

# † THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD †

March 31, 2024

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *The order of worship* is printed 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.
- *Please fill out the Attendance Card* (one per family or individual) and place in the offering plate or hand to an usher after the service.
- *Digital Connect* - If you would like to receive church information or update the church office scan the bar code for a digital link.



## 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.

† Communion may be brought to those with limited mobility. Please alert the 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

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Festival Service of Holy Communion

### PRELUDE

Fanfare on “Easter Hymn”

John Behnke

### ♪ OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*) (LSB Hymn 457)

Jesus Christ is ris’n today; Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day; Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### INVOCATION, INTROIT and EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

C **Amen.**

P This is the day that the Lord has made.

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

C **Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous.**

P The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

C **The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### ♪ HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB Hymn 478, v. 4)

All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,  
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne  
and honor, pow’r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C** Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. As we celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, we pray that we may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(9:00) **YOUTH/H.S. CHOIR** Resucitó! ("Arose") Arguello/Florindez  
*Resucitó, alleluia!*

*O death, where is thy sting? Where then, O grave, thy victory?  
Rise up and sing now, sing alleluia; since Christ is risen we too shall rise!*

### **FIRST READING**

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 15:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human

being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** Easter Anthem William Billings

*The Lord is ris'n indeed, Hallelujah.*

*Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.*

*And did He rise? Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead.*

*He rose, He burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave.*

*Then I rose, then first humanity triumphant past the crystal ports of light,  
and seized eternal youth.*

*Man, all immortal hail; heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man,*

*Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.*

(10:45) **HANDBELLS** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing Douglas Wagner

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P Christ has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

C **I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL**

Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter:

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

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told

you.”<sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Pastor Hartwell

### **♪ HYMN OF THE DAY**

(LSB Hymn 461)

I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

**Women:** He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

**Men:** He lives, my kind, wise, heav’nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I’ll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

## **SERMON**

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

### **APOSTLES’ CREED** (*Congregation rising*)

**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** God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERING/MUSICAL OFFERING**

(9:00 Organ)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Phillip Hesterman

(10:45 Handbells)

Lift High the Cross

Barbara Kinyon

## **† HOLY COMMUNION †**

### **PREFACE** (*Congregation rising*)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them 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 Mary Magdalene and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **♪SANCTUS** (*sung to the hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy”*)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**

**Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.**

**You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

## THE 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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

## AGNUS DEI

P Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C **Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

<b>DISTRIBUTION HYMNS</b>	At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	<b>LSB Hymn 633</b>
	Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won	<b>LSB Hymn 490</b>
	Awake, My Heart, With Gladness	<b>LSB Hymn 467</b>

*As you come forward, you will receive the bread in your hand (please ask for "gluten-free" if desired); then take the wine in the individual cup from the tray. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. After drinking, place empty cups in the second tray.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Congregation rising)

A Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection You send light to conquer darkness and the bread of life to nourish Your people. Send us out as witnesses to all these things, that Your glory may become known to all the world; 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

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## ♪ CLOSING HYMN

(LSB Hymn 463)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Hail the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled. Alleluia!  
When contending death and life; Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

## DISMISSAL

**P** Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C

James Biery

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### Participants in the Service:

**Officiants** Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Morris Mayer, Pastoral Assistant

**Asst. Minister** Daryl Story (9:00); Ralph Schoene (10:45)

**Lector** Ellen Story (9:00); Ralph Schoene (10:45)

**Youth Asst.** Ryan Clark (9:00)

**Altar Care** Story Family

**Music** Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music - Chancel Choir, Village Bells, Organ  
George Heath, Cantor - Youth/H.S. Choir, Village Brass

**Ushers** Warren Wong, Joe Wilkinson, Mark Runge, Richard Graham (9:00)  
John & Andrea Ansorge (10:45)

**Sexton** Claire Story



## **News and Notes:**

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – Thank you to all of our musicians for their preparations during this Lenten season and festive Easter celebration. After a break this week, all choirs will resume regular rehearsals the week of April 8.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – On April 3 we will look at the account of Jesus being anointed by a “sinful woman” and the parable of Two Debtors (Luke 7:36-50)

**FREE EDUCATIONAL ZOOM SEMINAR!** The Halter Legacy Circle “Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials with William O’Doherty” on Wed., **April 3**, at 6:00 p.m. (rescheduled from Feb. 7). *What is estate planning? Is a will the only document needed to complete my estate plan? How can I make charitable gifts in my estate plans? Is there a way I can enjoy tax savings and other benefits from charitable gifts now?* Register to receive the Zoom link 914-337-0207 x 1040 or online <http://tinyurl.com/Thrivent2024>

**Youth News:** Voyagers (Grades 3-6) next meeting Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Dinner Talk on Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m., next Confirmation class Sunday, April 14; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) next Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, April 14

**Crusader Pre-Gathering Retreat** – Youth currently in Grades 8-12 are invited to a weekend retreat at Koinonia on April 5-7. This is in anticipation of the national youth gathering in New Orleans in 2025. For more information, contact [Amy Heath at amyheath1023@gmail.com](mailto:amyheath1023@gmail.com)

**SOUP KITCHEN** – Prepare food in aluminum trays (available at the Reception desk) and drop-off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. Please go to our church web site in advance to sign up and indicate what food you will prepare. The next date is **Wednesday, April 17**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**Spring Voters Meeting** is Sunday, **April 21** at 12 noon. We will be discussing our 2024-2025 Year Budget and the Capital Campaign preplanning process that is being conducted. Pizza lunch will be provided.

