

† **PALM SUNDAY** †
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
March 28, 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

St. Theodulph

- Alec Wyton

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: The Lord is near to those who call on Him.

C: **O, come, let us worship Him.**

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th 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.**

PALM PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

LSB Hymn #442

PROCESSIONAL COLLECT and BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: O God, who through Your prophets foretold our King's coming, we give You thanks for fulfilling Your Word, and we pray that You would use these palms to remind us of the day He entered Jerusalem. Bless us who bear them, and grant that we may rejoice in His salvation in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Your Son, Jesus Christ 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 50:4-9

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

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PASSION HYMN

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READING OF THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

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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

Passion Chorale

- J. C. H. Rinck

OFFERTORY

(LSB Hymn #420, v. 7)

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, for Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, for Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, and shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

+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 accomplished the salvation of humanity by the tree of the cross, that where death arose there life also might rise again; and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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.

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C: Grant us Your peace.

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

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION

CLOSING PRAYER

A: O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of Your Son You offer Your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB Hymn #441

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

The Royal Banners Forward Go

- Thomas Gieschen

SUNDAY - 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.
Service of Word and Sacrament

BRASS PRELUDE

Cantate Domino

- Johann Crüger

GREETING (Congregation rising)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

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(9:00) **HYMN/ANTHEM**

Hosanna! Blessed is the King!

- Lloyd Larson

(The congregation is invited to join in singing the hymn stanzas for "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" printed in bold on page 6. The hymn will be preceded and followed by a

choral antiphon.)

*Choir: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna, hosanna! Blessed is the King!
Hosanna, hosanna! Come, rejoice and sing!*

**All: Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n, our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

Choir: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord...!

(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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†HOLY COMMUNION†

PREFACE

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♪ **SANCTUS** (*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*)

(LSB Page 178)

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.** (*Matt. 6:9-13*)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

♪ **AGNUS DEI** (*John 1:29*)

(LSB Page 180)

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

My Song is Love Unknown
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB Hymn #430
LSB Hymn #449

CLOSING PRAYER

A: O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of Your Son You offer Your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB Hymn #441

SILENT MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE

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VLC NEWS AND NOTES

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.

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 Rondon 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, Mitchell Lunog, Alexis Matos, Luz Maria Nieves, Marci Pietarinen, Sylvia Puig, Julio Sanchez, Rita Smyth, 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 Richard Guidorizzi, who passed away on March 17, 2010. 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!

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** will rehearse at 7:10 p.m. for worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and will rehearse on Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m. We will be off the week after Easter (April 8 and 11); **Youth Choir** will rehearse on Good Friday at 11:30 a.m. and on Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.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 the regular time, 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, and at 8:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on **March 31** at 10:45 a.m. We will finish Isaiah chapter 46 and go on to chapter 47.

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.**

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.

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 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

The key point of Sunday School today was that Jesus is our Passover Lamb, who with His very body and blood grants us forgiveness, life and salvation. The children learned about the Last Supper, the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:1-23). In your family discussion, talk about the benefits and blessings that we receive in the Lord's Supper. Talk about and remind the children that such benefits are theirs through their Baptism, in Holy Absolution (the forgiveness of God spoken by the Pastor), and through God's Word, which is preached and taught to them. In the catechism, review the Lord's Supper.

From *Life's Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, www.barbourbooks.com). This week, remind that special child in your life: **Doing something as a team is often more rewarding than doing it by yourself!**

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Many Christians are very timid about witnessing to their Lord. We don't want to offend; we don't want to be rejected; we don't want to appear foolish; we're afraid we won't have the right words to say. Lent offers opportunity for natural witness for, as we interrupt our normal schedules and our neighbors see us going off to church during the middle of the week, we can tell them where we're going and why. Jesus' words challenge us: *"If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His Father's glory with the holy angels"* (Mark 8:38).

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. 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 Forlano 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.

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. **Upcoming Crusader Youth Activities: 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 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

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

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| Assisting Ministers: | 5:30 p.m. | Rosemarie Gustafson |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Deacon Tim Elwell |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Deacon Intern Joan Condon |
| Organist: | 5:30 p.m. | Deborah Reiss |
| | 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. | Deborah Reiss |
| Lectors: | 5:30 p.m. | Chuck Horvath |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Joy Elwell |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Peter Kollmann |
| Comm. Assts: | 5:30 p.m. | Chuck Horvath |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Joy Elwell, Anton DeRosa, John Divi, Mark Blanco, Tyler Schultz |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Peter Kollmann, Betty Roberts |
| Youth Wor. Assts: | 5:30 p.m. | Casey McGinnis |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Ian Elwell |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Luke Geiling |
| Ushers: | 5:30 p.m. | Frank McGinnis, Sarah McGinnis |
| | 9:00 a.m. | George Pietarinen, Anne Losee, Richard Graham |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Ralph Schoene, Mickie Hover, Lydia Chao, Georgine Read |
| Altar Guild: | 5:30 p.m. | Deacon Wendy Haddad |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Ellen Spring, Deacon Elect Betty Roberts |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Deacon Intern Joan Condon, Helen Britz |
| Altar Flowers: | | Kim Rapillo |
| Childcare: | | Brianna Blanco |
| Sexton: | | Hannah Geiling |

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

THURS., Apr. 1, 2010 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
FRI., Apr. 2, 2010 12:00 noon & 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service
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: \$7,230

Amount received to date: \$248,760

Amount needed to date: \$252,130

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

Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus

Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After [Jesus] had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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