

† THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER †
April 19, 2026

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

Lasst uns erfreuen

Donald Busarow

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 465

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(LSB Page 204)

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing –
our thanks for Your great glory, Lord, God our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry,
where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.

Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,
in God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Lord God, Your Son makes Himself known to us in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our hearts, that we may see Jesus in His redeeming work; 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.

(9:00) **YOUTH CHOIR**

Come and See

Lenny LeBlanc

FIRST READING

Acts 2:36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them...

³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Stay With Us

Walter Pelz

PSALMODY (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 33)

A The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all humankind. From where He sits enthroned He watches all the inhabitants of the earth—

C He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

A A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

C The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

A Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

C Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield.

A Our heart is glad in Him because we trust in His holy name.

C Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

JALLELUIA VERSE

(LSB Page 205)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going

on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY Alleluia! Jesus is Risen (v. 1-3) **LSB Hymn 474**

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 What is This Bread Valerie Floeter

† **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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Congregation rising*)

A God of abundance, You have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; You have united us with Christ and one another; and You have made us one with all Your people in heaven and on earth. Send us forth in the power of the Spirit to proclaim Your redeeming love and continue in the risen life of Your Son, 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

This Joyful Eastertide

LSB **Hymn 482**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Vruechten

Ronald Nelson

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Participants in the Service:

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

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| Lector | 9:00 Betty Geiling | 10:45 James Maxeiner |
| Asst. Minister | Anton DeRosa | Ralph Schoene |
| Youth Asst. | Jack Henry | |
| Altar Care | Anton DeRosa | |
| Usher Team | Bill Vogt Warren Wong | Georgine Read Ilse Koerper |
| Sexton | Violet Linn | |
| Refreshments | Wong & Bukofzer Families | |

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 Chosen – Season 2: Viewing sessions are on **Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** through May 6. 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.**

Commitment Sunday – The Stewardship Committee has been encouraging us to consider our gifts of time, talent and treasure. We will take a moment on **Sunday, April 26**, to reflect on the blessings we have received and make a pledge in support of our ministry. Please prayerfully consider how you might respond in faith.

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**

VLC Crafting Day – Join us for a day of creativity and fellowship on **Saturday, May 9, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the Friendship Room. You can bring a craft from home to work on (knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc.) and also find out more about our Prayer Shawl Ministry. All skill levels are welcome as we enjoy light refreshments and friendly conversation. Hosted by Ruth DeRosa and Miriam Mathew.

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, May 20**. Sign up through our web site or contact Katie Bukofzer directly at etakwhit@aol.com.

Pastoral Update – Pastor Budenholzer has accepted the call to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Midwood-Brooklyn. His final Sunday at VLC will be May 31. As he works with the Board of Trustees and church staff on the transition, further updates will be forthcoming. In the meantime, the call process for our new senior pastor is continuing. Please keep VLC and the Budenholzer family in your prayers as we "know, live and share the love of Christ."

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

Wednesday Bible Study – On April 22 we will look at John chapter 15 and Jesus' image of the vine and branches.

Music Ministry: There will be no rehearsals this week due to the school musical. Rehearsals resume as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, April 19 and 26, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., April 30, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., April 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, April 30, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class on Sunday, April 19; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, April 19

Eagle Scout Project – Marco Hernandez, a former Chapel School student and VLC First Communicant, completed his Scouts of America Eagle Award and will be recognized at a special Court of Honor on Sunday, April 19. Marco worked with Pastor Hartwell and Facilities Manager Marcello Osso to replace the ceiling tiles in the MPR. Congratulations and many thanks to Marco and his team for the leadership and volunteer spirit in bringing this beautiful facilities upgrade to fruition.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Barbara Accocella, Rebecca Blanco, Giovanna Boniello, Sue Carl, Barbara Clark, Wayne & Diana Davenport, Teri Eaton, Rhonda Gleason, Betty Lou Held, Sue Kobylach, Kristy Krum, Michelle Liscoe, Robert Magilton, Rosalind Magilton, Gloria Manigault, Lucille McGeough, Jenny Quish, Marie Reilly, Morena Rodriguez, Dot Rupe, Joanne Stellmaszyk, Daphne and Pierre Thompson and Family, Linda Wolff

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

- † **Deacon Rowena del Castillo** passed away on April 12, 2026; a memorial service at VLC will be held on Saturday, May 2
- † **James Rapaci**, cousin of Yvonne Palladino, passed away in April 2026
- † **Mr. Stewartson**, dear family friend of Lysanne Szabo, passed away on March 29, 2026
- † **Ruth Recker**, VLC member for many years, passed away on March 25, 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 here for convenient access. Thank you!



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