

† GOOD FRIDAY †

April 2, 2010

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *The order of worship is printed out in the bulletin and the hymnal, “Lutheran Service Book,” 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. Our regular worship services are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.*
- *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. There will be no collection taken during the service today. Church offerings, welcome cards and any other information may be left in the wicker basket by the Jesus Fountain after the service.*

NOTES ON THE TENEBRAE

The name “tenebrae” comes from the Latin word for “darkness.” In this service there are seven candles, one for each of the seven last utterances which Jesus spoke while hanging on the cross. The candles are extinguished one by one as these seven last words are spoken. The church lights are also gradually dimmed so that by the end of the service there are no lights at all and the church sits in darkness. The Christ Candle is carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the moment of Jesus’ human death, and we depart the church in quiet reflection. The Christ Candle will be brought back into the sanctuary during the Easter Vigil on Saturday as a symbol of Jesus’ triumph over death and the eternal life which He has won for us.

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 12:00 and 7:30 p.m.
Tenebrae Service

PRELUDE

Herzliebster Jesu

- Alfred Fedak

CROSS PROCESSIONAL

(The congregation is invited to stand and face the cross at the back of the sanctuary. As the cross processional moves up the center aisle, we sing the opening hymn verses [LSB #451] interspersed with the responsory.)

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the Salvation of the whole world.

**♪C: Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.**

(The procession moves to the center aisle)

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the Salvation of the whole world.

**♪C: Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great
here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.**

(The procession moves to the chancel)

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the Salvation of the whole world.

**♪C: Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Lord, we have stubbornly followed our own evil hearts; we have rebelled against You, the Lord our God; we have not obeyed Your voice.

C: Create in us clean hearts, O God.

P: According to Your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!

C: Create in us clean hearts, O God.

P: Your heart is a heart of love and compassion, O God. We wish to be motivated by Your heart, O Lord.

C: Create in us clean hearts, O God.

P: You know the secrets of our hearts and all our hidden thoughts. Give us a thirst for Your Spirit.

C: We believe in Your promise: Out of our hearts shall flow rivers of living water.

VERSE HYMN

PASSION HYMN

Lord Jesus, You draw near us in garb of human flesh,
An earthly form, to cheer us, to kindle faith afresh.
Your body for us broken on the accursed tree
Becomes a sacred token of glory yet to be.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, look with loving mercy on Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; 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.

VERSE HYMN

Enfold us, precious Savior, within Your loving heart.
Assure us of Your favor that we may never part.
O Word-made-flesh, forever Your name shall be adored.
Oh, let us cherish ever the heart of Christ, our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 3:12-18

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 8:8-12

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (12:00)

At the Foot of the Cross

- Derek Bond

*At the foot of the cross I can hardly take it in that the King of all creation was dying for my sin;
And the pain and agony and the thorns that pierced Your head,
And the hardness of my sinful heart that left You there for dead.
And O what mercy I have found at the cross of Calvary;
I will never know Your loneliness all on account of me.
And I will bow my knee before Your throne 'cause Your love has set me free;
And I will give my life to You, dear Lord, and praise Your majesty.*

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(8:00) Behold the Savior of Mankind - S Drummond Wolff

*Behold the Savior of mankind nailed to the shameful tree!
How vast the love that Him inclined to bleed and die for thee!
'Tis done, the precious ransom's paid; "Receive My soul!" He cries.
See where He bows His sacred head; He bows His head and dies.
But soon He'll break death's envious chain and in full glory shine.
O Lamb of God, was ever pain, was ever love like Thine! Amen.*

RESPONSORY (Congregation rising)

P: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

C: Lord, look with mercy on my heart; there let Your will be seen.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

C: Lord, let me ne'er from You depart but be restored, made clean.

GOSPEL

John 11:17-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th 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

(LSB Hymn #452, v. 1-3, 5)

O perfect life of love! All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above to do for us below.

No work is left undone of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one, the Scriptures have fulfilled.

No pain that we can share but He has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care have pierced that tender heart.

