

† 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
September 6, 2026

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

Slane

Stan Pethel

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

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

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C **Amen.**

D 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. Amen.**

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C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Amigos deCristo

AGPS **Hymn 64**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

D The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

D Let us pray:

C **O God, all that is good comes from You. Grant to us, Your humble servants, the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may set our minds on the things that are right, and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

Ezekiel 33:7-11

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EPISTLE

Romans 13:8-14

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PSALM OF THE DAY (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 119)

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C See, I have longed for Your precepts; in Your righteousness be gracious to me.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

D The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

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¹⁵[Jesus said to the disciples,] "If your brother and sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three

witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

D This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

AGPS Hymn 237

They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love

MESSAGE

"Put On Christ"

Deacon Dr. Anton DeRosa

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,

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & HYMN CHOICE

† **HOLY COMMUNION** †

PREFACE (*Congregation rising*)

D The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

D Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

D Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- D 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. 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

- D 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 OUR LORD and SIGN OF PEACE

- D The holy gifts of bread and wine at the Lord's Supper were consecrated by the pastor, saying: 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."
- D Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
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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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Congregation rising*)

- A O God the Father, fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

D The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 bless us and keep us.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

AGPS **Hymn 167**

DISMISSAL

D 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.

Participants in the Service:

Dr. Anton DeRosa, Deacon
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

	9:00	10:45
Lector/Asst. Minister	Chris Gleason	Ralph Schoene
Communion Asst.	Volunteer	Joan Condon
Altar Care	Anton DeRosa	
Usher Team	Warren Wong Mark Runge	Kathy Coffey John Ansorge
Sexton	Zachary Gleason	

Service of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Wunderbarer König

Brian Henkelmann

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*) God Himself is Present LSB **Hymn 907**

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C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (*Sung to "For All the Saints"*)

Give glory to our God, exalted high; peace to His people, with His grace supplied. Our God we praise, adore, and glorify. Alleluia, alleluia!

To God, our Father, and our mighty King; to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, we sing; and to the Spirit, praises now we bring. Alleluia, alleluia!

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ALLELUIA II

(LSB Hymn 952)

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HYMN OF THE DAY Love in Christ is Strong and Living **LSB Hymn 706**

MESSAGE "Put On Christ" Deacon Dr. Anton DeRosa

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OFFERING/VOLUNTARY Love in Christ Ellen Coman

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JSANCTUS (*Sung to "Angels from the Realms of Glory"*)

Holy, holy, Lord most holy; God of power, God of might!

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Blest is He who comes among us: Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!

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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 HYMNS

What is This Bread

LSB Hymn 629

May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

LSB Hymn 698

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BENEDICTION

D The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

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CLOSING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB **Hymn 738**

DISMISSAL

D Go in peace to serve the Lord.

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POSTLUDE

Slane

Clay Christiansen

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As we observe the 25th anniversary of 9/11 this week, we pray for God's comfort to all who have been impacted and for healing and peace in our world.

Lord, make me an instrument of your
peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

News and Notes:

Rally Day/Sunday School – We will return to our fall schedule next **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
- ❖ Blessing of 3-year-olds – 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, by email to ChrisnySarah@gmail.com

Music Ministry – Regular rehearsals will begin throughout 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
- ❖ **Youth Choir** (Grade 3-8) meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and will be directed by Ms. Reiss this year. First rehearsal is **September 24**.
- ❖ **Chancel Choir** (High School and Adult) meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and will start on **September 17**.
- ❖ **Village Bells** (High School and Adult) meets Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and will start on **September 30**.
- ❖ **Hands On Handbells!** For any high school youth or adults interested in ringing, we will have the handbells available between services on Sundays, **September 20 and 27**. This is a chance to try out the bells, see how the music works, and ask questions about ringing. Check it out!

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

Coffee Hour Hosts – Each week we have a chance to say hello, enjoy a quick bite, and connect with each other informally. We are in need of volunteers to host **from September 20 on**, whether individually or in a small group. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong. Thank you!

Soup Kitchen – Prepare food in aluminum trays (available at the Reception desk) and drop-off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. The next date is **Wednesday, September 16**. To sign up, contact Katie Bukofzer directly at etakwhit@aol.com.

Wednesday Bible Study – We will resume our weekly sessions on **September 23**, when we begin a new study on the book of Esther. We will consider the historical background and the underlying message of God's providential care. Refreshments available at 10:45 and the class starts at 11:00. All are welcome!

Craft Day – Saturday morning, September 26, from 10:00 a.m. to noon – Plans are under way to meet about once a month. Bring your knitting, crocheting or other handiwork, share ideas and conversation, learn how to make a prayer shawl, and enjoy light refreshments. Hosted by Ruth DeRosa and Miriam Mathew. Please note the special morning meeting time for September.

Fall Voter's Meeting – Please save the date for our next Voter's Meeting on Sunday, **September 27**, in the MultiPurpose Room immediately following the 10:45 service.

Prayer Conference Call – All are welcome to join a brief service of evening prayer by phone on the last Tuesday of the month. To participate, simply dial (1) 732-434-3982. The next service is **Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6:00 p.m.**

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.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6:00 p.m. Lifers (Grades 7-8) confirmation classes this year will be on Thursday nights led by Pastor Deebrah. Watch for further details on orientation and meeting times.

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. To arrange a visit, please contact the church office or make a note on the pew card.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Barbara Accocella, John Accocella, Pastor Bill Baum, Bill Blume, Joshua Davenport & Family, Wayne & Dana Davenport, Susan DeAndis, Theresa Devlin, Joan Eiler, Mary Fielder, Pastor Bill Flammann, Dwayne Gitter, Kenneth Held, Kaden Howard, Lisa Jones, Katie Koster, Gudrun Krüger, Kathryn Lierseemann, Michelle Liscoe, Cathy Martin, Elaine Podszus, Morena Rodriguez, Dan Schwartz, Valerie Tutson, Jo-Anne Weinberg

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