

† 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
June 21, 2026

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

Anthes

Benjamin Culli

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 915

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

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 **O God, Your abiding presence always goes with us. Keep us aware of Your daily mercies, that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 6:12-23

¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to

righteousness. ²¹So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Matthew 10:21-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus sent out the twelve, saying:] ²¹"Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

LSB **Hymn 735**

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 Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Little Flock

Rotermund/Eggert

† 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.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of Your glory and receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.
- C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all.
- C Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

(LSB Page 210, adapted)

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

LSB Hymn 631

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

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 Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage, that on the day of His coming, we may together with all Your saints celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven LSB **Hymn 793**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Lauda anima Robert Powell

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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 Service:

Rev. Robert Boehler, Circuit Visitor/Pastor, St. Mark’s-Yonkers
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Janet George	Ralph Schoene
Assisting Minister	Chris Gleason	Ralph Schoene
Communion Asst.	Janet George	Volunteer
Altar Care	Janet George	
Usher Team	Bill Vogt Warren Wong	Georgine Read
Sexton	Esther Linn	
Refreshments	Women of the Congregation	

News and Notes:

Pastoral Coverage – We welcome back Rev. Robert Boehler, our Circuit Visitor and Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Yonkers, to lead us in worship today.

- ❖ During this interim period, we are blessed to have local pastors available to assist us. If you are in need of pastoral care or would like to meet with a pastor, please contact Kim Rapillo in the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or Krapillo@VLC-NY.org
- ❖ Our lay deacons are also staying in touch with those who are recovering from illness or are homebound. If you, or someone you know, would like a personal visit or phone call, please contact the church office or make a note on the pew card.
- ❖ If you would like to schedule a baptism, please use the online form on our web site to get started.

World on a Plate Fundraiser – Sunday, June 21 – Check out all the delicious home-cooked items available during coffee hour and purchase whatever looks good to take home and enjoy. Specialties on today's menu include Tony's Tantalizing Chili, Maria's Magnificent Chicken Parm & Ziti, Miriam's Middle Eastern Shawarma, and Janet's Indian Butter Chicken, plus yummy baked treats and more. All food is donated, and all proceeds go to VLC/TCS. Thank you, chefs!

Summer Worship Assistants – Worship continues every Sunday, and we count on members of the congregation to be a part of it! There is a scheduling worksheet inserted into today's bulletin and more copies by the Jesus Fountain. If you are available to serve any time this summer, **please fill out the form today** to let us know your schedule. You can also contact the church office by email to Krapillo@VLC-NY.org. We especially encourage our youth to participate as we worship together all summer. Thank you!

Wednesday Bible Study – June 24 is our final session before the summer break. This will conclude our study of the Gospel of John. Watch for updates on our next study to begin in September.

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. Tickets will be available at the door, space permitting. To assist with planning and secure your place now, please 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!

Summer Bible Camp – Save the Date! We are planning to host a special time of stories, games, snacks and crafts for children in Preschool 4 through Grade 4. This will be a mid-week series of three early evenings on **Tuesday through Thursday, August 11-13, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Registration will begin in July. For more information, or to sign up to help, please send an email to BibleCamp@TheChapelSchool.org

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Steven Anderson, Paula Belli, David Bennett, Hushene Bowman, Flo Callanan, Denise Corbett, Wayne & Diana Davenport, Joshua Davenport & Family (Roseline, Joshlynn, Rafael, Jaraiya), Elaine Davis, Flo Flynn, Andrea Gilebarto, Tim Hinz, Katie Koster, Gudrun Kruger, Michelle Liscoe, Ilse Lunog, Joe Marino, Thomas Marks, Jayden Paulsen, Elaine Podszus, Marie Reilly, Morena Rodriguez, Dottie Rudolf, Steven Siegel

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

† **Paul Crumb**, part of the VLC and Concordia community for many years and former VLC treasurer, passed away on June 13, 2026



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