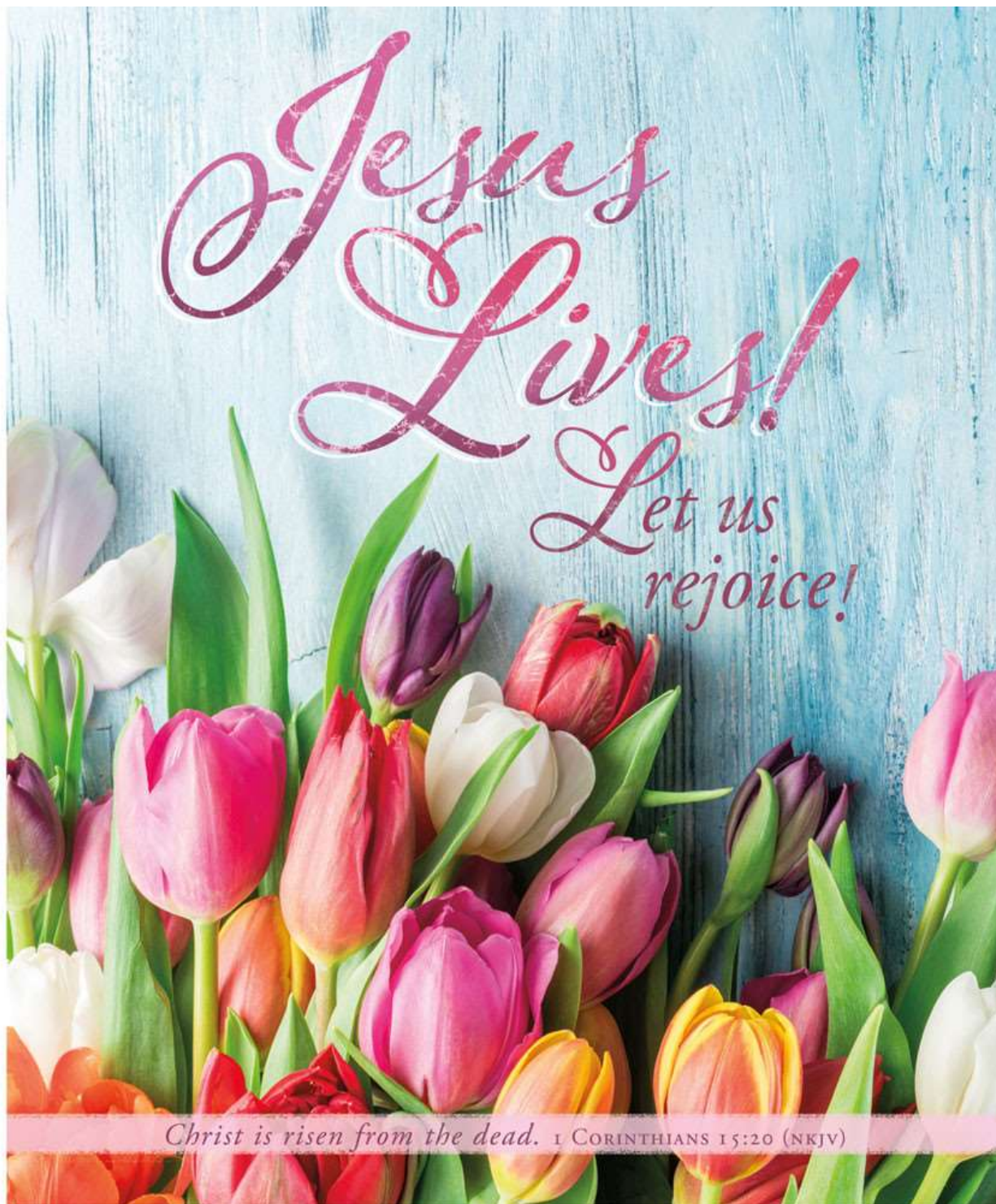


# VILLAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH



***Easter Sunday***  
***April 5, 2026***

## † THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD †

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Pew Cards* are located in the pew racks next to the hymnals. Fill out a card to request information, make a prayer request, sign up for an event, or update your contact information. Place cards in the offering plate or hand to an usher after the service.

*We extend a special word of welcome to our visitors* and invite you to fill out the Pew Card to let us know you were here.

