

† SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER †

May 9, 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

Prelude and Fugue in F Major

- 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: 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

This Joyful Eastertide

LSB Hymn #482

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts 16:9-15

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5

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GOSPEL

John 5:1-9

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 5th 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

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB Hymn #606

SERMON

“Take a Bath?”

Rev. Deric Taylor

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

- Dale Wood

OFFERTORY (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn #956)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

+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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You

and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and 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.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

LSB Hymn #895

SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

March

- Johann J. Fux

SUNDAY - 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Divine Service, Setting One (*LSB Page 151, Adapted*)

PRELUDE

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- John A. Behnke

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB **Hymn #482**

This Joyful Eastertide

(9:00) **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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (*Rev. 5:12-13; 19:5-9*)

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
(*Refrain*)

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (*Refrain*)

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (*Refrain*)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. (*Refrain*)

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(9:00) **YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM** O Lord, My Heart is Not Proud - Margaret Rizza

*O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great, nor marvels beyond me.
Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace;
at rest, as a child in its mother's arms, so is my soul.*

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(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM** The Tree of Life - K. Lee Scott

There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:

Tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion, tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!" There on its branches see the scars of suffering.

See where the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its life-blood.

Thorns not His own are tangled in its foliage; our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.

Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it.

See how its branches reach to us in welcome; hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!

Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing."

This is my ending, this my resurrection; into Your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.

This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.

All heav'n is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose Passion offers in mercy healing strength and pardon.

Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen! My Master!

♪ **ALLELUIA VERSE** (*John 6:68*) (Congregation rising)

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

♪ GOSPEL

John 5:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 5th chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(9:00) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

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♪ **SANCTUS** (*Isaiah 6:3; Matt. 21:9*)

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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.**

♪ **AGNUS DEI** (*John 1:29*)

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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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
O Blessed Spring

LSB **Hymn #618**

LSB **Hymn #595**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott

- Michael Burkhardt

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VLC NEWS AND NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anna Maxine Podoll from the Gleason Family.

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

PRAYER LINE: Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Agnes Anderson, Sigfredo Baez, Opal Coker, Bob Ficchi, Scott James, Nicholas Johnson, Mitchell Lunog, Alexis Matos, Luz Maria Nieves, Angela Pauling, Louise Podszus, Johnny Pool, Sylvia Puig, Julio Sanchez, Vicki Schmeling, Linda Voelk, Lorraine Weatherhogg. 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 Elliot Riley Floyd, infant daughter of David & Lynne Floyd, who passed away on April 27, 2010. The family of Richard Allen, husband of Carlette Allen, who passed away on April 24, 2010. The family of Warren Spatta, cousin of Carol Raff, who passed away on April 17, 2010. The family of Dr. Richard Dickinson, who passed away on April 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, Michael Porter, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith, Aaron Tiso.

CHURCH NEWS

In honor of Mother's Day, all women of the congregation are welcome to take home a rose to enjoy or share.

WE REJOICE ON THE OCCASION of the baptism of Kayleigh Hung, daughter of Luke and Judith Hung. The baptism will take place at a special service this afternoon. Godparents for Kayleigh are Samuel Baily and Syou Hung. Kayleigh was born on April 21, 2009.

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** will warm up at 7:00 p.m. and sing for the Ascension Service on Thursday, May 13; we will rehearse on Sunday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m. for the Taylor Farewell service; **Youth Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. and sing for the Ascension Service; we will rehearse on Sunday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m.; **High School Choir** will rehearse today at 10:15 a.m.; **Village Brass** rehearsals TBD; **Village Bells** will rehearse on Wednesday, May 12, at 8:00 p.m. (after the Kindergarten program) and on Sunday, May 16, at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on **May 12** at 10:45 a.m. We will continue with chapter 50 of Isaiah (the third "servant song").

ASCENSION DAY is Thursday, May 13. We will have a festival worship service at 7:30 p.m. with choir and brass. Please join us in celebrating Jesus' return to heavenly glory.

ALPHA continues on **Wednesday, May 12**, from **6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** with food, fellowship and discussion. 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, June 12, 2010** with Eric G KABLOK & RIVERA . 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.

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: **May 11, June 8.**

Farewell Events for Pastor Deric Taylor & Family - May 16 . Please join us in honoring Pastor Taylor, Julie and Bradly for their service, love and commitment to this community at **One special worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 16**, with Pastor Taylor preaching. Pastor Taylor has also graciously agreed to participate in the Rite of Confirmation at Village Lutheran Church on May 23.

New Member Weekend! We will be welcoming new members to Village Lutheran Church on the weekend of **May 22-23** at all services (Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.). If you would like to be welcomed as a member that day, contact Pastor Hartwell (pastorh@vlc-ny.org) before Tuesday, May 18. You may also call the church at 914-337-0207.

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., May 29, at 6:30 p.m.**

Deacon Program Graduate Rosemarie Gustafson and the Graduating Class of 2010 of The Atlantic District Diaconate Program requests the honor of your presence at the Graduation Liturgy at Village Lutheran Church on **Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** Reception will follow at the church. Clergy, Deacons, Graduates and students are invited to vest. The color of the day is Red.

TABLE TALK with Pastor Hartwell - All are invited to attend our informal worship service 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.

A beautiful new eucharistic table covering has been given in memory of Ruth Reichelt by her loving family. As we join the hosts of heaven at the Lord's table in singing praise to God, we remember our dear friend Ruth and her loving witness in word and deed. The parament will be dedicated at a future service.

