

† 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
June 14, 2026

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

PRELUDE

Lobe den Herrn

John Behnke

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 790

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(9:00) CHERUB CHOIR

"Yes"

Terry Dittmer

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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.

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

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty God, You have proclaimed to us Your saving will through the Word of Your apostles and prophets. Grant us faith to believe Your promises, that we may receive eternal salvation; through 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/H.S. CHOIR** Best of All Friends K. Lee Scott

Jesus, my Lord, let me be near You; by Your own word help me to hear You.

Jesus, my Lord, lead me to love You, nothing more dear, no one above You.

*All through the day, sisters and brothers, Yours we will be, caring for others,
hearing Your words, learning Your story, bearing Your cross, sharing Your glory.*

Teach us to know seeing from blindness, help us to show ev'rywhere kindness.

Jesus, our Lord, lead us and guide us, best of all friends, always beside us.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 19:2-8

²[The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." ⁷So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸The people all answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone

might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** Go Forth for God Robert Below

*Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heav'nly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in His kingdom we behold His face.*

*Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; help the afflicted;
richly from above His love supplies the grace and pow'r we seek.*

*Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right; to no one evil;
Christ at length shall overcome all darkness with His light.*

*Go forth for God; go to the world in joy;
to serve God's people ev'ry day and hour, and serving Christ,
our ev'ry gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's pow'r.*

(10:45) **VILLAGE BELLS** Gigue Douglas Wagner

ALLELUIA VERSE (*Congregation rising*)

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.

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

9³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." **10**¹Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness LSB **Hymn 849**

SERMON

Rev. Alex Marque

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

(9:00 organ)

Beach Spring

John Karl Hirten

(10:45 bells)

Songs of America

Douglas Wagner

† 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, for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore, with patriarchs and prophets, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪SANCTUS

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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 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

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

(9:00) I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus
Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB **Hymn 729**
LSB **Hymn 826**

(10:45 bells)

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sandra Eithun

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.

CLOSING PRAYER (*Congregation rising*)

A Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with the 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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB **Hymn 918**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Cwm Rhondda

Paul Manz

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 Service:

Rev. Alex Marque, LCMS Atlantic District 4th Vice President and
 Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Woodside-Queens NY
 Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

	9:00	10:45
Lector/Asst. Minister	Carolyn Fiuza	Philip Auman Godlewski
Communion Asst.	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Care	Anton DeRosa	
Usher Team	Ralph Schoene	Charlie Eisenberg
Sexton	Kaitlyn Clark	
Refreshments	Gleason Family	

News and Notes:

Guest Pastor – We welcome Pastor Alex Marque to lead us in worship this morning. He is currently serving as 4th Vice President in the LCMS Atlantic District and is the pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Woodside, Queens.

Holy Baptism – We rejoice with the newly baptized and welcome them into the family of faith. Aurora Gitter, daughter of Ileana Palesi and Joshua Gitter, is being baptized at a special service this Sunday, June 14.

Time & Talent Fair – Please come down to the MPR today for a look at all the various ways you can use your gifts at VLC. Are you good with kids? Do you have a clear speaking voice? Is hospitality your thing? You can be a Sunday School teacher, a lector, an usher, or some other role that fits you. Friendly faces will be available to explain what is involved and answer questions.

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.

Father's Day Coffee Hour – Women of the congregation are the hosts, and volunteers are needed to contribute refreshments for Father's Day, **June 21**. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong.

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

"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. We have assembled a choir of over 50 singers, and will also take a moment to remember some of the sainted members of the Concordia family. A light reception will follow the concert. All are welcome!

Wednesday Bible Study – On June 17 we will continue walking through the Passion story as portrayed in John chapter 19. Our final session before the summer break is June 24.

Music Ministry: As we conclude our choir season today, we give thanks for all of the members of the music ministry who have shared their gifts in worship. It is a joy to make music together and to offer prayers and praises to God from the heart. Please join us in September when we start a new season!

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, June 18, at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Barbara Accocella, Steven Anderson, David Bennett, Hushene Bowman, Denise Corbett, Wayne & Diana Davenport, Joshua Davenport & Family (Roseline, Joshlynn, Rafael, Jaraiya), Elaine Davis, Andrea Gilebarto, Rhonda Gleason, Betty Lou Held, Katie Koster, Gudrun Kruger, Michelle Liscoe, Ilse Lunog, Thomas Marks, Jayden Paulsen, Elaine Podszus, Marie Reilly, Morena Rodriguez, Dottie Rudolf, Steven Siegel

ANNUAL PICNIC – A NOTE OF THANKS

The VLC-TCS picnic was a tremendous success and, despite the forecast, the weather cooperated to allow us to share with one another in celebrating our community. We wish to thank the following donors, listed in alphabetical order, without whose support the event would not have been possible:

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We are particularly grateful for the efforts of Katie Bukozfer and Larry Cosentino, who organized the event.

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