In perfect love He dies; for me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.

SERMON

“The Heart of Christ”

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Congregation rising)

A: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

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.

VERSE HYMN

AURELIA

The heart of Christ, our brother who reigns in heav’n above,
Moves us to love each other with Spirit-given love.
May we, such grace receiving, become, with one accord,
In all our daily living the Body of the Lord.

†THE TENEBRAE†

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF OUR LORD

(A Scripture reading precedes each of the Seven Last Words. After each word is spoken, we observe a moment of silence and extinguish one candle.)

P: “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly father is perfect.” (*Matthew 5:43-48*)

I. Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

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P: “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.” (*Revelation 2:7*)

II. Today, you will be with me in paradise.

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P: “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?... Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” (*Matthew 13:48-50*)

III. Woman, behold your son...son, behold your mother.

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P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?... Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed. (*Psalm 22: 1, 3-5*)

IV. Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani?

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P: You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed; all my enemies are before you. Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none. They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst. (*Psalm 69:18-21*)

V. I thirst.

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P: “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.” (*John 17:1-4*)

VI. It is finished.

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P: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.... Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth. (*Psalm 31:1-2, 5*)

VII. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

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CLOSING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.

C: Amen.

VOLUNTARY

Jesus, Remember Me

- Anne Krentz Organ

CLOSING OF THE BOOK OF LIFE

REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ANTHEM

Were You There

- Traditional Spiritual

(12:00) Sung by Bradly Taylor

(8:00) Sung by Hannah Geiling

TOLLING OF THE BELL

(The bell tolls 33 times to commemorate the death of Jesus)

We depart in silence. Offerings, welcome cards and other information may be left in the wicker basket by the Jesus Fountain.

VLC NEWS AND NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR 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.

EASTER FLOWERS may be picked up following the 10:45 a.m. service on Easter morning. **Please be sure to look for your name on the plant.**

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, David Just, Mitchell Lunog, Alexis Matos, Luz Maria Nieves, 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. The family of Richard Guidorizzi, who passed away on March 17, 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

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.

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** will rehearse at 8:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday. We will be off the week after Easter (April 8 and 11); **Youth Choir** will rehearse at 8:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday and on Thursday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m.; **High School Choir** will rehearse at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 11; **Village Brass** rehearses on Wednesdays, time TBD; **Village Bells** will rehearse at 8:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. There is no rehearsal on Wednesday, April 7; **FaithWalk** will rehearse on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on **April 7** at 10:45 a.m. We are working on Isaiah chapters 47 and 48.

Spring Alpha returns in April! Come join us on **Wednesday, April 7:** Celebration, Cocktails and Dinner. We will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room 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!

The next **Good News Christian Coffee House** will be held at VLC on **Saturday, April 10, 2010** featuring HIS with Diane & Doreen. 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.

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 on **Sunday, April 11, 2010.** 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. Please join us on this special day!

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.**

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.**

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!

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.

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.

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

From *Life's Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, www.barbourbooks.com). This week, remind that special child in your life: **Love others!**

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). This verse presents the most fundamental premise for stewardship. Motivated by God's love, we give our lives and resources so the mission of Christ and His church is accomplished. Our giving is a response out of gratitude for the love that God has given to us through His Son.

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

EASTER SUNDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, APRIL 4th - Let's share the JOY of Easter Morning in fellowship with one another! Join us for a continuous continental breakfast in the Multi-Purpose Room from 8 a.m. - 12 noon on Easter Sunday.

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. 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

Health tip from your Parish Health Practitioner Joy Elwell - Vitamin C is an antioxidant that's found primarily in citrus fruits, leafy green vegetables, broccoli, potatoes and other fruits and veggies. Significant enough vitamin C deficiency can lead to a condition called scurvy. Here are warning signs that you're not getting enough vitamin C: Excessively dry hair with ends that split easily; Scaly, rough, dry skin; Bleeding or inflamed gums; Wounds that heal slowly, frequent infections and bruising easily; Frequent nosebleeds; Pain and swelling in the joints; Anemia and Weakened tooth enamel.

