

† FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT †

March 21, 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.
Spoken Divine Service

PRELUDE

Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott

- J. S. Bach

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** (*Psalm 130:3-4*)

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, 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 therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

O Savior, Precious Savior

LSB Hymn #527

KYRIE

P: Kyrie eleison.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, because of Your tender love towards us sinners You have given us Your Son that, believing in Him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever.

C: Amen.

+LITURGY OF THE WORD+

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4-14

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GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read)

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HYMN OF THE DAY

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LSB Hymn #611

SERMON

“Pray Your Way In”

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

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: We pray:

C: Lord, have mercy.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in A

- Paul Benoit

OFFERTORY

On my heart imprint Your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!

+LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST+

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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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: Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words our Lord gave 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.**

AGNUS DEI

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

C: **Have mercy on us.**

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

C: Have mercy on us.

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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A: Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of His body and blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB Hymn #425

DISMISSAL

P: The Divine Service is ended. Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Toccata In E Minor
Pachelbel

- Johann

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SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m.
Divine Service, Setting Two

PRELUDE

Prelude & Fugue in F

- J. S. Bach

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn #527

O Savior, Precious Savior

CHERUB CHOIR ANTHEMS

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (*1 John 1:8-9*)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your 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.**

♪ **KYRIE** (*Mark 10:47*)

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C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

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CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

O How Amiable - Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; they will always be praising Thee.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;

prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper Thou our handywork.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.

VERSE (Congregation rising)

P: Return to the Lord, Your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

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SERMON

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What Shall I Render

- David Cherwien

OFFERTORY (*Congregation rising*)

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What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of You, O Jerusalem.

COLLECT FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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)*

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LSB Hymn #425

SILENT MEDITATION *(Congregation seated)*

POSTLUDE

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- J. S. Bach

SUNDAY - 10:45 a.m.
Service of First Holy Communion

PRELUDE

Prelude & Fugue in F

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†HOLY COMMUNION†

PREFACE

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

RITE OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our first communicants and their families are invited to commune individually at the main altar. General distribution for the congregation will follow in continuous line format.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Eat This Bread

LSB Hymn #638

The Lamb

LSB Hymn #547

There is a Balm in Gilead

LSB Hymn #749

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A: Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of His body and blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life, now and forever.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

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SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

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Please join us in the Multipurpose Room after the service for a reception in honor of our First Communicants. Thank you to the 4th grade families for hosting.

VLC NEWS AND NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Grace Furman Hendrick on her birthday, March 17th, from her granddaughter Betty Ann Roberts.

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.

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

PRAYER LINE: Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Dawn Galloway, Pat Golden, Scott James, David Just, Robert Kubic, Mitchell Lunog, Alexis Matos, Luz Maria Nieves, Marci Pietarinen, Sylvia Puig, John Rapillo, Julio Sanchez, Ed Vidal. Also Pastor Deric Taylor & family. 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 Nina (Reiss) Bargo, grandmother of Deb Reiss, who passed away on March 7, 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. May God bless us as we near the week of our Lord's passion and the grand celebration of His triumphant resurrection!

On March 21st, twelve young people will be welcomed to the Lord's Table for the first time. Congratulations to the First Communicants and their families: Nicholas Clausen, Mercedes del Castillo, Abigail Geiling, Ryan Gerber, Helene Graham, Frances Long, Erika Losapio, Meshack Ngowi, Angelyse Perez, Grant Reyes-Guerra, James Rockhill and Alyson Schultz.

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on **March 24** at 10:45 a.m. We will finish Isaiah chapter 45 and go on to chapter 46.

Easter Flowers - Order beautiful Easter flowers now through the church, allowing the church to use them for the Easter services and later enjoying them yourself. Flowers may be picked up following the 10:45 a.m. service on Easter morning. **The deadline for ordering Easter flowers is Sunday, March 28th.** Please see the tear-off to place your order.

