

† THE DAY OF PENTECOST †
May 24, 2026

Family Service of Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Wie schön leuchtet Niels Wilhelm Gade

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*) LSB Hymn 913
O Holy Spirit, Enter In

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

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

C **Amen.**

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C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE (LSB Page 155)

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Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-6

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:22-25

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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PSALM OF THE DAY *(Congregation rising)*

(from Psalm 104)

A O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all;

C the earth is full of Your creatures.

A These all look to You to give them their food in due season; when You give it to them, they gather it up;

C when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

A When You hide Your face, they are dismayed;

C when You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

A When You send forth Your spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.

C May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(LSB Page 156)

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GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

LSB Hymn 496

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 Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Song 13

David de Silva

† HOLY COMMUNION †

PREFACE (*Congregation rising*)

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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, for You have made us and called us to be united to You, and have sent Your Son to rescue us from the power of sin and evil. 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

(LSB Page 161)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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."

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB Hymn 641

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB Hymn 691

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

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

LSB **Hymn 650**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

In Babilone

Jacob Weber

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Participants in the Service:

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

Lector/Asst. Minister	9:00 Janet George	10:45 Andrea Ansorge
Communion Asst.	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Care	Janet George	
Usher Team	Richard Graham Joe Wilkinson	Ralph Schoene
Refreshments	Gitter Family	

Service of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

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READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us... in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my servants, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy... ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

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EPISTLE

Galatians 5:19-25

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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LSB Hymn 641

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Congregation rising*)

A Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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CLOSING HYMN

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DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

In Babilone

Jacob Weber

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News and Notes:

Attention Graduates! Our tradition on Baccalaureate Sunday 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 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
- ❖ **Volunteers are needed** to help with hosting the event. We especially need friendly faces on Saturday to welcome and help guide visitors, as well as baked goods for a reception after the concert. If you can help out, fill out a pew card or contact Minister of Music Deb Reiss at 914-337-0207 x1018 or Dreiss@VLC-NY.org

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. Simply dial (1) 732-434-3982. Our final service before the summer will be held on **Tuesday, May 26, at 6:00 p.m.**

Farewell & Godspeed – 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.

Church & School Picnic – Our annual church and school picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 7**, at noon. Volunteers are needed to help set up tables and chairs, provide 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.



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, June 17**. Sign up through our web site or contact Katie Bukofzer directly at etakwhit@aol.com.

Craft Day – Saturday, June 20, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. – Meet in the Friendship Room, bring your knitting, crocheting or other handiwork, share ideas and conversation, learn how to make a prayer shawl, enjoy light refreshments.

World on a Plate Fundraiser – Sunday, June 21 – If you like to cook, we are looking for donations of baked goods or take-out style small plates. If you like to eat, bring cash to purchase the delicious items available during coffee hour. All proceeds to benefit the church.

Bingo Night Fundraiser – Friday, June 26 – A fun evening of games and prizes in support of both VLC/The Chapel School and the Lutheran Counseling Center (LCC), to be held in The Chapel School gymnasium. Doors open at 6:15 and games run from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Admission is \$50. Cookies and soft drinks available; participants are welcome to bring adult beverages as well as food to share. To buy tickets, call LCC at 800-317-1173 or go to LCCNY.org

Wednesday Bible Study – On May 27 we will begin looking at Jesus’ high priestly prayer in John chapter 17.

Music Ministry: Rehearsals resume this week as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, May 31, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, May 27, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., May 28, at 7:00 p.m.; Sun., May 31, at 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., May 28, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., May 31, at 8:40 a.m.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m.; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, May 24

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Barbara Accocella, Steven Anderson, Rebecca Blanco, Hushene Bowman, Wayne & Diana Davenport, Elaine Davis, Rhonda Gleason, Betty Lou Held, Kaiden Howard, Katie Koster, Michelle Liscoe, Thomas Marks, Jayden Paulsen, Elaine Podszus, Dottie Rudolf, Steven Siegel, Daphne and Pierre Thompson and Family

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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