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 29th 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 8, 2010**. Questions, call Erika (914)395-1954 or e-mail 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.

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 18th, 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

The community is invited to join us at the Wartburg for the upcoming play, To Whom It May Concern, on **Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 4:45 p.m.** in The Chapel at The Wartburg Adult Care Community, 1 Wartburg Place, Mt. Vernon, NY. This powerful play is written from the perspective of those with early Alzheimer's and performed in monologues by community volunteers with the disease. It is insightful for family caregivers and health who interact with people having dementia, as it discusses the issues of anger, fear and frustration that patients often find difficult to express. Tickets are Free. Pre-registration is recommended. Call 914-513-5317 or register online <http://www.wartburgtowhomImayconcern.eventbrite.com>

It's Luau Time! Friday, April 9, 2010 at Our Savior Gym. Cocktail Hour at 6 p.m., Dinner & Show at 7 p.m. Our Savior Lutheran School, 1734 Williambridge Rd., Bronx, NY 10461. For more information call 718-792-5665 or e-mail: oslpaul@aol.com

Women's Wellness Weekend at SonRise. (April 9-11). Spend a weekend indulging yourself in body, mind and spirit by taking part in the wellness weekend. This truly is a unique experience for women age 18 & older. \$200 per participant includes two nights' lodging in a Lakeside unit, six meals and programming. Upgrade to private room for an additional fee. Some activities may require additional fees.

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.

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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EASTER SERVICES

EASTER VIGIL

April 3 - 5:30 p.m.

Baptismal Remembrance and First Service of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4 - 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Festival Worship with Holy Communion

Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

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| Assisting Ministers: | 12:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. | Deacon Intern Morris Mayer
Deacon Intern Joan Condon |
| Organist: | 12:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. | Deborah Reiss
Deborah Reiss |
| Lectors: | 12:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. | John Eaton
Mark Blanco |
| Youth Worship Assts: | 12: 00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. | Bradly Taylor
Kaitlyn Gotte |
| Ushers: | 12:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. | Mickie Hover, Carol Raff
George Pietarinen, Anne Losee |
| Altar Flowers: | | Kim Rapillo |
| Sexton: | 12:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. | Greta Kollmann
Greta Kollmann |

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

SAT., Apr. 3, 2010 5:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
SUN., Apr. 4, 2010 9:00 a.m. Festival Worship with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Festival Worship with Holy Communion
8 a.m. - 12 noon Continental Breakfast

SERMON: "Look at My Hands and Feet"
Dr. Robert Hartwell, preaching

LESSONS: Acts 10:34-43
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$5,407
Amount received to date: \$254,167
Amount needed to date: \$258,765
\$6,635 average weekly need to meet our 09-10 commitment

Jeremiah 3:12-18

¹²Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: Return, faithless Israel, says the Lord. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, says the Lord; I will not be angry forever. ¹³Only acknowledge your guilt, that you have rebelled against the Lord your God, and scattered your favors among strangers under every green tree, and have not obeyed my voice, says the Lord. ¹⁴Return, O faithless children, says the Lord, for I am your master; I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. ¹⁵I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. ¹⁶And when you have multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, says the Lord, they shall no longer say, "The ark of the covenant of the Lord." It shall not come to mind, or be remembered, or missed; nor shall another one be made. ¹⁷At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the Lord, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the Lord in Jerusalem, and they shall no longer stubbornly follow their own evil will. ¹⁸In those days the house of Judah shall join the house of Israel, and together they shall come from the land of the north to the land that I gave your ancestors for a heritage.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hebrews 8:8-12

⁸God finds fault with them when he says: "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; ⁹not like the covenant that I made with their ancestors, on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; for they did not continue in my covenant, and so I had no concern for them, says the Lord. ¹⁰This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹¹And they shall not teach one another or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. ¹²For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

John 11:17-44

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews

had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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