† ALL SAINTS SUNDAY †
November 1, 2026

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

PRELUDE Sine nomine Benjamin Culli

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*) LSB **Hymn 677**
For All the Saints (v. 1-4)

INVOCATION and CONFESSION
P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
C Gracious God, have mercy on us. 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 (*spoken*)
P Lord, have mercy.
C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

♪HYMN OF PRAISE (LSB Hymn 677, v. 7-8)
But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray (*pause for reflection*): Almighty and everlasting God,

C You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us grace to follow Your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, that together with them we may know the inexpressible joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

9After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
10They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is
seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" 11And all the angels stood around the
throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their
faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory
and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God
forever and ever! Amen." 13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who
are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14I said to him, "Sir,
you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have
come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them
white in the blood of the Lamb. 15For this reason they are before the throne of
God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated
on the throne will shelter them. 16They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17for the Lamb at the center
of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the
water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY (from Psalm 34)

L I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

L O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

C I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

L Look to Him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

C This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord and was saved from every trouble.

L The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him and delivers them.

C O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

[1]See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** O How Amiable Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
even Thy altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; they will be always praising Thee.
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handywork.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

(10:45) **VILLAGE BELLS** Be Still, My Soul Raymond Herbek

GOSPEL (*Congregation rising*) Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[1]When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. [2]And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5]Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6]Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7]Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8]Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9]Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10]Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs
is the kingdom of heaven. [11]Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
[12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way
they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY Children of the Heavenly Father LSB **Hymn 725**

SERMON Rev. Peter Deebrah

THE NICENE CREED (*Congregation rising*)

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

(9:00 organ)	Tryggare kan ingen vara	John Behnke
(10:45 bells)	Songs of Worship and Praise	Sharon Elery Rogers

† 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. In the communion of all Your saints You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, being encouraged by their faith and

strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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 Church's One Foundation"*)
Sing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might!"
Your mercy and Your glory fill heav'n and earth with light!
How blest is our Redeemer, who comes to set us free.
Hosanna in the highest to the great One in Three.

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 "On Jordan's Bank"*)
Lord Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, who takes the sin of the world away:
Have mercy on us, grant us peace, and fill us with Your love and grace.

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	Be Still, My Soul	LSB **Hymn 752**
	Blest Be the Tie That Binds	LSB **Hymn 649**

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.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (insert)
The names of those whose funeral/memorial was through VLC are read aloud. Then the bells toll in memory of all the faithful departed.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Congregation rising*)
A Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage, that on the day of His coming, we may together with all Your saints celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 Jerusalem the Golden LSB **Hymn 672**

DISMISSAL
P Go in peace to serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Ewing Theodore Beck

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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

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Betty Geiling	Mimi Blanco
Asst. Minister	Anton DeRosa	Joan Condon
Youth/Communion Asst.	Volunteeer	Mimi Blanco
Altar Care	Maria Gitter	
Usher Team	Richard Graham Mark Runge	Kathy Coffey John Ansorge
Sexton	Violet Linn	
Refreshments	Raphael Family	

News and Notes:

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Christopher Roge from his family.

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse that uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love to children in need around the world. You are invited to support this project in any of the following ways: (1) Pick up a Gift Suggestion list, purchase some items, and drop off at church by Friday, November 6, to be packed into a shoebox. (2) Pick up an empty shoebox, select an age group and gender, fill the shoebox according to the instructions and return it to the church by November 8. (3) Make a donation (cash in an envelope marked "OCC" or go to samaritanspurse.org/occ) to cover the cost of shipping ($10/shoebox). (4) Attend the packing party at VLC on Saturday, November 7, at 2:00 p.m. (5) Pray for the children and volunteers.

Thanksgiving Food Drive – November 2-10: Chapel School and VLC are working with our local food bank at ECAP to help families celebrate Thanksgiving. Special Thanksgiving items include: stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, corn muffin mix, canned sweet potatoes, and boxed mac and cheese. Other healthy non-perishable items are always welcome. Yellow donation boxes will be available at the School and Reception entrances. Help us share the love of Christ with our community!

Village Lutheran Crafters – Mark your calendar for our next craft event on **Saturday, November 14, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the Friendship Room. Bring your own project (knitting, crocheting, etc.), get ideas, learn new skills, or make some Christmas ornaments. Light refreshments are provided and all skill levels are welcome — there's definitely a place for you here! Hosted by Ruth DeRosa and Miriam Mathew.

Christmas Craft Sale – The Village Lutheran Crafters invite you to our holiday Craft Sale. Stop by during coffee hour on **Sunday, November 15** to pick up some handmade Christmas ornaments and small gifts for the holidays. All proceeds will go to help fund church ministries.

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, November 18**. The menu will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, and brownies. Please note that the number of servings has increased from 80 to over 100; therefore, more volunteers are needed. To sign up, go to our web site or contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

Wednesday Bible Study – Refreshments are available at 10:45 and the class starts at 11:00. On November 4 we will be looking at Esther chapter 4.

The Chosen – Season 3 – 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. **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.

Music Ministry – Rehearsals for this week are as follows:

- Village Bells – Wed., Nov. 4, at 6:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir – Thurs., Nov. 5, at 7:00 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 8, at 8:30 a.m.
- Chancel Choir – Thurs., Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m.
- Cherub Choir – Sun., Nov. 8, at 8:45 a.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, November 5, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation Class on Thursday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m.

- Our next **Family Service** will be on **November 8**. The Cherub and Youth Choirs will sing at 9:00 a.m. and youth participation in worship is encouraged.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Marge Baum, Wayne & Dana Davenport, Elaine Davis, Linda DeJong, Fran DeLillis, Mary Felder, Michelle Ghiorsi, Dwayne Gitter, Kenneth Held, Suzanne Homme, Kaden Howard, Katie Koster, Andrew Krolides, Michelle Liscoe, Tom Luekens, Nancy Maffia, Rosalind Magilton, Bob Maguire, Tommy Marks, Frank Nalepovic, Cathy Niebanck, Pope Leo, Morena Rodriguez, Ann Terenzio, Bill Vogt

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

† **Deborah Driscoll**, aunt of Chris Gleason, passed away on October 22, 2026

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