† TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST † August 28, 2022

Outdoor Service of Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Slane Stan Pethel

WELCOME (You are invited to choose additional hymns for the service)

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (Congregation rising)

- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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OPENING HYMN CHOICE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray:
- O God, You resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Lead us in the ways of humility taught by Your Son, and give us generous hearts to tend the needs around us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:6-7

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RESPONSORY (Congregation rising)

Psalm 112 (selected verses)

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- C Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous person.
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GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

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your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

AGPS Hymn 78

MEDITATION Kevin Cook

THE 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

P We ask:

C Lord, receive our prayer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & HYMN CHOICE

OFFERING PRAYER (Congregation rising)

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts.
- We offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

† HOLY COMMUNION †

PREFACE

- 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 Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts to establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to receive our Redeemer who comes to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:
- 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 SIGN OF 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 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.

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN CHOICE

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Almighty God, You gave Your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model for the Godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same 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

Lord of All Hopefulness

AGPS Hymn 167

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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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.

Participants in the Service:

9:00

10:45

Lector

Miriam Mathew

Kevin Cook

Communion Asst.

Volunteer

Henry Podoll

Altar Care

Morris Mayer, Arnold Mayer

Usher Team

Richard Graham

Ralph Schoene

Sexton

Henry Podoll

Refreshments

Katie Bukofzer

Service of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE St. Flavian Stephen Johnson

OPENING HYMN (Congregation rising)
Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB Hymn 857

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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*

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HYMN OF THE DAY

For the Fruits of His Creation

LSB Hymn 894

MEDITATION Kevin Cook

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∫SANCTUS (LSB Page 161)

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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JAGNUS 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.

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CLOSING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB Hymn 738

DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE Slane Melvin Rotermund

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News and Notes:

Pastor Hartwell is taking vacation time this weekend. He'll be back in the office on Tuesday. Thank you to Pastoral Assistant Mayer & Kevin Cook for leading our services.

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all our summer volunteers! We continue to have light refreshments after the 9:00 service down by the School Entrance. **We are now looking for hosts for the fall.** Please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) and Lifers (Grade 7-Going into 9th) will meet on Thursday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE – You can give blood and help save lives, right here on our campus! The NY Blood Center will be set up in the MPR from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on **Saturday, September 10**. Donors are asked to register in advance. To secure an appointment online please visit: https://tinyurl.com/BloodSept10

FALL WORSHIP PREVIEW – Our current summer schedule will run through Labor Day Weekend (Sunday, September 4). As we resume fall activities, we will return to a fall schedule of three services per weekend:

- Saturday, September 10 Weekly service resumes at 5:30 p.m., including special remembrance of 9/11 anniversary
- Sunday, September 11 Rally Day celebration with start of Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and installation of teachers, plus blessing of Chapel School faculty and staff

Saturday Service News: Jacob and Dagny Stewart will be assisting Pastor Hartwell as worship leaders at the Saturday night 5:30 p.m. service, starting on September 10. Jacob is planning to attend seminary and is looking for worship leadership experience and mentorship from our church; the common title for this type of service in the Christian tradition is "Parochial Deacon." Dagny, Jacob's wife of 8 years, will also assist on Saturdays by leading the singing. Jacob and Dagny are eager to work with Pastor Hartwell, our Lay Deacons, and worship volunteers. Join us on September 10th and meet the Stewarts as they are installed into service.

Is God calling you to be a Lay Deacon? The Lay Deacon Training Program is done online, consists of 10 courses over two years and meets from 6:30 – 9:00 PM on Tuesdays. The first class this fall is *Interpreting Scripture*, taught by Rev. Matthew Staneck from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Glendale, NY and Associate Editor of *Lutheran Forum*. Pastor Staneck will help students learn to be an honest, faithful and adept interpreter of Holy Scripture and perceive Christ and His message in the Old and New Testaments. The class begins on **Tuesday**, **September 13**, and continues on Tuesdays through October 18. Existing Lay Deacons, congregational members, or school parents are welcome to audit the course, and VLC/TCS pays the fees for Deacon Students and Auditors. This is an opportunity to refresh and grow in faith, whether or not you are interested in being a Lay Deacon. For more information contact pastor Hartwell at 914-337-0207 (1022) or RHartwell@VLC-NY.ORG.

MUSIC MINISTRY – Welcome back to a new year of making music together in the name of the Lord! Regular rehearsals will begin in September, and all ages are invited to participate:

- Cherub Choir meets during Sunday School with Mrs. Kate Marino
- Chancel Choir meets Thursdays, 7:30 8:30 p.m., starting Sept. 15
- High School Choir meets Sundays, 10:15 10:40 a.m., starting Sept. 18

- Village Bells meets Wednesdays, 6:00 7:00 p.m., starting Sept. 21
- Youth Choir meets Thursdays, 7:00 7:30 p.m., starting Sept. 22

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**, **September 21**. For more information, contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

Blessing Basket/Food for ECAP: We continue to collect non-perishable food. As costs go up, it is even harder for families to keep food on the table. If you can pick up a few items to donate, please drop them off in the Friendship Room or at the Reception Desk. All contributions welcome!

2022 Stewardship Appeal – If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider making a financial commitment in response to our 2022 Stewardship Appeal, "We are all in this together." Thank you to all who have returned pledge cards. **As of Tuesday, August 23**:

- 34 individuals or families have returned a pledge card
- ❖ \$172,753.00 pledged
- 10 individuals or families signed up for electronic giving

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: John Accocella, Joe Bales, Vincent Brown, Laura Bunn, Lorelei Burns, Luca Busll, Flora Caivano, Denise Carroll, Walter Cerfontaine, Frank Clark, Dave Condon, Chris Conway, Ron DeGeorge, Deacon Rowena del Castillo, Gail Eckstein, Lisa Erkus, Bill Harrison, Lisa Jones, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Kazoe Nozaki, Joy Reist, Louise Reist, Willi Rosendahl, Chloe Runge, Marvin Sayer, Lina Staino, George VanCleave, Jack Walsh, Stephen Walsh, Edward Zlock

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

- † **Joan Marie Condolff**, mother of James Condolff (mother-in-law of our school secretary, Maura), who passed away on August 2, 2022
- **Suzanne Heinrich**, aunt of Jennifer Schell Podoll, who passed away on August 1, 2022
- **Sandra Rath**, former VLC member and wife of the late Richard Rath, former TCS principal, who passed away on July 23, 2022. Services were held in Ocala, Florida. To view the memorial, go to StJohnOcalaChurch.org or https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=AyoJWI3PS3k

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