

† THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT †
March 8, 2026

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

Naar mit Óie

Donald Johns

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)
Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB Hymn 435

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us first confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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

(LSB Page 204)

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C O God, You are always merciful and gracious to those who have gone astray from Your ways. When we lose our way, bring us back with sincere repentance and steadfast faith, that we may embrace and hold fast the unchanging truth of Your Word; 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

Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Humble Service

L. L. Fleming

*Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross forsaken, worked Your mercy's perfect deed:
we, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to Your purpose ev'ry gift which You impart.
Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.*

*As You, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by Your Spirit send Your power to our world to make it whole.
As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.*

PSALMODY (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 95)

A O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

A For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

C In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

A The sea is His, for He made it, and the dry land, which His hands have formed.

C O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

A For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

C O that today you would listen to His voice!

GOSPEL

John 4:27-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷Just then Jesus' disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is

no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(9:00) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

HYMN OF THE DAY Word of God, Come Down on Earth LSB **Hymn 545**

MESSAGE

Rev. Morris Mayer

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

Nettleton

Phillip Keveren

† 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 "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.

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 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."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

♪AGNUS DEI

(LSB Page 210, adapted)

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy **LSB Hymn 774**
 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing **LSB Hymn 686**

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

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB Hymn 423

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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David Schack

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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. Mark Budenholzer, Associate Pastor/Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Rev. Morris Mayer, Pastoral Assistant
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Chris Gleason	Jane McGowan
Asst. Minister	Chris Gleason	Larry Cosentino
Altar Care	Morris Mayer	
Usher Team	Ralph Schoene	Charlie Eisenberg
Refreshments	Collins Family	

News and Notes:

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 11, we will reflect on 2 Corinthians 4:16-18: “How is inward renewal possible?”

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.

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. Go to www.VLC-NY.org/gathering-of-friends

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 – We will have a special coffee hour on Easter Sunday, April 5, featuring continental breakfast items and 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. Thank you for helping us to share hospitality and a friendly welcome.

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. 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 11, we will continue with the encounter of Jesus washing His disciples’ feet in John chapter 13.

Music Ministry: Rehearsals this week are as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, March 8, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, March 11, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., March 12, at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 15, at 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., March 12, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., March 15, at 8:40 a.m.

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

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Andrea Ansorge, Rebecca Blanco, Elaine Davis, Aileen Geiling, Anita Gould, 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, Valerie Tutson, Bill Vogt, Ronnie Walsh, Donald Westerby

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