

dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR**

At Thy Feet

J. S. Bach

At Thy feet we humbly kneel; Lord, be near us.

May we now Thy presence feel; Lord, be near us.

Fill our hearts with love of Thee; Lord, be near us. In Thy mercy hear us.

Keep us free from all alarms; Lord, be near us.

In Thine everlasting arms hold and cheer us.

Bind our souls with bonds of faith; Lord, be near us. In Thy mercy hear us.

PSALMODY (*Congregation rising*)

(Psalm 130)

A Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

C Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

A If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

C But there is forgiveness with You, so that You may be revered.

A I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in His word I hope;

C my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

A O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem.

C It is He who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

GOSPEL

John 11:17-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but

I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(9:00) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB Hymn 685

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:45) RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

(9:00 organ)

Eat This Bread

Anne Krentz Organ

(10:45 bells)

Lord, Be Glorified

Kilpatrick/Ryan

† 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 died upon the tree of Calvary and rose again to make us living branches, drawing our life from Him and bearing fruit in all the world. 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 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"*)

Holy, holy, Lord most holy, God of power, God of might;
Heav'n and earth reveal Your glory, shining through our darkest night.
Blest is He who comes among us. Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!

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 "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.

(9:00) **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

Eat This Bread

LSB Hymn 638

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.

(10:45) FIRST COMMUNION/MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

The First Communicants and their families will be invited to receive first. After they have communed, the rest of the congregation will be invited forward. Those who are not receiving Holy Communion, including young children, are invited to come up and receive a blessing. Communion may also be brought to the pew for those who have limited mobility.

How Great Thou Art (*Village Bells*)
Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

Douglas Wagner
LSB **Hymn 623**

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

Glory Be to Jesus

LSB **Hymn 433**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wem in Leidenstagen

Charles Ore

Participants in the Service:

Rev. Mark Budenholzer, Associate Pastor/Director of Youth & Family Ministry
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

Lector/AM 9:00 10:45
 Carolyn Fiuza Jean Hanson

Comm. Asst. Volunteer Jack Kelly

Altar Care Maria Gitter

Usher Team Joe Wilkinson Charlie Eisenberg
 Richard Graham

Sexton Esther Linn

Refreshments Linn Family

News and Notes:

FIRST COMMUNION – These young people have been learning about Holy Communion and will be welcomed to the Lord's table for the first time today. May God bless them as they continue to grow in faith and worship: **Camilla Zakeya Kasses, Bennett Henry Kelly, Clara Faye Renz, and Juliette Kirsten Sturek**. All worshipers are welcome to enjoy a light reception in the MPR following the service.

PASTORAL UPDATE: Pastor Budenholzer has received a call from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Midwood-Brooklyn, and is prayerfully considering whether to accept or return it. Please keep the Budenholzer family and VLC in your prayers as we discern God's plans for the future.

EASTER BASKETS – This is our annual service project to "share the love of Christ" with community children. Thanks to all those who have taken baskets and returned them. **Filled baskets must be returned by Sunday, March 22, so that they may be distributed next week.**

LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP – Holy Week begins next Sunday, March 29. Please note all of the special worship services as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection:

- ❖ Our final Service of Evening Prayer with Holy Communion will be on **Wed., March 25, at 7:30 p.m.** We will reflect on Psalm 131: "Christ's Work in our inner life"
- ❖ **Palm Sunday, March 29, at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.** – We will have a Family Service at 9:00 a.m., as we worship together for the whole service. There will be palm fronds and palm crosses for all worshipers.
- ❖ **Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m.** – On this night, we celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper, remember Jesus' commandment to love one another, and remove adornments from the altar as we prepare for Good Friday.
- ❖ **Good Friday, April 3, at 12:00 & 7:30 p.m.** – We will have our traditional Tenebrae service with the Seven Last Words, ending in darkness as we await the resurrection.
- ❖ **Easter Sunday, April 5, at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.** – Festival worship with choirs and a continental breakfast between services.

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.

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, April 15**. Sign up through our web site or contact Katie Bukofzer directly at etakwhit@aol.com.

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 25, we will complete the final verses of John chapter 13 and then start chapter 14. Please note that we will not meet during Holy Week on April 1.

Music Ministry: Rehearsals this week are as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, March 22, at 10:15 a.m.; Palm Sunday, March 29, at 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wed., March 25, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., March 26, at 7:00 p.m.; Palm Sunday, March 29, at 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., March 26, at 7:30 p.m.; Palm Sunday, March 29, at 8:40 a.m.
- ❖ Cherub Choir – Palm Sunday, March 29, at 8:45 a.m.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, March 26, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class on Sunday, March 22, and Dinner Talk on Thursday, March 26; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, March 22

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

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.

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