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, March 25, and will sing at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 28; **Youth Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. and at 8:30 on Sunday, March 28; **High School Choir** will rehearse at 10:15 a.m. today; **Village Brass** rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. during Lent; **Village Bells** will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, before the Lenten service.

Midweek Lenten Services will conclude on **Wednesday, March 24, at 7:30 pm.** The theme for this week will be "The Feet of Christ." There will also be special music by the Chapel School Select Choir. Please join us in worship as we prepare for Holy Week.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, March 27 (Palm Saturday) promptly at 11 a.m. This Easter Egg Hunt is for toddlers through the 2nd grade. Come join us on the Great Porch with your bag or basket to collect your eggs. This is always a great event with lots of candy and fun! Please be sure to arrive on time as the children hunt very quickly to gather their eggs! This is sponsored by our VLC Lifers and Crusader Youth Groups.

PRAYER SERVICES are held regularly on the last Saturday of the month. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. (following 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., March 27, at 6:30 p.m.**

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.**

LWML News! With your generous support and mite box donations we are now working on Mission Grant #14 (Cross Cultural Youth Expansion). We have 4 more grants to go before **March 31, 2010** to complete all projects for this year. Please join us in the endeavor. Coins and bills are graciously accepted and all funds stay predominately in the U.S.A. where God's Word is spread and provisions are made for the needy.

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!

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.**

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.

Calling all Women! Would you like to get away for a weekend of fellowship and worship? Would you like to meet other women from local Lutheran congregations? Please consider joining us for the **“Bridge of Hope” LWML Convention, April 24-25, in Suffern, NY.** (only 45 minutes away). Even if you’ve never attended an LWML meeting before, you are welcome to attend. There will be a key note speaker, an exciting banquet and singer, workshops to attend, worship time and more. Come fellowship with other women and be rejuvenated in the Lord. For more information, go to <http://www.adlwml.org/convention2010.html>, see Julie Taylor, or call (914) 793-9075.

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.

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 god-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

In today’s Sunday School lesson the children learned how in faith, a sinful woman lovingly anointed Jesus’ feet. They also learned how in faith we grasp God’s free mercy, receive the forgiveness of sins, and respond with acts of love and praise. As a family, consider ways that you might respond to God’s mercy. Ask your children what sins God will forgive (all of them!), and in your catechism review, look at the section about the Confession of Sins.

From *Life’s Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, www.barbourbooks.com). This week, remind that special child in your life: **Even a gourmet chef starts out making mud pies.**

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Just as Jesus chose His disciples who followed Him to the cross, so He chooses us to be His stewards. Following Him, we leave behind those things that would hinder us in our walk with Him. Jesus said, *“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be My disciple. An anyone who does not carry his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple”* (Luke 14:26-27).

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

OUR LENTEN FOOD DRIVE will finish up by the end of this week (March 26, 2010). Thank you to everyone who has brought in donations, which will be delivered to the hungry and homeless in our community.

Week of March 21 - Pasta, noodles, rice, cereals, crackers, granola bars and soups

EASTER BASKETS - Please help share the love of Christ this Easter with children in need. Pick up an empty Easter basket in the back of the church and fill it with goodies. Easter Basket suggestions: markers, crayons, children's scissors, coloring books, learn to count, read or write books, stuffed animals, toothbrushes, socks, hair brushes, barrettes, small balls, matchbox cars, play doh, blowing bubbles, notebook, pens, pencils and a bit of candy. Please be sure to wrap them in cellophane for easy transport. People are welcome to buy their own baskets as well. **Filled baskets should be brought back to church by Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday).**

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. Will you help decorate the tables? Can you bring a breakfast item to share? Are you available to help replenish trays and coffee in between services? Help us to make our members and visitors feel welcome on this special day! SEE BULLETIN INSERT TO SIGN UP!

