

† PALM SUNDAY †
March 24, 2023

Evening Service of Holy Communion 5:30 p.m.
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PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben

G. F. Kauffmann

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (*Congregation rising*)

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C **Amen.**

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P Open for me the gates of righteousness;

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

C **From the house of the Lord, we bless You.**

P Hosanna! Lord, save us!

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PALM PROCESSIONAL All Glory, Laud, and Honor (v. 1-3) **LSB Hymn 442**

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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PREFACE (*Congregation rising*)

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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 all people by the tree of the cross, that where death began, there life might also be restored. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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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.

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DISTRIBUTION

On Saturdays, distribution will be at the main altar. You will receive the bread first (please ask for "gluten-free" if desired), then the wine in the individual cup. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. Empty cups will be collected at the end.

CLOSING PRAYER (Congregation rising)

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(9:00) CHERUB CHOIR ANTHEMS

Ho-Ho-Ho-Hosanna/I've Got the Joy

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(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR**

*Adoramus te, Christe,
et benedicimus tibi
quia per sanctam Crucem
tuam redemisti mundum.*

Adoramus Te, Christe

*We adore Thee, O Christ,
and we bless Thee;
because by Thy holy Cross
Thou hast redeemed the world.*

Théodore Dubois

RESPONSORY (Congregation rising)

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OFFERTORY (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn 420, v. 1)

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe;

who, Thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:

Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus unto Thee.

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¶SANCTUS (*Sung to "Angels from the Realms of Glory"*)

Holy, holy, Lord most holy, God of power, God of might:

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¶AGNUS DEI (*Sung to the hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*)

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away – our faith increase.

Have mercy on us all, strengthen us when we fall,
answer our fervent call and grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	On My Heart Imprint Your Image	LSB Hymn 422
	My Song is Love Unknown	LSB Hymn 430

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COMMUNION STATEMENT

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.

***Palms and palm crosses are available in the narthex
to take with you as you leave worship.
A blessed Holy Week to all.***

Participants in the Services:

	5:30	9:00	10:45
Lector	Jane McGowan	Nicole Lord	Philip Auman Godlewski
Asst. Minister	Larry Cosentino	Janet George	Philip Auman Godlewski
Youth Asst.		Drake Benton	
Altar Care	Larry Cosentino	Janet George	
Usher Team	Volunteer	Richard Graham Joe Wilkinson	Ralph Schoene Jessica Weston
Sexton	Audrey Heath		
Refreshments		Schell Podoll Family	

Stewardship Reflection

Offering received last week: \$13,781
Offering needed weekly to meet budget: \$6,860
Offering received to date: \$271,480
Offering needed to date: \$260,680

Text-to-Give Update

VLC has a NEW number for donations by text: 833-685-4130

News and Notes:

Holy Week Worship – As we observe Palm Sunday this weekend, our remaining Holy Week observances continue to lead us from Jesus’ suffering and death to His glorious resurrection:

- ❖ **Maundy Thursday, March 28** – Celebration of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Good Friday, March 29** – Tenebrae Service 12:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Holy Saturday, March 30** – Easter Eve Candlelight Service 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Easter Sunday, March 31** – Festival Communion Service 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Easter Breakfast – Volunteers Needed! Help us share the joy of Easter during coffee hour by donating at least one item for the continental breakfast. Volunteers are also needed to help set-up and clean-up. Please fill out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Coffee Hour Coordinator Warren Wong.

The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on **Saturday, March 30**, at 11:00 a.m. sharp! Children up through Grade 2 are invited to participate. Older youth will meet at 9:45 a.m. to help hide the eggs. If you have any questions, please email Erika Schultz at tyandbash@aol.com

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>

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.

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.”

MUSIC MINISTRY – Rehearsals this week are as follows:

- **High School Choir** rehearse Sunday, March 24, at 10:15 a.m.; Good Friday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday, March 31, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Village Bells** rehearse Wednesday, March 27, at 6:00 p.m.; Easter Sunday, March 31, at 10:15 a.m.
- **Youth Choir** rehearse Good Friday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday, March 31, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearse Maundy Thursday, March 27, at 7:10 p.m.; Good Friday, March 28, at 7:10 p.m.; Easter Sunday, March 31, at 8:40 a.m.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) preparation for Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, at 9:45 a.m.; next meeting Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class Sunday, March 24; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, March 24

- ❖ **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

Wednesday Bible Study – On March 27 we will finish our discussion of the parable of “The Prodigal (or Lost) Son.”

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Maxine Britt, Jocelyn Buggy, Carole Burke, Bennett Chevalier, Tabatha Clark, Joshua Davenport, Rowena del Castillo, Nicholas DePierro, Theresa DePierro, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Eleanor Escherich, Francisca Febus, Faith Forliano, Tommy Grissmeyer, Sharon & John Hargrove, Edna Harris, Mackenzie Hayes, Joshlynn Laguerra, Joseph Leonard, Isaiah Nieves, Sunny Pettinati, Louise Podszus, Agnes Rendo, Joun Robinson, John Scaramuzzo, Irmgard Schoene, O’dilla 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.

- † **Lorraine Taylor**, former VLC member, passed away on March 17, 2024
- † **Greta Krull**, member of Christ Lutheran in Yonkers until it closed and then an active member of VLC until being homebound, passed away on March 16, 2024
- † **David Mullen**, husband of Erin Salo-Mullen and father of four young children, passed away on March 11, 2024
- † **George Grundman**, husband of Mary Lou and long-time member of the VLC/TCS community, passed away on March 7, 2024
- † **Rev. Dr. Thomas Sluberski**, VLC member and Adjunct Pastor, Professor Emeritus of Concordia College - New York, and former Pastor of Lutheran Church of St Matthew, Hastings On Hudson, passed away on March 2, 2024

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