

† 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
June 28, 2026

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

Ebenezer

John Behnke

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 578

Thy Strong Word (1-4)

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 direct our lives by Your grace. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, make us glad to hear Your Word proclaimed among us and eager to follow in Your ways; 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 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 7:1-13

¹Or do you not know, brothers and sisters – for I am speaking to those who know the law – that the law is binding on a person only during that person's lifetime? ²Thus a married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives, but if her husband dies, she is discharged from the law concerning the husband. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she belongs to another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she belongs to another man, she is not an adulteress. ⁴In the same way, my brothers and sisters, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are enslaved in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the written code. ⁷What then are we to say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived ¹⁰and I died, and the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through the commandment killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and

just and good. ¹³Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin that was working death in me through what is good, in order that it might be shown to be sin, so that through the commandment sin might become sinful beyond measure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*Congregation rising*) (from Psalm 89)

A I will sing of Your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations.

C I declare that Your steadfast love is established forever; Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

A You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to my servant David:

C 'I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne for all generations.'"

A Happy are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your presence, O Lord.

C They rejoice in Your name all day long; they celebrate Your righteousness.

A For You are their glory and strength; by Your favor our horn is exalted.

C For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

JALILELUIA VERSE

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34-42

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ³⁴"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Father Welcomes

LSB Hymn 605

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ronald Lehenbauer

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

Mach's mit mir, Gott

J. G. Walther

† 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 out of love for His fallen creation humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB Hymn 688

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 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 Lift High the Cross (v. 1-2 and 5-6) **LSB Hymn 837**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Crucifer John Leavitt

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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. Dr. Ronald Lehenbauer, Pastoral Counsel, The Lutheran Counseling Center
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Ellen Story	George Pietarinen
Asst. Minister	Daryl Story	George Pietarinen
Communion Asst.	Ellen Story	Volunteer
Altar Care	Story Family	
Usher Team	Richard Graham Joe Wilkinson	Ralph Schoene
Sexton	Henry Podoll	
Refreshments	Story Family	

News and Notes:

Pastoral Coverage – We welcome back Rev. Dr. Ronald Lehenbauer from the Lutheran Counseling Center 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.

Summer Worship – Starting next **Sunday, July 5**, we will resume our summer tradition of holding the 9:00 service on the Great Porch. Songs will be chosen from “All God’s People Sing” and accompanied on piano. Coffee hour will be held under the awning by the School Entrance with light refreshments. The 10:45 service continues in the sanctuary with hymns from “Lutheran Service Book” accompanied by the organ. Volunteers are needed to assist – please see details below.

Summer Worship Assistants – 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!

Summer Coffee Hour – During the summer we like to have light refreshments under the awning by the school entrance. If you would be willing to host, please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong.

Summer Youth Nights – Any student entering or completing Grades 3-7, including friends and community members, is invited to come on out to our playground for some summer fun. Wear a swimsuit or clothes that can get wet (in the event of rain, we will meet inside). The next night will be on **Thursday, July 9**, at 6:00 p.m. for a Water Challenge.

Soup Kitchen – Do you have a little extra time to cook over the summer? We partner with the Mt. Vernon Soup Kitchen to provide a healthy meal on the third Wednesday of the month. Volunteers prepare one item from the planned menu, bring it in an aluminum tray (available at the Reception desk) and drop off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. The next date is **Wednesday, July 15**. Sign up through our web site or contact Katie Bukofzer directly at etakwhit@aol.com.

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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