

**† FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER †**  
**May 3, 2026**

<b>Service of Hymnic Communion 9:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b>
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**PRELUDE**

Darwall

Gehring/Seabaugh

**OPENING HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 912

Christ is Our Cornerstone

**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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** (*Sung to "Crown Him With Many Crowns"*)

Worthy is Christ our Lord, the Lamb for sinners slain,  
whose blood has set His people free, who over all things reigns.  
To Him be glory now, to Him be pow'r and might,  
to Him be wisdom, honor, strength; the Victor in the fight.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C O God, You make the minds of Your faithful people to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded, and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through 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 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup>But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.****SECOND READING**

1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** In Heav'nly Love Abiding Clarence Loomis*In heav'nly love abiding no change my heart shall fear;**and safe is such confiding for nothing changes here.**The storm may roar with-out me, my heart may low be laid;**but God is 'round about me and can I be dismayed?**Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen;  
bright skies will soon be o'er me where dark clouds have been.**My hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free;  
my Savior has my treasure and He will walk with me.*

**PSALMODY** (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 146)

P Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life;

**C I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

P Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**C The Lord upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.**

P The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind,

**C the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.**

P The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but He frustrates the ways of the wicked.

**C The Lord reigns forever – your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

**ALLELUIA II**

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

(LSB Hymn 952)

**GOSPEL**

John 14:1-14

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said to his disciples,] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

You are the Way; Through You Alone

LSB Hymn 526

**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**

Dundee

Jeffrey Blersch

**† 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. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**JSANCTUS** (*Sung to "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God by heav'nly hosts adored;

God of power, God of might, in Your glory infinite:

Hail, hosanna! Now we sing to our glorious Lord and king;

blest is He who from above comes to us with joy and love.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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 "On Jordan's Bank"*)

Lord Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, who takes the sin of the world away:  
Have mercy on us, grant us peace, and fill us with Your love and grace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** Church of God, Elect and Glorious LSB **Hymn 646**  
Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace LSB **Hymn 937**

*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** Heavenly Father, as we have come together to receive this blessed food and drink, we pray that You would deliver Your Church from every evil, teach us to love You perfectly, and make us truly one; through Jesus Christ, Your Son 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** O God, Our Help in Ages Past (v. 1-4 & 6) LSB **Hymn 733**

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

St. Anne

Franklin Ashdown

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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. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Bishop, LCMS-Atlantic District  
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

	9:00	10:45
<b>Lector</b>	Kristin Pimentel	Mimi Blanco
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Kristin Pimentel	Andrea Ansorge
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Altar Care</b>	Kristin Pimentel	
<b>Usher Team</b>	Richard Graham Mark Runge	Kathy Coffey John Ansorge
<b>Sexton</b>	Kaitlyn Clark	
<b>Refreshments</b>	Clark Family	

## **News and Notes:**

**Pastoral Update** – Pastor Budenholzer is off this weekend through May 13 and will return on May 14. We welcome Bishop Dien Taylor, President of the Atlantic District, as our worship leader this morning and Rev. Robert Boehler, our circuit visitor, to lead worship next Sunday.

- ❖ 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.

**Voter's Meeting** – The Board of Trustees will provide updates on church business, including financial matters and pastoral care. Please join us this **Sunday, May 3, at 12:00 p.m.** in the MPR.

**The Chosen – Season 2:** Viewing sessions are on **Wednesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** through May 13. New participants are welcome – please RSVP to the church office using the pew card, email to [Krapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:Krapillo@VLC-NY.org), or call 914-337-0207, x1003. For more info, contact Deacon Janet George or Deacon Tony DeRosa.

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS** are needed for our special Mother's Day breakfast (May 10) and open Sundays in May and June. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong.

**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 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](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**Attention Graduates!** Our tradition on Baccalaureate Sunday (June 7) is to list our local graduates, from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade through college, in the bulletin. Please provide the following information to the church office: Name 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](mailto:Krapillo@VLC-NY.org) **no later than Sunday, May 24**.

**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](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).



**“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](http://Concordia-ny.org/alumni26)

**Wednesday Bible Study** – On May 6 we will look at the end of John 15 and move on to chapter 16, as Jesus reassures His disciples that He has overcome the world.

**Music Ministry:** Rehearsals this week are as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, May 3, at 10:15 a.m.; Sunday, May 10, at 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, May 6, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., May 7, at 7:00 p.m.; Sun., May 10, at 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., May 7, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., May 10, at 8:40 a.m.
- ❖ Cherub Choir – Sunday, May 10, at 8:45 a.m. in the Friendship Room

**Youth News:** Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, May 7, 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, Kristy Krum, Michelle Liscoe, Robert Magilton, Lucille McGeough, Jenny Quish, Marie Reilly, Dot Rupe, Daphne and Pierre Thompson and Family, Ronnie Walsh

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