**The Merlin & Lois Rehm Pastoral Residency** is pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Joshua Hollmann as guest speaker on **Wednesday, April 24**, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Dr. Hollmann is familiar to many of us from his time as professor of religion at Concordia-NY. He is currently Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia-St. Paul and senior pastor of True Light Lutheran Church in Manhattan. He will speak on a life-long topic of interest and study, “Building Trust in Christian-Muslim Relations.”

**SAVE THE DATE: Blood Drive May 18** - We are excited to again partner with the New York Blood Center on Saturday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. to host a blood drive at our facility. To secure an appointment online please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/518blood>

**Wanted: Runners for the 2024 New York City Marathon** - Team Chapel is recruiting runners to run the NYC Marathon on November 3, 2024. Runners should be willing and able to run 26.2 miles, and commit to and guarantee a \$3,000 personal fundraising goal. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Kim Z. in the Development Office at [KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org) or 914-337-3202 (1040).

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty:  
Linda & Dennis Bottos, Maxine Britt, Carole Burke, Bennett Chevalier, Alexandra Armillas Cuipak, Joshua Davenport, Rowena del Castillo, Nicholas DePierro, Theresa DePierro, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Eleanor Escherich, Francisca Febus, Faith Forliano, Sharon & John Hargrove, Edna Harris, Mackenzie Hayes, Nancy & Elijah Hylton, Joshlynnne Laguerra, Merline Leon, Joseph Leonard, Steve Leone, Isaiah Nieves, Sunny Pettinati, Louise Podszus, Agnes Rendo, Joun Robinson, John Scaramuzzo, Irmgard Schoene, Odila Stern, Ben Tashoff, Grant & Paxton Thomas, Jeff Wacaster, Liz Wagner

**Bereavement Prayer Line:** We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

- † **Halina Stellmaszyk**, dear friend of the Podszus family, passed away on March 23, 2024
- † **Lorraine Taylor**, former VLC member, passed away on March 17, 2024
- † **Greta Krull**, member of Christ Lutheran in Yonkers until it closed and then a VLC member, passed away on March 16, 2024

### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*Make Easter offerings online during the Easter season! It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions. But greater seasonal participation is always welcome. We encourage you to consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account and credit card or debit cards. It takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan. To learn more, visit the church website at <https://www.vlc-ny.org/give>. You can also text to give at 833-685-4130. Thank you for supporting our mission “to know, live and share the love of Christ.”*

Offering received last week: \$5,331

Offering needed weekly to meet budget: \$6,860

Offering received to date: \$276,811

Offering needed to date: \$267,540

*Thank you to everyone who donated flowers to beautify our sanctuary and celebrate the new life that is ours through our Resurrected Lord. Names are listed on the back page.*

*You may pick up your flowers following the 10:45 a.m. service on Easter morning.*

***Please be sure to look for your name on your plant.***

**FLOWERS DECORATING OUR CHURCH THIS EASTER  
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:**

Katie Bukofzer  
Terry & Charlie Eisenberg  
Forshee Family  
Melissa Kobernitski  
Marcia Kollmann  
Andrea & James Maxeiner  
Reyes-Guerra Family  
Swain Family

**AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Grace Ansorge, Dorothy & Walter Cornelison, Ohmer & Edna Gabbard from the Ansorge Family  
Jane Bennett from the Bennett Family  
Jim & Jean Bryan and James & Genette Bunn from James & Jacqueline Bunn  
Stephen Cea from his wife Evelyn  
Joe Bales, Frank Coffey and Helen & Bill Messner from Kathy Coffey  
Edwin & Jean Andrews, David & Shelia Condon and Betty & Bob Roberts  
from Joan & Dave Condon  
Margo McKay from Sonya Davenport  
Anthony DeRosa, Herb & Marie Anderson, and Gertrude & Anton Birli from Anton & Ruth DeRosa  
Carol & Edward Raff and the DiGiovanni Family from RoseAnn DiGiovanni  
Nancy Roth from Carolyn Fiuza  
Vincenzo & Orsola Cerrato and Sidney & Rosalind Gitter from Maria & Dwayne Gitter  
Departed members of the Auman-Bucher-Godlewski-Hayes Family from Philip Auman Godlewski  
Loved ones from the Gotte Family  
Janet Lunog from Rob & Sue Hartwell  
Joan Ashwort & Helen Britz from Ilse Koerper  
Melville Massey from his wife Shashi  
Angelina Kimei and Abenezzer Ngowi from the Ngowi Family  
Marisefa & Luis Olay from Celeste & Pablo Olay  
Donald Gilder from his daughter Kim Rapillo & Family  
Robert Horensky from Sharon Renzo  
Lee E. Schoenlank from the Schoenlank Family  
Mark Emmons from Julie Schoenlank  
Ragnar Sjonvall from his wife Sharon

**AND IN HONOR OF:**

Roth Davenport from Sonya Davenport  
Virginia Stong from Arnold Mayer