

† 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
August 16, 2026

Outdoor Service of Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.
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PRELUDE Coronation arr. Hal Leonard Corp

WELCOME (*You are invited to choose additional hymns*)

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 Gracious God, we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins – those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by You. We know that before You nothing remains hidden, and in You everything is revealed. Free us from our captivity to sin, and work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us our 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.

OPENING HYMN All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name **AGPS Hymn 56**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty and merciful Lord, You give Your people many blessings even though we are weak and sinful. In every trial and temptation, grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and unending grace; 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 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed... ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on

my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew... ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 67)

A May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,

C that Your way may be known upon earth, Your saving power among all nations.

A Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

C Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

A Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

C The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

A May God continue to bless us;

C let all the ends of the earth revere Him.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

God is So Good

AGPS Hymn 107

SERMON

Rev. Peter Deebrab

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

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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. 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

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Congregation rising)

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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

Shalom, My Friends

AGPS Hymn 209

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Service of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Coronation

Janet Linker

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 549

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (v. 1-3 and 6-7)

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (*Sung to "God is So Good"*)

This is the feast. Sing, "Victory!" This is the feast of the King of Kings!

Praise to the Lamb who once was slain! Praise to the Lamb who forever reigns!

Christ crucified, sin He forgives. For us He died and in Him we live!

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JALLELUIA VERSE

(LSB Hymn 475, v. 4)

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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HYMN OF THE DAY Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old **LSB Hymn 846**

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OFFERING/VOLUNTARY Variations on "Kingfold" Charles Callahan

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♪SANCTUS (Sung to "Holy, Holy, Holy")
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise You, with saints and angels.
Holy and blest through all eternity.

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♪AGNUS DEI (Sung to "On Jordan's Bank")
Lord Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, who takes the sin of the world away,
have mercy on us, grant us peace, and fill us with Your love and grace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table **LSB Hymn 618**

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C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

LSB **Hymn 920**

DISMISSAL

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C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Angelus

Charles Ore

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

Lector	9:00 Anton DeRosa	10:45 Jim Maxeiner
Asst. Minister	Anton DeRosa	Larry Cosentino
Communion Asst.	Volunteer	Jane McGowan
Altar Care	Maria Gitter	
Usher Team	Warren Wong	Georgine Read Ilse Lunog
Sexton	Esther Linn	
Refreshments	Gloria Manigault	

News and Notes:

Summer Worship – As is our tradition, the 9:00 service is held on the Great Porch through Labor Day Weekend (September 6), weather permitting, and the 10:45 service continues in the sanctuary.

Rally Day/Sunday School – We will return to our regular fall schedule on **Sunday, September 13**, with worship in the sanctuary at 9:00 and 10:45 and Sunday School during the 9:00 service. As we begin a new school year, join us for our special Rally Day traditions at 9:00 a.m.:

- ❖ Installation of Sunday School staff and first day of Sunday School
- ❖ Installation of Chapel School faculty and staff
- ❖ Presentation of bibles to all Third Graders – Starting in Grade 3, children attend the first part of the worship service up to the Children’s Message and then go to their Sunday School classes. The personal bibles signify the next stage in their faith formation. We pray God’s blessing as they continue to grow and learn.
- ❖ Blessing of 3-year-olds – This is the age where children are invited to begin Sunday School. After receiving a blessing at the main altar, parents and guardians are welcome to bring their children to the classrooms and stay or return to worship.

If you have any questions about Sunday School, please contact our Sunday School Coordinator, Sarah Gleason.

Soup Kitchen Cancelled for August – We were notified that the Mt. Vernon Soup Kitchen would be closed this week so we will not be preparing food on August 19 as originally planned. The next date will be **Wednesday, September 16**.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed – Thank you to all of our volunteers! We still have openings for the final two weeks of summer, August 30 and September 6, and will soon be recruiting for the fall. If you would be willing to host, please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong.

Music Ministry Overview – We will be starting up our regular rehearsals in September. If you love music, please consider joining one of our ensembles and using your gifts to enrich our worship life:

- ❖ Cherub Choir (Age 3 through Grade 2) meets during Sunday School to learn songs and sings in worship about five times during the year
- ❖ Youth Choir (Grade 3-8) meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and sings in worship once or twice a month
- ❖ Chancel Choir (High School and Adult) meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and sings in worship three or four times per month
- ❖ Village Bells (High School and Adult) meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and rings in worship about six times during the year, especially for festival services

If you are interested in being a part, or if you have any questions, please contact Minister of Music Deb Reiss at 914-337-0207, x1018 or Dreiss@VLC-NY.org

The Chosen – Season 3 – Returning to VLC on Wednesday evenings, **September 30 through November 18**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Watch one episode each week and reflect on the Gospel dramatization while sharing in a light supper. Invite a friend! The viewing is open to the public and available at no cost. To help us prepare, **please RSVP** in advance through the church office. Call 914-337-0207, x1003, email Krapillo@VLC-NY.org, or make a note on the pew card. For more information, contact Deacon Janet George.

Pastoral Care During Vacancy – Pastor Deebrah is serving as our regular worship leader and will be available for baptisms, funerals, and pastoral emergencies.

- ❖ If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Kim Rapillo in the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or Krapillo@VLC-NY.org
- ❖ Our lay deacons are making home visits to those who are recovering from illness or are homebound. They can also bring consecrated elements for Holy Communion and/or a prayer shawl. 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.

Contact Us! Pew cards are located next to the hymnal racks in each pew of the sanctuary and in the packets distributed at our outdoor services. You can use these cards to stay in touch:

- ❖ **Visitors** – Please provide your contact information to let us know you were here, receive church emails, or get on our mailing list
- ❖ **Member Updates** – If you have moved or changed your phone/email, or if you are not receiving church communications, please be sure to let us know!
- ❖ **Prayer Requests** – Add a name to our Prayer Line or Bereavement List printed in the bulletin
- ❖ **Church Activities** – Sign up for activities or volunteer opportunities

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Pastor Bill Baum, Meghan Bolger, Tom Bolger, Joshua Davenport & Family, Wayne & Dana Davenport, Theresa Devlin, Todd Eastman, Mary Fielder, Pastor Bill Flammann, Loren Forke, Betty Gardenhire, Ruth Gitter, Kenneth Held, Kaden Howard, Katie Koster, Gudrun Krüger, Michelle Liscoe, Maria Teresa Palesi, Elaine Podszus, Morena Rodriguez, Jo-Anne Weinberg

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