

† 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
October 4, 2026

Service of Hymnic Communion 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.
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PRELUDE

Westminster Abbey

Richard Proulx

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 909

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone.

C Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit, that attentive to Your Word, we may confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P Gracious God, have mercy on us.

C In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ KYRIE (Sung to "Amazing Grace")

Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ our King.

Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; accept the prayers we bring.

✠ GLORIA (Sung to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")

"Glory be to God on high!" This is now our joyful cry.

Peace to all who live on earth, grace and favor for new birth.

You we praise and glorify, worship You, O Lord most high.

Gracious Father, heav'nly King, to Your name alone we sing:

Praise the glory of Your name, now and evermore the same!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray (*pause for reflection*): Gracious God,

C You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful humanity, who put Him to death. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation, that our lives may bear fruit to Your glory; 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

(from Psalm 80)

L Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

C You brought a vine out of Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it.

L You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

C The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

L Why then have You broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

C The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

L Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see;

C have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted.

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4-14

[Paul writes,] ⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of

knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** Jesus, Joy of Every Heart Ahle/Bach

*Jesus, joy of every heart, blessed Jesus;
bliss unto my soul Thou art, holy Jesus;
sure defense from Satan's dart, Jesus sweetest Jesus.
Thousand times I think of Thee, my Redeemer;
only yearn Thy face to see, my Redeemer;
longing for Thy company, Jesus my Redeemer.
Naught is lovelier than Thou, dearest Jesus;
none is friendlier than Thou, gentlest Jesus;
nor is any sweet as Thou, Jesus sweetest Jesus.*

ALLELUIA II (Congregation rising)

(LSB Hymn 952)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³³[Jesus said,] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this

was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB **Hymn 729**

SERMON

Rev. Peter Deebrach

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

A Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Stephanos

Brian Henkelmann

† 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on human flesh and was born of

the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

JSANCTUS (*Sung to the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

Day and might we join to praise Your love and majesty.

You alone are holy, worthy and righteous. God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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."

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.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI (*Sung to "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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are invited to the Supper of the Lamb.

C Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Just As I Am, without One Plea
Lamb of God

LSB Hymn 570

LSB Hymn 550

As you come forward, you will receive the bread in your hand (please 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 second tray.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Congregation rising)*

A Almighty God, we thank You for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to You will not hunger, and all who believe in You will not thirst. Send us back into the world to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ 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

Fight the Good Fight

LSB Hymn 664

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Mendon

Lani Smith

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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:

Rev. Peter Deebrah, Vacancy Pastor
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

Lector	9:00 Chris Gleason	10:45 Mimi Blanco
Assisting Minister	Chris Gleason	Andrea Ansorge
Communion Asst.	Miriam Mathew	Mimi Blanco
Altar Care	Maria Gitter	
Usher Team	Anton DeRosa Mark Runge Richard Graham	Kathy Coffey John Ansorge
Sexton	Violet Linn	
Refreshments	Runge Family	

News and Notes:

Updated contacts for Pastor Deebrah – We have now set up a church email and phone extension for Pastor Deebrah. In addition to teaching confirmation classes, Pastor Deebrah plans to be at VLC on Wednesday mornings and will be available in the pastor's office in the ministry suite. If you would like to get in touch with him, please call 914-337-0207, x1022 or email PDeebrah@VLC-NY.org

Coffee Hour Hosts – Many thanks to everyone who has signed up so far. We are still in need of volunteers to host this fall, whether individually or in a small group. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong.

Special Voters' Meeting Sunday, October 18th between services

We will hold an abbreviated Voters' Meeting on Sunday, October 18th immediately following the 9 AM service and preceding the 10:45 AM service. This important meeting will involve an LCMS amendment, a vote on the church air-conditioning system replacement, and information concerning our recent meeting with Bishop Taylor. All church members are welcome.

The Chosen – Season 3 – A new season has begun, but it is not too late to join in. The series continues on **Wednesday evenings through November 18**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Viewing is open to the public and available at no cost. To help us prepare, **please RSVP** in advance through the church office. Call 914-337-0207, x1003, email Krapillo@VLC-NY.org, or make a note on the pew card. For more information, contact Deacon Janet George.

Village Lutheran Crafters – This group is expanding, and it's very exciting! Our last craft event was fantastic, with 10 wonderful folks coming together to enjoy some fellowship, share crafting tips, and have great conversations. Mark your calendar for our next craft event on **Saturday, October 17, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the Friendship Room. Feel free to bring your own project or come and make some Christmas ornaments with us. All skill levels are welcome — there's definitely a place for you here! Hosted by Ruth DeRosa and Miriam Mathew.

Soup Kitchen – Prepare your food item 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, October 21**, and the menu will be chili, rice, mixed vegetables and cookies. To sign up, go to our web site or contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

Blessing Basket – We have an ongoing food collection for non-perishable items to be given to ECAP, the local food pantry. Pick up a few items while you are shopping and leave them in the baskets under the piano in the Friendship Room. This is another wonderful way to share the love of Christ in our community.

Wednesday Bible Study – We have begun a new study on the book of Esther. Refreshments are available at 10:45 and the class starts at 11:00. On October 7 we will move on to chapter 2.

Music Ministry – Rehearsals for this week are as follows:

- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Off Thursday, October 8; next rehearsal is October 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Off Thursday, October 8; next rehearsal is October 15 at 7:30 p.m.

If you are interested in being a part, or if you have any questions, please contact Minister of Music Deb Reiss at 914-337-0207, x1018 or Dreiss@VLC-NY.org

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, October 15, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation Class on Thursday, October 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the Science Lab.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Barbara Accocella, John Accocella, Marge Baum, Bill Blume, Wayne & Dana Davenport, Elaine Davis, Susan DeAndis, Linda DeJong, Fran DeLillis, Joan Eiler, Mary Fielder, Michelle Ghiorzi, Dwayne Gitter, Kenneth Held, Suzanne Homme, Kaden Howard, Katie Koster, Kathryn Liersemann, Michelle Liscoe, Rosalind Magilton, Bob Maguire & Family, Tommy Marks, Cathy Martin, Elaine Podszus, Morena Rodriguez, Valerie Tutson

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