

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

Carol Tornquist

WELCOME *(You are invited to choose additional hymns for the service)*

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

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

C Amen.

P Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness.

C Gracious God, we recognize that we are sinful and we confess our sins – those known to us that burden our hearts and those unknown to us but seen by You. Forgive us our sins, free us from the burden of guilt, and work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P God is faithful and full of grace, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. 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.

Thy Word is a Lamp

AGPS Hymn 247

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty God, we thank You for planting in us the seed of Your Word. By Your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, that we may live in righteousness and grow in faith, hope and 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

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn

shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:1-11

¹Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 65)

A Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed;

C You who answer prayer! To You all flesh shall come.

A You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;

C You provide the people with grain, for so You have prepared it.

A You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

C You crown the year with Your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

A The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;

C the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty... ¹⁸Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

AGPS **Hymn 62**

SERMON

Rev. Peter Deebrach

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 & HYMN CHOICE

† 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:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. 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 Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

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 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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

AGPS **Hymn 208**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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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.

Service of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Unser Herrscher

Weber/Sadowski

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 901

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

(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

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C **And also with you.**

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C **Almighty God, we thank You for planting in us the seed of Your Word. By Your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, that we may live in righteousness and grow in faith, hope and love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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C You crown the year with Your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

A The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;

C the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

JALLELUIA VERSE

(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

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C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

LSB Hymn 584

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

How Great Thou Art

Carol Tornquist

† 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:

JSANCTUS (*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.

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.

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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

(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

How Great Thou Art

LSB Hymn 801

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 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

For the Fruits of His Creation

LSB Hymn 894

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna

Robert Powell

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Participants in the Service:

Rev. Peter Deebrah, Vacancy Pastor

Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

	9:00	10:45
Lector/Asst. Minister	Chris Clark	Andrea Ansorge
Communion Asst.	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Care	Anton DeRosa	
Usher Team	Ralph Schoene	Charlie Eisenberg
Sexton	Kaitlyn Clark	
Refreshments	Gloria Manigault	

News and Notes:

Welcome, Pastor Deebrah – As we continue to move forward with the call process for a new full-time pastor, we are blessed to welcome the Rev. Peter Deebrah as our Vacancy Pastor. He will be the regular worship leader every week and will be available for baptisms, funerals, and pastoral emergencies. Pastor Deebrah will also continue his current ministry at The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saint Matthew in Manhattan.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Pastor Deebrah had previously been providing pastoral care to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon, which has now closed. We welcome members of Immanuel who are joining us here at VLC. We are glad you are here!

Summer Worship – As is our tradition, the 9:00 service will be held on the Great Porch through Labor Day Weekend, weather permitting. Songs are chosen from “All God’s People Sing” and accompanied on piano. Coffee hour is 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. In the event of another extreme heat wave, we may worship in the MPR where there is air-conditioning.

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.

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**, and the menu is **shepherd’s pie, mixed salad and cookies**. Since the online sign-up is currently down, **please contact Katie Bukofzer** directly at etakwhit@aol.com.

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 23**, at 6:00 p.m. for a Water Challenge.

Summer Bible Camp – Save the Date! We are planning to host a special time of stories, games, snacks and crafts for children in Preschool age 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: Paula Belli, David Bennett, Meghan Bolger, Tom Bolger, Denise Corbett, Wayne & Dana Davenport, Joshua Davenport & Family (Roseline, Joshlynn, Rafael, Jaraiya), Todd Eastman, Pastor Bill Flammann, Betty Gardenhire, Ruth Gitter, Tim Hinz, Katie Koster, Gudrun Kruger, Michelle Liscoe, Joe Marino, Maria Teresa Palesi, Ethan Podoll, Elaine Podszus

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