

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Heavenly Father, by the blessed light of Your divine Word You have led us to know Your Son. Guide us by Your Holy Spirit to walk in the light of Your truth, that with sure confidence in Christ we may dwell with You forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(9:00) **YOUTH CHOIR**

A Prayer of St. Patrick

Richard DeLong

Christ be with me, Christ within me; Christ behind me, Christ before me;

Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me;

Christ above me, Christ beneath me; Christ in quiet, Christ in danger;

Christ in hearts of all that love me; Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** Ain'-a That Good News William Dawson

*I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up my cross,
gonna take it home to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news!
I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom...
I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom...
I got a Savior in-a the Kingdom...*

RESPONSORY (*Congregation rising*)

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful;

C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you

say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace

LSB Hymn 744

MESSAGE

"The Man Born Blind"

Deacon Dr. Anton DeRosa

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.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Amazing Grace

Zach Unke

† 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

(LSB Page 161)

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

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

(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.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

(9:00 Choir)

My Spirit On Thy Care

Dudley Archer

My spirit on Thy care, blest Savior, I recline;

Thou wilt not leave me in despair, for Thou art Love divine.

In Thee I place my trust, on Thee I calmly rest;

I know Thee good, I know Thee just, and count Thy choice the best.

Whate'er events betide, Thy will they all perform;

safe in Thy breast my head I hide, nor fear the coming storm.

Let good or ill befall, it must be good for me;

secure in having Thee in all, of having all in Thee. Amen.

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB Hymn 421

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

Christ Be My Leader

LSB Hymn 861

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Slane

Paul Manz

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. Morris Mayer, Pastoral Assistant
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Chris Clark	Mimi Blanco
Assisting Minister	Chris Clark	Anton DeRosa
Comm. Asst.	Anton DeRosa	Mimi Blanco
Altar Care	Anton DeRosa	
Usher Team	Bill Vogt Warren Wong	Georgine Read Ilse Koerper
Sexton	Kaitlyn Clark	
Refreshments	Gitter Family	

News and Notes:

PASTORAL UPDATE: Pastor Budenholzer has received a call from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Midwood-Brooklyn, and is prayerfully considering over the next few weeks whether to accept or return it. The Budenholzers are away this weekend for a brief family vacation. Please keep the Budenholzer family and VLC in your prayers as we discern God's plans for the future.

GATHERING OF FRIENDS – Today, March 15, is the deadline to order tickets for this year's gala on March 20 at The Surf Club on the Sound in New Rochelle. Go to www.VLC-NY.org/gathering-of-friends

EASTER FLOWERS – Order beautiful spring plants to adorn our sanctuary for Easter. Plants may be taken home after the 10:45 service on Easter Sunday. This year's selection includes daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and Easter lilies at \$25/plant. Please use the order form in the bulletin or contact the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or Krapillo@VLC-NY.org. **Deadline to order is Monday, March 16!**

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.

LENTEN WORSHIP – During the Lenten season we are offering a Service of Evening Prayer with Holy Communion on **Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.** On March 18, we will reflect on Romans 7:14-25: "Living in sin, living in grace"

EASTER BASKETS – This is our annual service project to “share the love of Christ” with community children. Please pick up an empty basket from the table in the back of the sanctuary, fill it with some of the suggested items, wrap it in cellophane, and return to the church for delivery. **Filled baskets must be returned by Sunday, March 22.**

COFFEE HOUR/EASTER BREAKFAST – On Easter Sunday, April 5, we have a continental breakfast with festive decorations. Many volunteers are needed to bring food and help with clean-up and set-up. Volunteers are also needed for the Sundays after Easter, including our traditional Mother’s Day (May 10) and Father’s Day (June 17) specials. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong.

SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH – Our next luncheon is on **Tuesday, April 14**. We will begin with a **Japanese origami class at 11:30**. Volunteers will help everyone make their creation which can be brought home to enjoy! **Lunch will be served afterwards**. If you would like to attend, the cost is **\$20/person paid in advance** (make checks payable to Village Lutheran Church). **Please RSVP** to the church office by **Tuesday, April 7**: call 914-337-0207, x1003; email Krapillo@VLC-NY.org; or use the pew card.

PEW CARDS are located by the hymnal racks in every pew for you to submit prayer requests, update your contact info, or sign up for events. Please fill out and place the pew cards in the offering plate or hand to an usher or pastor after the service.

Wednesday Bible Study – On March 18, we will continue with John chapter 13.

Music Ministry: Rehearsals this week are as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, March 15, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wed., March 18, at 6:00 p.m.; Sun., March 22, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., March 19, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., March 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., March 22, at 8:40 a.m.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class on Sunday, March 22; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, March 15

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Andrea Ansorge, Rebecca Blanco, Sue Carl, Teri Eaton, Aileen Geiling, Anita Gould, Betty Lou Held, Ilse Koerper, Chris Ledley, Michelle Liscoe, Gloria Manigault, Thomas Marks, Andrew “Andy” Micek, Dot Rupe, Benjamin Schultz, Daphne and Pierre Thompson and Family, Joanne Stellmaszyk, Valerie Tutson

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

- † **Donald Westerby**, father of Kristine Westerby Benton, passed away on February 7, 2026

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