**Online Giving:** You can make a special gift or set up a giving schedule through our secure online Vanco system. Church offerings are a gift of thanksgiving to God and help make it possible for us to carry out our ministries, especially in the midst of challenging times. Scan the QR code below for convenient access. Thank you!

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### 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.

**Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School**

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## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Festival Service of Holy Communion – 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

### PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Kevin Hildebrand

### 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 and CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;

**C** His love endures forever.

**P** The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

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

**P** The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispels the darkness of our hearts and minds.

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

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB Page 155)

**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**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray:

**C** **O God, through Your beloved Son 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, raise us 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** No Longer Strangers/Blessing, Honor, Glory  
*We once were cut off; but now we are brought near, for Christ is our peace;  
we were broken, now whole – one spirit, one body of Christ!  
No longer strangers, no longer lost and alone!  
No longer strangers, now we are saints! We are one in the house of God.  
We who once were dead, now we live in the light; we follow Christ Jesus –  
abundant in grace – who saved us, who raised us to life!  
Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb. Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.  
Death could not hold Him down, for He is risen!  
Seated upon the throne, He is the Lamb of God.*

David Haas/Geoff Bullock & David Reidy

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 31:1-6

<sup>1</sup>At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. <sup>2</sup>Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup>the Lord appeared to them from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. <sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

<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. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** Alleluia! Christ is Risen Gordon Young  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!*  
*Jesus, our Lord is risen today! Alleluia!*

(10:45) **HANDBELLS** Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones Douglas Wagner

**PSALMODY** (*Congregation rising*) (from Psalm 103)

A Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

C **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits.**

A Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

C **who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

A For He knows how we were made; He remembers that we are dust.

C **As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;**

A for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

C **But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him.**

A The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.

C **Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter:

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

<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

(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!**

## 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 Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING/MUSICAL OFFERING

(9:00 Choir)

Awake, My Heart, With Gladness

Austin Lovelace

*Awake, my heart, with gladness, see what today is done;  
now after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious Sun.*

*My Savior there was laid where our bed must be made  
when to the realms of light our spirit wings its flight.*

*The foe in triumph shouted when Christ lay in the tomb;  
but lo, he now is routed, his boast is turned to gloom.*

*For Christ again is free; in glorious victory*

*He who is strong to save has triumphed o'er the grave.*

*He brings me to the portal that leads to bliss untold,  
whereon this rime immortal is found in script of gold:*

*“Who there my cross hath shared finds here a crown prepared;  
who there with me hath died shall here be glorified.”*

(10:45 Handbells)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Michael Helman

## † 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 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

(LSB Page 161)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### 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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE PEACE

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."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

### ♪AGNUS DEI

(LSB Page 163)

**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**

*You will receive the bread in your hand (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 empty tray.*

At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing  
The Day of Resurrection  
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

LSB Hymn 633  
LSB Hymn 478  
LSB Hymn 469

## **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, 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 461, v. 1-3, 5, 7-8)

**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.**

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

**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!**

**DISMISSAL**

P Alleluia. Christ is risen!

C He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**

At the Lamb’s High Feast

John Behnke

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***Participants in the Service:***

Rev. Mark Budenholzer, Associate Pastor/Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

	9:00	10:45
<b>Lector</b>	Ellen Story	Ralph Schoene
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Chris Clark	Ralph Schoene
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Daryl Story	Joan Condon
	Ellen Story	
<b>Youth Asst.</b>	Kayla & Chloe Runge	
<b>Altar Care</b>	Story Family	
<b>Usher Team</b>	Bill Vogt	John Ansoerge
	Richard Graham	Kathy Coffey
	Anton DeRosa	
	Mark Runge	
	Warren Wong	
<b>Sexton</b>	Kaitlyn Clark	

***EASTER BREAKFAST***

We invite you to join us for a continental breakfast between services. Thanks to Warren Wong, the Fellowship Committee, and all of the volunteers who helped with set-up, bringing food, and clean-up.

**News and Notes:**

**Senior Lunch Bunch** – Our next luncheon is on **Tuesday, April 14**. We will begin with a **Japanese origami class at 11:30**. Volunteers will help everyone make their creation which can be brought home to enjoy! **Lunch will be served afterwards**. If you would like to attend, the cost is **\$20/person paid in advance** (make checks payable to Village Lutheran Church). **Please RSVP** to the church office by **Tuesday, April 7**: call 914-337-0207, x1003; email [Krapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:Krapillo@VLC-NY.org); or use the pew card.

