

conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (*Congregation rising*) (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 John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis
*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever: Even the Spirit of truth.*

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

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord of All Hopefulness LSB **Hymn 738**

SERMON Rev. Robert Boehler

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

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Slane

Melody Bober

† 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign...
...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

News and Notes:

Pastoral Update – Pastor Budenholzer is off through May 13 and will return on May 14. We welcome Rev. Robert Boehler, our Circuit Visitor and Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Yonkers, to lead us in worship this weekend.

- ❖ Pastor Budenholzer's final Sunday at VLC will be **May 31**, when we will wish the Budenholzers Farewell and Godspeed. A special coffee hour will be held in honor of Pastor Mark and his family between services. Come and help us thank Pastor Mark for his ministry here and wish him and his family God's blessings on their new ministry.

Board of Trustees Update – At our Voter's Meeting on May 3, the congregation approved a slate of candidates to fill vacant or expiring terms on the Board of Trustees. The newly elected Trustees are: Charles Eisenberg, Jennifer Schell Podoll, Ralph Schoene and Jonathan White. We give thanks for their willingness to serve as Trustees and pray for God's continued guidance and strength over all of our church and school leaders.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Today we are highlighting the work of those who have created hand-made prayer shawls, which are on display around the church. These are given to people recovering from illness or experiencing grief, as a sign of love and care from our church community. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please pick up a brochure in the tract rack by the church entrance, make a note on the pew card, or contact Kim Rapillo in the church office, 914-337-0207 x1003 or Krapillo@VLC-NY.org

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.

Attention Graduates! Our tradition on Baccalaureate Sunday (June 7) is to list our local graduates, from 8th Grade through college, in the bulletin. Please provide the following information to the church office: Name and grade of graduate, name of your current school, name of your next school (if applicable). Use the pew card or send an email to Krapillo@VLC-NY.org **no later than Sunday, May 24**.

"Sing for Joy" Concordia Choir Alumni Concert – VLC is hosting a concert of music by Ralph Schultz and other favorites from the Concordia tradition on **Saturday, June 27, at 3:00 p.m.** The concert is free and open to the public. Members of the Concordia community are also cordially invited to participate. Rehearsals will begin at 9:00 a.m. on June 27, with optional lunch. If you would like to sing, please **register online by May 25** at Concordia-ny.org/alumni26

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. Our final service before the summer will be held on **Tuesday, May 26, at 6:00 p.m.**

Church & School Picnic – Our annual church and school picnic will be held on Baccalaureate **Sunday, June 7**, at noon. The fellowship committee is looking for additional volunteers to help in many and various ways, including set-up of tables and chairs, bringing in extra coolers, providing sides and desserts, and clean-up. There is a large sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the MPR or scan the QR code to access the digital Sign-up Genius – please look it over and see what works for you! For further info, contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.



Wednesday Bible Study – On May 13 we will continue with John chapter 16 and the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers.

Music Ministry: Rehearsals this week are as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, May 17, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., May 14, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., May 14, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., May 17, at 8:30 a.m.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation rehearsal on Thursday, May 14; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, May 17

- ❖ **Confirmation Sunday** is May 17 at 10:45 a.m.
- ❖ **Family Worship** at 9:00 a.m. on Pentecost Sunday, May 24

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Barbara Accocella, Rebecca Blanco, Giovanna Boniello, Robert & Sara Burriesci, Barbara Clark, Wayne & Diana Davenport, Rhonda Gleason, Betty Lou Held, Katie Kaster, Kristy Krum, Michelle Liscoe, Robert Magilton, Lucille McGeough, Elaine Podszus, Jenny Quish, Marie Reilly, Dot Rupe, Daphne and Pierre Thompson and Family, Ronnie Walsh

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

- † **Joel Jacobowitz**, grandson of a family friend of Yvonne Palladino, passed away on May 1, 2026

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