

## HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Dear Friends, March 20 & 27, 2015  
I greet you all in the name of the Risen Lord. As we wait for Easter Sunday, I want to take a moment reflecting the good news of our Lord's resurrection.

At dawn on the first Easter morning, the sorrowing women, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, came to the tomb of Jesus with the spices to anoint His body. They were greeted with the astonishing words of the angel: "Why do you look for the Living One among the dead? He is not here. He has been raised up" (Luke 24:5-6).

What marvelous "good news" we proclaim today. That's what the apostle Paul says: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins." Because of His death and resurrection, we became alive. Easter is a time of great joy. Christ, our hope, is risen! All of us go around the world singing His glory and announcing His message of redemption and salvation.

We invite you to join us as we commemorate these last days of Jesus' earthly life. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus' foot-washing and last supper with His disciples. On Good Friday, we are invited to nail our sins to the cross, freeing us from the guilt and sins that weigh us down.

On Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, please join us as we journey with Jesus through the holy week and celebrate His resurrection. Come and let us sing together, "Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

Faithfully yours, Pastor Shim

### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

#### **March 20<sup>th</sup> Passion/Palm Sunday**

*Liturgy of the Palms* Luke 19:28-40, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
*Liturgy of the Passion* Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

**March 27<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY** Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

### ☞ **HOLY WEEK SERVICES** ☞ **PASSION/PALM SUNDAY, March 20<sup>th</sup>:**

Family Friendly Worship 9:30 AM  
Contemporary Praise Service 11:30 AM

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup>:**  
The Lord's Supper & Tenebrae 7:00 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>:**  
12 Noon & 7:00 PM

**EASTER SUNDAY, March 27<sup>th</sup>:**  
**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**6:00 AM** Sunrise Service at Tanner Park, Copiague\*

\*Offering will be directed to  
"Long Island Coalition for the Homeless"

Family Friendly Worship **9:30 AM**  
Contemporary Praise Service **11:30 AM**  
Fellowship between services at 10:45 AM

**ALL WELCOME! BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS!**

### **Ushers**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>:** Joyce Campanella-9:30

Dot & Bob Paine-9:30, Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

**March 27<sup>th</sup>:** Dorli Retinger-9:30

Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

### **Communion Stewards**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>:** Myrna Loudon, Tom Sattler

Pat & Tom DiMassi

### **Greeters**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>:** Pat DiMassi

**March 27<sup>th</sup>:** Betty & Danny Gastelua

**J. C. CAFÉ: Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm**, featuring the captivating music of "Gracious Vine". Suggested donation \$5.00

**PRAYER CONCERNS? Every Wednesday at 7:00pm**, we are offering a way to connect with each other in prayer - **D.I.P. (Dial-In Prayer)**. The following instructions will give you access via conference call with the Pastor and others wishing to pray. Simply dial 712-775-7031 and when prompted to dial the access code, enter 639-840-270 followed by the # sign. You will be connected in prayer whether you are traveling or from the comfort of your own home!

**CROP WALK:** Spring is in the air and that means it is time for the annual CROP walk to be held on **Sunday, April 24, 2016**. The walk begins at St David's Lutheran Church, Massapequa Park promptly at 1:00. Registration starts at 12:30. As many of you know, the CROP walk is sponsored by Church World Service to address hunger in our country and abroad. Please sign up to walk that day or to sponsor another walker from our church. Registration materials are to be found in the *South Transept*. For more information, contact Mary Bing 516-456-0248.

**A DAY WITH THE BISHOP: Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am-3:00pm**. Bishop Middleton will be visiting the Long Island East District at the *Plainview UMC, 992 Old Country Road*. The schedule is as follows: 10:00am-12:00pm meeting with clergy, 12:15-1:15pm Luncheon (all welcome), 1:30-3:00pm Time with Laity. Come and be blessed by the presence and guidance of our spiritual leader! Call the *Church Office* if you plan on attending.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Lancaster, PA bus trip to see **Samson** on **Sat. Nov. 12, 2016**. \$135.00. Contact *Joan Ganz* jganz65@verizon.net 516-249-2119.

**IN NEED OF PRAYERS:** Barbara Simpson, Barry Lumsden, Carolyn Holzbaur, Emily Brown, Bill Landahl, Usha Singh, Bill Jones, Rose Marie Tiedemann, Barbara Middendorff, Muriel Knoell, Marge Brem, Cynthia Hansen, Ruth Burkhardt, Laura Ohler, Joseph Varghese, Ruth Mace and ALL our troops seeking to restore peace. *\*If you know of someone in the hospital, or someone who wishes a pastoral visit, please call the Church Office.*

**CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>**

|        |                                    |                                 |
|--------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sun.   | <b>9:30am</b>                      | <b>Family Friendly Worship</b>  |
|        | 11:00am                            | Confirmation Class              |
|        | <b>11:30am</b>                     | <b>Praise Service</b>           |
|        | 1:00pm                             | Soup Group - F. Hall            |
|        | 4:00pm                             | Holy Thursday Worship Rehearsal |
|        | <b>5:00pm</b>                      | <b>Lenten Program</b>           |
| Tues.  | 7:15pm                             | A.A. - Bike Room                |
| Wed.   | 1:30pm                             | Bible Study                     |
| Thurs. | <b>7:00pm</b>                      | <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>  |
| Fri.   | <b>OFFICE CLOSED - Good Friday</b> |                                 |
|        | <b>12:00 &amp; 7:00pm</b>          | <b>Good Friday Services</b>     |
|        | 5:30pm                             | A.A. - F. Hall                  |
| Sat.   | 8:00am                             | Men's Group                     |
|        | 8:30am                             | Tai Chi                         |

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**CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>**

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| Sun.   | ✠              | <b>HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN! ✠</b> |
|        | <b>6:00am</b>  | <b>Sunrise Service @Tanner Park</b>   |
|        | <b>9:30am</b>  | <b>Family Friendly Worship</b>        |
|        | <b>11:30am</b> | <b>Praise Service</b>                 |
|        | 1:00pm         | Soup Group - F. Hall                  |
| Mon.   | 6:00pm         | Lay Leaders' Mtg.                     |
|        | 7:00pm         | Church Council - F. Hall              |
| Tues.  | 7:15pm         | A.A. - Bike Room                      |
|        | 7:30pm         | Finance - Library                     |
| Wed.   | 1:30pm         | Bible Study                           |
| Thurs. | 8:00pm         | Chancel Choir                         |
| Fri.   | 5:30pm         | A.A. - F. Hall                        |
|        | 7:30pm         | Anniversary Comm. Mtg. - Library      |
| Sat.   | 8:00am         | Men's Group                           |
|        | 8:30am         | Tai Chi                               |
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