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 - Athlete's foot is a fungal infection characterized by itchy, red blisters and cracked skin between the toes. The American Academy of Family Physicians suggests how to help prevent athlete's foot: 1) Remove shoes and socks while at home to let your feet "breathe." 2) Put on clean socks each day, especially in warmer weather. 3) Wear flip flops, sneakers or shoes in public places, and carefully dry your feet after walking in a public shower or locker room. 4) Don't borrow shoes from other people.

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

Many thanks to our auction co-chairs Ellen and Chuck Bryceland, our Development Administrative Assistant, Jeanette Van Duyne, The Chapel School Select Choir and director George Heath and the many volunteers, donors and participants in our annual Gathering of Friends event. It was especially memorable celebrating our 10th Anniversary of A Gathering of Friends and having the opportunity to recognize inaugural chair Mary Gleason Akerfelds and all of the other succeeding chairs. The evening of the auction was a big success and truly an enjoyable occasion. The support from Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School families and community friends was wonderful. A fantastic tradition was established ten years ago and now it is so great to see how it grows and changes each year.

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 **March 25, 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. **Upcoming Crusader Youth Activities: Easter Egg Hunt** for the children, **Saturday, March 27** at 11 a.m. (Lifers and Crusaders arrive at 9:30 a.m. to set-up), **Tag Sale** (Collection/set up days: April 29-30). Saturday, May 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For questions/concerns about our Crusader Youth, please contact Pastor Taylor at (914)337-0207 (1021) or e-mail Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Concordia Festival Choir Spring Concert will take place this afternoon, **March 21, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sommer Center. The concert will be a benefit for Haiti relief, with all proceeds going to "Save the Children." The program will feature the Bach Cantata No. 80 "Ein feste Burg" (A Mighty Fortress is Our God) as well as a **guest appearance by the Chapel School Select Choir.**

The congregation of First Baptist Church of Bronxville invites you to witness the Installation of Rev. Lamont Samuel Granby, MDiv. to the office of Senior Pastor on **Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** First Baptist Church of Bronxville, 407 New Rochelle Road, Bronxville, NY 10708. (914) 793-2560. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Summer Camp Reunion at Camp SonRise. (March 28-30). Attention all summer campers! Reunite with your friends from last summer and get pumped for this summer at our Summer Camper Reunion! Bible studies, games and activities will be available and led by a SonRise staff and volunteers. \$99 per participant includes two nights' lodging in a Lakeside unit, six meals and all programming.

The community is invited to join us at the Wartburg for the upcoming play, To Whom I 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

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.

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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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

March 27-28 - Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Palm Processional and Reading of the Passion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1 - 7:30 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord's Supper and Jesus' commandment
(Latin *mandatum*) to love

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2 - 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service

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

Assisting Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Wendy Haddad
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Elect Faith Forliano
	10:45 a.m.	George Pietarinen
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Kevin Warnken
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Andrea Maxeiner
	9:00 a.m.	Mimi Blanco
	10:45 a.m.	Ralph Schoene
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	James Maxeiner
	10:45 a.m.	Ralph Schoene, Lydia Chao
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Jason Napolitano
	9:00 a.m.	Bradly Taylor
	10:45 a.m.	Volunteer
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	Bill Vogt, Grant Geiling, Frank McGinnis, Sarah McGinnis, Warren Wong
	10:45 a.m.	Georgine Read, Dan Chao, Skip Hansen, Katrina Vidal
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Wendy Haddad
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Amy Heath
Sexton:		Natalie Vidal

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

WED., Mar. 24, 2010 7:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service

SAT., Mar. 27, 2010 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service

SUN., Mar. 28, 2010 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion

SERMON: Reading of the Passion According to St. Luke
Rev. Deric Taylor, preaching

LESSONS: Isaiah 50:4-9
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 19:28-40

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$5,241

Amount received to date: \$241,530

Amount needed to date: \$245,495

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

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 3:4-14

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and

the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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