

† 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
July 5, 2026

Service of Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Battle Hymn

Garrett Parker

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 confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C Almighty God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us all that is past. With the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve You faithfully and set our feet upon a new path of life.

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AGPS Hymn 69

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A to make known to all people Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

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A The Lord is faithful in all His words, and gracious in all His deeds.

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GOSPEL

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Children of the Heavenly Father

AGPS Hymn 80

SERMON

Rev. Peter Deebrah

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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,

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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 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:

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:

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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."

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***Please join us for light refreshments
after the service.***

***Volunteers are needed to host during the summer.
Use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board
or speak to Warren Wong.***

Thank you!

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.

Welcome to worship: All hymns are found in the "All God's People Sing" (AGPS) songbook or printed out in the service. Books are available on the cart as you come in.

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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.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Beautiful Savior
I've Got Peace Like a River

AGPS **Hymn 70**
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POSTLUDE

America

Cindy Berry

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Participants in the Service:

Rev. Peter Deebrah, Vacancy Pastor
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

Lector	9:00 Janet George	10:45 James Maxeiner
Asst. Minister	Janet George	Larry Cosentino
Communion Asst.	Volunteer	Jane McGowan
Altar Care	Maria Gitter	
Usher Team	Mark Runge Richard Graham	Kathy Coffey John Ansorge
Sexton	Henry Podoll	

Refreshments

News and Notes:

Welcome, Pastor Deebrah – We are blessed to introduce today our new Vacancy Pastor, Rev. Peter Deebrah. He will be the regular worship leader every week and will be available for baptisms, funerals, and pastoral emergencies while we work through the process of calling a new Senior Pastor. 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.

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.

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**, 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 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, Tom Bolger, Flo Callanan, Denise Corbett, Wayne & Dana Davenport, Joshua Davenport & Family (Roseline, Joshlyne, Rafael, Jaraiya), Todd Eastman, Flo Flynn, Betty Gardenhire, Andrea Gilebarto, Ruth Gitter, Tim Hinz, Katie Koster, Gudrun Kruger, Michelle Liscoe, Ilse Lunog, Joe Marino, Maria Teresa Palesi, Ethan Podoll, Elaine Podszus, Marie Reilly, Morena Rodriguez

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