

**† SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT †**  
**Lutheran Schools Sunday**  
**March 1, 2026**

<b>Service of Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.</b>
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**PRELUDE** Yigdal Fritz Lubrich

**OPENING HYMN** (*Congregation rising*) **LSB Hymn 798**  
The God of Abraham Praise (v. 1-4)

**INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** This is the day which the Lord has made.

**C** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**P** We are fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household;

**C** **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone.**

**P** In Christ, the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

**C** **And in Him we are being built together to become a dwelling where God lives by His Spirit.** (Ephesians 2:19-22)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray:

**C** **Almighty God, grant us a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love for You and one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHAPEL SCHOOL SELECT CHOIR** Kyrie Eleison Larry Olson

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.  
For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
That we may live out Your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord.  
For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our pay, let us pray to the Lord.  
For Your Spirit to guide; that You center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that You nourish our souls with Your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord.*

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

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<sup>1</sup>Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

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## PSALM OF THE DAY (*Congregation rising*)

(Psalm 121)

A I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

**C My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

A He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

**C He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

A The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**C The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.**

A The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

**C The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

## GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **CHAPEL SCHOOL SELECT CHOIR**

Hakuna Mungu arr. Kirk Aamot

*Hakuna Mungu kama wewe,  
hakuna na hatakuweco!  
Nimetembea kote,  
nikatafuta kote,  
nikanguka kote  
hakuna na hatakuweco!  
Hakuna kufanana na Yesu...*

*There’s no other God like You;  
there is none, and there never shall be!  
I have walked everywhere,  
I have searched everywhere,  
I have turned everywhere,  
There is none, and there never shall be!  
There is no one like Jesus...*

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Father Welcomes

**LSB Hymn 605**

#### **SERMON**

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

#### **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 Hear us, O God;

**C Your mercy is great.**

**CHAPEL SCHOOL SELECT CHOIR** Joyful, Joyful arr. Mervyn Warren

*Joyful, joyful, Lord, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.*

*Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, hail Thee as the sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.*

*Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*Come and join the chorus, the mighty chorus which the morning stars began.*

*The Father of love is reigning over us. He watches over every thing, so we sing...*

### **THE CHAPEL SCHOOL AWARD**

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

St. Crispin

Kevin Hildebrand

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Congregation rising*)

A Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

A Almighty God, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ, 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 Jesus Christ, the Children’s Friend (Tune: TALLIS CANON)  
Lord Jesus Christ, the children’s friend, to each of them Your presence send;  
call them by name and keep them true in loving faith, dear Lord, to You.

In Christian homes, Lord, let them be Your blessing to their family;  
let Christian schools Your work extend in living truth as You intend.

That all of us, Your children dear, by Christ redeemed, may Christ revere;  
lead us in joy that all we do will witness to our love for You.

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Variations on Tallis Canon Franklin Ashdown

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***Participants in the Service:***

Rev. Mark Budenholzer, Associate Pastor/Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music  
George Heath, Select Choir Director

	9:00	10:45
<b>Lector</b>	Katie Vogt	Matthew Martinez
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Daryl Story	Matthew Martinez
<b>Altar Care</b>		Story Family
<b>Usher Team</b>	Anton DeRosa Richard Graham Mark Runge	Kathy Coffey John Ansorge
<b>Sexton</b>	Violet Linn	
<b>Refreshments</b>	Chapel School Faculty and Staff	

## Service of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

**PRELUDE**

Yigdal

Fritz Lubrich

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### **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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of 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.

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## **† 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many, that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy"*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

We rejoice to join the hymns of earth and sky and sea.

Generations praise You, with saints and angels,  
holy and blest through all eternity.

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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 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.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** God Loved the World So That He Gave LSB **Hymn 571**

*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.*

**CLOSING 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.**

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call them by name and keep them true in loving faith, dear Lord, to You.

In Christian homes, Lord, let them be Your blessing to their family;  
let Christian schools Your work extend in living truth as You intend.

That all of us, Your children dear, by Christ redeemed, may Christ revere;  
lead us in joy that all we do will witness to our love for You.

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Variations on Tallis Canon

Franklin Ashdown

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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.

## **News and Notes:**

**The Chapel School Award** – Congratulations and God’s blessings to this year’s honoree, Mrs. Luba Dzwonczyk, a loving and dedicated teacher in the early education department at TCS for 24 years.

**Voter’s Meeting** – Please plan to attend our Voter’s Meeting to be held today, **Sunday, March 1**, at 12:00 noon. The agenda will include a continuation of matters discussed on February 1.

**Daylight Savings Time** – Please note that clocks will “spring forward” on Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 a.m.

**LENTEN WORSHIP** – During the Lenten season, we will have a Service of Evening Prayer with Holy Communion on **Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.** On March 4, we will reflect on John 12:20-26: “What might need to die in our lives for Christ to become greater?”

**ATLANTIC DISTRICT FESTIVAL OF WORKSHOPS** – This one-day conference covers a wide variety of topics, including personal spiritual development, ministry tips and ideas, church music, and a keynote address by Bishop Emeritus David Benke. To be held on **Saturday, March 7**, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. at SUNY Maritime College, 6 Pennyfield Ave, Bronx NY 10465. Cost is \$40/person (including lunch). Register and choose workshop sessions at [www.AD-LCMS.org](http://www.AD-LCMS.org)

**TEAM CHAPEL HALF MARATHON** – We have spots reserved for runners in the NYC Half Marathon on **March 15**. Open to any interested runner who is willing to commit to and guarantee a fundraising goal of \$1,750 in support of Team Chapel Arts. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Development Office, email [Development@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:Development@TheChapelSchool.org) or call 914-337-3202, x1040.

**SOUP KITCHEN** – Prepare food 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, March 18**. Sign up through our web site or contact Katie Bukofzer directly at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**GATHERING OF FRIENDS** – This year’s gala on **March 20** will feature “A Taste of the Caribbean” with a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing along with silent and live auctions. Held at The Surf Club on the Sound in New Rochelle. Tickets still available. You can also support the event by donating auction items, purchasing ads, or by becoming a benefactor or sponsor. Go to [www.VLC-NY.org/gathering-of-friends](http://www.VLC-NY.org/gathering-of-friends)

**PEW CARDS** are located by the hymnal racks in every pew. They are available for you to submit prayer requests, update your contact info, or sign up for events:

- ❖ If you are visitor, please fill out the front side to let us know you were here

- ❖ Update your phone, email and/or mailing address. If you have not been receiving communications from the church, we would like to include you!
- ❖ Add a name to the Prayer Line or Bereavement Prayer Line
- ❖ Sign up for a fellowship event
- ❖ Submit other requests or information to the church office

Please place the pew cards in the offering plate or hand to an usher or pastor after the service.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – We had a snow day on February 25. On March 4, we will complete chapter 12 of John’s gospel and then look at Jesus washing His disciples’ feet in chapter 13.

**Music Ministry:** Rehearsals resume as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, March 8, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., March 5, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., March 5, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., March 8, at 8:40 a.m.

**Youth News:** Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Dinner Talk on Thursday, March 5; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, March 1

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Andrea Ansorge, Rebecca Blanco, Elaine Davis, Donna Heath, Layne Klein, Chris Ledley, Michelle Liscoe, Thomas Marks, Andrew “Andy” Micek, Morena Rodriguez, Marion Scaramuzzino, Shaw Family, Benjamin Schultz, Daphne and Pierre Thompson and Family, Bill Vogt, Ronnie Walsh, Donald Westerby

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

- † **Tim Deppner**, friend of a parishioner, passed away on February 3, 2026

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