Congratulations to Vicar Christopher J. Kollmann, who was assigned to First Lutheran Church in Gainesville, FL for his year-long internship. Many of you know Chris, a Chapel School alumnus and son of the congregation, who has just completed his 2nd year at St. Louis Seminary. The call service for his vicarage assignment was held on Tuesday, April 27. Check out Chris's new vicarage congregation at <http://www.flcgainesville.org/>. Chris is the son of Herbert and Marcia Kollmann of Eastchester, NY.

Update on Vacation Bible School: VBS now has a link on our Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School website. On this you can sign-up for specific volunteer assignments or register as a volunteer or student for VBS. I urge everyone to use this. Our next meeting for all interested volunteers will be on **Sunday, May 30th**, in the 7th grade classroom on the 2nd floor. Contact Deacon Ann Terenzio at 914-337-0207 x 1112 or ATERENZIO@thechapelschool.org for more information.

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.

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!

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.

June 8 - Will be our end of year luncheon at Siwanoy Country Club at 11:30 a.m.. The cost is \$35 per person for this beautifully catered lunch with cocktails. Please call the church office (914) 337-0207 to make your reservations.

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: **Remember to thank the lunch lady!**

Today's Sunday School lesson was about the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1-13). The children learned that our heavenly Father invites us to pray and promises to hear our prayer for the sake of His Son, Jesus. What things have you prayed for? How has God answered your prayers? Review what the catechism has to say about the Lord's Prayer.

Special Note: There will be no Sunday School on May 16 since we will be having our special farewell service for the Taylor Family at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to provide childcare during the service; please contact the church office.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

"Teacher," asked an expert in the law, *"what must I do to inherit eternal life?"* Jesus asked him to answer his own question, and he answered well: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself'"* (Luke 10:25-27). Then Jesus went on to illustrate what that means by telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Serving & caring for those God places around us are the neighbors God wants us to love. Are others seeing God's love through you?

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

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 - Now that the trees and flowers are blooming, you may find your seasonal allergies are interfering with your enjoyment of nature's beauty. If you are suffering with itchy eyes and a runny nose, here are some tips to manage the pollens: Clean your air conditioner filter and start using the air conditioning. It cleans the air. Wipe down the surfaces in your home with a damp cloth daily to keep pollens and dust at bay. Talk to your health care provider about medications to help control your symptoms.

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).

FELLOWSHIP ACTION GROUP NEWS

The Annual VLC and The Chapel School Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 12 - 3 p.m.** Fun for the whole family. Plenty of food: hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Bring a dish or dessert to share. DJ, Entertainment, prizes, water balloon relay races, face painting, jumping castle, snow cones, build your own ice cream sundae & much more! Bring a friend or two & neighbors welcome. Questions or for additional info contact Fellowship Chair Morris Mayer 914-906-3323 or morris.mayer@yahoo.com.

CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

Open House for the Preschool Program will take place on **Thursday, May 13 from 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.** K - 8th grade Open House will take place on **Friday, May 14 from 9 - 10 a.m.**

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 **May 13, 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 A 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 VLC in Bronxville, NY. The cost of the tickets are \$11.

Tag Sale Update: Thanks to all the volunteers, over \$2,123.00 was raised for the Youth Groups Trip to New Orleans over the summer. Thanks to all workers, shoppers and the many who donated their treasures.

Welcome to Kate Porter, our new Crusader Youth Group Leader. Kate steps into the leadership position held by Mindy Warnken, who recently completed her nursing degree at Concordia in the inaugural nursing cohort. We appreciate Mindy's work with the youth and wish her well in her new ventures. Kate will provide leadership to the group in a pivotal time of activity as the youth finalize plans to attend the tri-annual gathering. Kate will chaperone the New Orleans trip along with Pastor Hartwell. Please pray for Kate as she leads and shepherds our high school youth programming.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra presents a free concert on **Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.** featuring winners of the 2010 concerto competition. James Sadewhite will conduct works by Haydn, Shostakovich, Beethoven and Dvorak. Saunders Trade and Technical High School, 183 Palmer Road, Yonkers, NY. For information call (914) 476-3711 or (914) 631-6674. www.yonkersphilharmonic.org

Camp SonRise is featuring a Work Weekend on May 28-30, 2010! Show your support for SonRise by helping prepare camp for the summer. As our way of saying thanks, lodging and meals are provided at no charge for this weekend!

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

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

Assisting Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Betty Roberts
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Wendy Haddad
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Intern Joan Condon
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Marcia Kollmann
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Patrick Durkin
	9:00 a.m.	Chris Gleason
	10:45 a.m.	Morris Mayer
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Patrick Durkin
	9:00 a.m.	Chris Gleason, Anton DeRosa, Mark Blanco
	10:45 a.m.	Morris Mayer
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Sean Durkin
	9:00 a.m.	Diana Mayer
	10:45 a.m.	Stefanie Introcaso
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	Ralph Schoene, Dan Chao, Robert Waldmann, John Divi
	10:45 a.m.	Mickie Hover, Carol Raff, Sylvia Essington, Ed Vidal
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
	9:00 a.m.	Molly Nagel, Marion Scaramuzzino
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Intern Joan Condon, Joan Deery
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Jennifer Pinto
Sexton:		Molly Warnken

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

THURS., May 13, 2010 7:30 p.m. Ascension Day Festival Service
SAT., May 15, 2010 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
SUN., May 16, 2010 **10:00 a.m. Special Farewell Service with Holy Communion**

LESSONS: Acts 16:16-34
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$6,359
Amount received to date: \$290,428
Amount needed to date: \$291,940
\$6,635 average weekly need to meet our 09-10 commitment

Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5

21 ¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God... ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22 ¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

John 5:1-9

¹After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids – blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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