

† REFORMATION SUNDAY †
October 30, 2022

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

Erhalt uns, Herr

Johann Pachelbel

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

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

C **Amen.**

P Let us 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.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

LSB Hymn 908

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

C **Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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GOSPEL (*Congregation rising*)

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMNIC CREED (*Sung to "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*)

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
in mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
and blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
to grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
with power and truth the Church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
be living in glory forever. Amen.

MEDITATION

Parochial Deacon Jacob Stewart

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Congregation rising*)

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C **Your mercy is great.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/MUSICAL OFFERING

† 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 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 It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, 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. Grant us Your Spirit that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith, and above all firmly take to heart the Words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. Lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 SIGN OF PEACE

P *We hear the Words of our Lord spoken over the communion elements:*
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

As you come forward, you will receive the bread in your hand; then take the wine in the individual cup from the tray. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray and gluten-free bread is available in separate packets. After drinking, place empty cups in the second tray.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Congregation rising)*

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this holy Sacrament, the means of grace, and we pray that You would strengthen us through this gift in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress

LSB Hymn 657

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Berg

David Lowe

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C Thanks be to God.**(9:00) CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM** God’s Son Has Made Me Free Edvard Grieg

*God’s Son has made me free from Satan’s tyranny;
from fear of death, and bonds of sin; from all that plagues my soul within.
The Holy One divine, became a friend of mine.
From heaven high, from starry sky, He came to live, to die.
O boundless love, He came, He died, He rose forever glorified!
He came to give, to die, that I might live with Him eternally.
God’s Son has made me free.*

GOSPEL (*Congregation rising*)

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(9:00) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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in mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
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SERMON

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

STATEMENT OF FAITH (*Congregation rising*)

P We join together in speaking Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Creed:

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

(9:00 organ)

(10:45 bells)

Erhalt uns, Herr
Oh, How I Love Jesus

Johann Pachelbel

Susan Geschke

OFFERING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn 908, v. 3)

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
shall glory, praise, and honor be now and throughout eternity.

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PREFACE

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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, for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore 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, 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!

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Participants in the Services:

Lector	5:30 Dagny Stewart	9:00 Jennifer Podoll	10:45 Matthew Martinez
Asst. Min.		Kristin Pimentel	Matthew Martinez
Altar Care	Jacob Stewart	Pastor Hartwell	
Usher Team	Volunteer	Bill Vogt	Ansorge Family
Sexton	Ava Renzo		
Refreshments	Schell Podoll Family		

News and Notes:

Fall Voters' Meeting - Join us after worship this Sunday, **October 30**, at 12 noon in the MPR. A pizza lunch will be provided. Copies of the proposed 2022-2023 Budget are available at the track rack by the wooden church doors to review before the meeting.

All Saints Sunday – As part of our traditional observance next weekend (November 5-6), we remember loved ones who have passed away. A list of individual names will be printed in the bulletin. You are invited to submit names by using the back of the Attendance card or send an email to the church office, KRapillo@VLC-NY.org. Please print clearly, mark "All Saints," and include the date of death if it is within the past year. **Deadline for submission is Sunday, October 30.**

Seeking Child Care Volunteers – We would like to begin providing child care during the 9:00 a.m. service for children age 3 and under (young ones not in Sunday School). Volunteers are asked to stay in the care room (across from the library on the ground floor) from 8:45 – 10:15 during Sunday School. Kate Marino will coordinate the schedule. If you are willing to be part of this rotation, please contact the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org. **We hope to begin on Sunday, November 6.**

Thanksgiving Food Drive for ECAP: As Thanksgiving approaches, we are mindful of those who find it difficult to put food on the table. Please consider making a special effort to bring in the following holiday items: **Stuffing, Mashed potato, Gravy, Cranberry sauce, Muffin mix.** In order to make deliveries on time, these items must be **collected by Tuesday, November 8.**

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, November 16**. For more information, contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

Journey to Biblical Turkey - Pastor Rob and Sue Hartwell are leading a church group to see Biblical sites in Turkey on July 10-21, 2023. Join them for an **information meeting on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Friendship Room. Turkish Delight and Turkish Tea will be served. If unable to attend in-person, there will be a Zoom meeting the same night at 8:00 p.m. Meeting ID: 854 7559 0252 and Passcode 181280. For more information or to register for either of the informational meetings, contact the church office at 914-337-0207 (1003).

