.m. Family Service with Holy Communion (Great Porch)
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

LESSONS:	Isaiah 61:7-11
	Galatians 4:4-7
	Luke 1:46-55

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$7,351
Amount received to date: \$28,171
Amount needed to date: \$34,325
\$6,865 average weekly need to meet our 10-11 commitment

2010 -2011 Stewardship Pledge Report

50 pledges totaling \$149,015.00 Received to Date!

Please hand your Stewardship Pledge card to the usher during the offering or you may place it in the wicker basket by the Jesus Fountain as we dedicate our commitments to God.
Additional Pledge cards are available at the Tract Rack.

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.... ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were

born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Luke 12:32-40

³²[Jesus said to his disciples,] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.