**Soup Kitchen** – Prepare food in aluminum trays (available at the Reception desk) and drop-off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. The next date is **Wednesday, April 15**. Sign up through our web site or contact Katie Bukofzer directly at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**The Chosen – Season 2:** Viewing sessions resume on **Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting April 15**. New participants are welcome any week – please RSVP to the church office using the pew card, email to [Krapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:Krapillo@VLC-NY.org), or call 914-337-0207, x1003. For more info, contact Deacon Janet George or Deacon Tony DeRosa.

**Prayer Conference Call** – All are welcome to our service of evening prayer by phone on the last Tuesday of the month, led by Pastoral Assistant Morris Mayer. A printed copy of the liturgy is available in the tract rack at the back of the sanctuary. Simply dial (1) 732-434-3982. The next service is **Tuesday, April 28, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Church & School Picnic** – Save the date for our annual picnic on Baccalaureate **Sunday, June 7, at noon.**

**Wednesday Bible Study** – On April 8 we will continue with John chapter 14.

**Music Ministry:** Many thanks to all the members of our music ministry for sharing their gifts in worship. We will be off this week and then resume rehearsals April 15.

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

**Pastoral Update:** Pastor Budenholzer has received a call from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Midwood-Brooklyn, and is prayerfully considering whether to accept or return it. Please keep the Budenholzer family and VLC in your prayers as we discern God's plans for the future.

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Barbara Accocella, Rebecca Blanco, Sue Carl, Teri Eaton, Aileen Geiling, Anita Gould, Betty Lou Held, Sue Kobylach, Ilse Koerper, Chris Ledley, Michelle Liscoe, Rosalind Magilton, Gloria Manigault, Thomas Marks, Andrew "Andy" Micek, Michael Porter, Jenny Quish, Morena Rodriguez, Dot Rupe, Benjamin Schultz, Joanne Stellmaszyk, Daphne and Pierre Thompson and Family, Valerie Tutson, Linda Wolff

# EASTER FLOWERS

*Thank you to everyone who donated flowers to beautify our sanctuary and celebrate the new life that is ours through our Resurrected Lord. You may pick up your flowers following the 10:45 a.m. service. **Please be sure to look for your name on your plant.***

## **EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:**

Tony & Ruth DeRosa

Marcia Kollmann

The Gotte Family

James & Andrea Maxeiner

Fred & Blanche Swain

## **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Donald Westerby from Kristine Benton & Family

Our parents from Mark & Mimi Blanco

Jim & Jean Bryan and Jim & Genette Bunn from James & Jacqueline Bunn

Stephen N. Cea from his wife Evelyn

Our loved ones from the Clark Family

Frank Coffey and Bill & Helen Messner from Kathy Coffey

David P. Condon, Jr., his sister Sheila & their parents from Joan Condon

My parents Edwin A. Andrews Jr. & Jean M. Andrews & my grandparents from Joan Condon

Deacon Betty & Bob Roberts from Joan Condon

Linda & Margo McKay and Ruth Davenport & Gary McKay from Sonya Davenport

Carol Forshee and Helen & Dimitri Komninos from the Forshee Family

Reverend Walter Pitman and Jerry Geiling, Jr. & Sr. from the Geiling Family

Nancy & Miles Camp from the Geiling Family

Orsola & Vincenzo Cerrato and Rosalind & Sidney Gitter from Dwayne & Maria Gitter

Odila Coelho & Maria Kobernitskaya from the Kobernitski Family

Gloria Mayer from her husband Arnold

Mary & Peter Ruman and Marion & Al Murrer from the Murrer Family

Marisefa & Luis from the Olay Family

Dick Forliano from Carol & George Pietarinen

My parents & grandparents from Elaine Podszus

Donald Gilder from his daughter Kim Rapillo & Family

Lee E. Schoenlank from the Schoenlank Family

Anna Maxine Schell Podoll from the Schell Podoll Family

Departed loved ones from Lynne Tirrell

Sarah Rogerson from Katelyn White

## **IN HONOR OF:**

My brother Edwin A. Andrews III & son Greg Socrates & family from Joan Condon

Grandma Carol Sanger & Winston from Lorelei Heath