Prayer Conference Call is offered on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The next date is **November 29**. To join in, simply dial (1) 732-434-3982.

“Christmas at Sea” – This project brings warmth and cheer to seafarers who are confined to their ships on long voyages far from home. **Please sign out a satchel** on the clipboard by the Jesus Fountain, fill it with the specific items requested and return to VLC/TCS. Each satchel will contain a sweatshirt, socks, T-shirt, knitted cap, chocolate/nuts, and a card. Filled satchels must be returned **no later than Monday, December 5**. Thank you!!

The first Women’s Fall Communion, Brunch and Bible Study was held Saturday, October 15, 2022. It was a fun and meaningful event. Pastor Hartwell led a moving communion service with musical accompaniment by Marcia Kollmann. The ladies enjoyed a full and delicious hot brunch followed by a Bible devotion and terrific discussion on our trust in God. The morning also allowed the ladies to have fun using their talents to make 15 decorative, multi-colored lanterns, each complete with a flameless candle and inspirational Bible verse. The lanterns will be given to people in the congregation that may be hospitalized or shut in. We were especially thankful to welcome several women who were new to the Women’s Bible Study. Very special thanks to Terry Vidal and Mimi Blanco for leading the Bible devotion and organizing all aspects of the event. We look forward to a second Women’s Communion Brunch and Bible Study next spring.

MUSIC MINISTRY – Schedule for this week:

- **High School Choir** meets next Sunday, Nov. 6, at 10:15 a.m.
- **Village Bells** meets Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Youth Choir** meets Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Chancel Choir** meets Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 6, at 8:40 a.m.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) will meet on Thursday, November 3, at 6:00 p.m. **Lifers** (Grades 7-8) meet on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Crusaders (Grades 9-12) meet for Donuts & Discussion after the 9:00 service on Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 in Room 209.

Wednesday Bible Study – Meet 10:45 a.m.; study begins at 11:00. On November 2 we will be complete James chapter 3 and move on to chapter 4.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Joan Adams, Zachary Bauer, Andy Boron, Laura Bunn, Robert Burriesci, Flora Caivano, Pamela Parks Castle, Frank Clark Sr., Dave Condon, Teresa Cristo, Sadie Cullen, Ron DeGeorge, Fran DeLillis, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Susan Rose Dimino, Gail Eckstein, Deacon Faith Forliano, Annabella Hansen, Christian Hayes, Nancy Hilton, Naomi Just, Hani Khoury, Sue Kobylack, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Merline Leon, Noel Leon, Pete Lion, Janet Lunog, Frank Lyman, Robert Magilton, Rosalind Magilton, Lucille McGeough, Mercilene Melborne, Steven Pettus, Capt. Michael Porter, Sylvia Puig, Astrid Rosendahl, David Rosendahl, Willi Rosendahl, Isaac Ruman, Eric Swensson, Ben Tashoff, Peter Troiano, Walter Wade

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

- † **Joanne Foster**, mother of Rich Foster, who passed away on October 18, 2022
- † **Walter Cerfontaine**, brother-in-law of Astrid Rosendahl, who passed away on October 17, 2022
- † **Richard White**, VLC member, who passed away on October 14, 2022
- † **Deirdra Nasti**, grand-niece of Kathy Coffey, who passed away on October 14, 2022
- † **Jennifer Khoury**, friend of Lauren & Greg Perotto, who passed away on October 1, 2022
- † **John Grandefeld**, friend of a congregation member, who passed away on September 24, 2022
- † **Edson Aguiar**, uncle of Juliano & Juliana Passi, who passed away in September 2022

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