

† SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER †
April 12, 2026

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

Gelobt sei Gott

Charles Callahan

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 470

O Sons and Daughters of the King (v. 1-6)

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone.

C **Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit, that attentive to Your Word, we may confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

P Gracious God, have mercy on us.

C **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.**

GLORIA (Sung to "Joyful, Joyful")

Holy God, we sing Your praises; Lord alone, to You we call.

Lamb of God, in faith we claim You, throned on high, yet near to all.

"Blessing, glory, praise and honor" – hear Your faithful people cry.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

C **Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:22-32

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd...
²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 16)

A I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

A Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

C For You do not give me up to Sheol or let Your faithful one see the Pit.

A You show me the path of life. In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

C in Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

ALLELUIA II Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! (LSB Hymn 952)

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain **LSB Hymn 487**

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 Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Gaudeamus pariter

David Cherwien

† 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; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself to take away our sin, who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising has brought us to eternal life. 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 hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.

You alone are holy, worthy and righteous. God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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 (*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

He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB Hymn 480

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, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of His body and blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life; for He 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

The Strife is O'er (v. 1-3)

LSB Hymn 464

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Victory

Franklin Ritter

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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 Services:

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

Lector	9:00 Katie Vogt	10:45 Jane McGowan
Asst. Minister	Chris Gleason	Larry Cosentino
Youth Asst.	Noah Chandler	
Altar Care	Maria Gitter	
Usher Team	Ralph Schoene	Charlie Eisenberg
Sexton	Esther Linn	
Refreshments	Chandler Family	

News and Notes:

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God from Ilse and Gene Lunog.

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.

The Chosen – Season 2: Viewing sessions resume on **Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting April 15**. New participants are welcome any week – please RSVP to the church office using the pew card, email to Krapillo@VLC-NY.org, or call 914-337-0207, x1003. For more info, contact Deacon Janet George or Deacon Tony DeRosa.

Prayer Conference Call – All are welcome to our service of evening prayer by phone on the last Tuesday of the month, led by Pastoral Assistant Morris Mayer. A printed copy of the liturgy is available in the tract rack at the back of the sanctuary. Simply dial (1) 732-434-3982. The next service is **Tuesday, April 28, at 6:00 p.m.**

Board of Trustee Updates

- ❖ We give thanks for the many hours of service and dedication from our Board of Trustees over the past year, and a special word of thanks to outgoing President Jim Bunn
- ❖ We also give thanks for our new President, Joe Wilkinson, and pray for him as he takes on this vital role
- ❖ Save the date for our next Voter’s Meeting on **Sunday, May 3**

Church & School Picnic – Save the date for our annual picnic on Baccalaureate **Sunday, June 7**, at noon.

Wednesday Bible Study – On April 15 we will continue with John chapter 14.

Music Ministry: Rehearsals resume this week as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, April 19, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., April 16, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., April 16, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., April 19, at 8:40 a.m.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, April 16, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class on Sunday, April 12; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, April 12

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Barbara Accocella, Rebecca Blanco, Sue Carl, Wayne & Diana Davenport, Teri Eaton, Aileen Geiling, Rhonda Gleason, Anita Gould, Betty Lou Held, Sue Kobylach, Kristy Krum, Michelle Liscoe, Rosalind Magilton, Gloria Manigault, Thomas Marks, Lucille McGeough, Michael Porter, Jenny Quish, Morena Rodriguez, Dot Rupe, Joanne Stellmaszyk, Daphne and Pierre Thompson and Family, Valerie Tutson, Linda Wolff

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

- † **Mr. Stewartson**, dear family friend of Lysanne Szabo, passed away on March 29, 2026

Online Giving: You can make a special gift or set up a giving schedule through our secure online Vanco system. Church offerings are a gift of thanksgiving to God and help make it possible for us to carry out our ministries, especially in the midst of challenging times. Scan the QR code below for convenient access. Thank you!

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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.

- ❖ If you are visiting and would like to know more about our church, please be sure to provide your name and contact information. Welcome!

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