

OFFICE HYMN Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted (LSB Hymn 451, v. 1 & 4)
Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:6-11

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:16-25

[First he says,] ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," ¹⁷and he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(12:00) **YOUTH/H.S. CHOIR** There is a Redeemer Keith Green
*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son
and sending Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.
Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain...
When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
there I'll serve my king forever, in that holy place..*

(7:30) **CHANCEL CHOIR** O Sacred Head Robert Leaf
*O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, in this time of sorrow, I joy to call Thee mine.*

GOSPEL (*Congregation rising*) Luke 22:54-62

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22nd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵⁴Then they seized Jesus and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

⁵⁶Then a female servant, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY O Dearest Jesus (LSB Hymn 439, v. 1 & 4-5)

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
that such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, what dark transgression?

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe him, who would not know Him.

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
the sinful child of man may live in gladness;
man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.

SERMON

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

HYMN

O Perfect Life of Love

(LSB Hymn 452, v. 1 & 5)

O perfect life of love! All, all, is finished now,
all that He left His throne above to do for us below.

In perfect love He dies; for me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Congregation rising)*

A Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord, and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

PRAYER HYMN

(LSB Hymn 767)

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. *(repeat)*

† THE TENEBRAE †

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

(After each word is spoken, we extinguish one candle and observe a moment of quiet meditation.)

I. Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. *(Luke 23:33-34)*

II. Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise. *(Luke 23:39-43)*

III. Woman, behold your son...son, behold your mother. *(John 19:25-27)*

IV. Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani?...My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? *(Matthew 27:45-46)*

V. I thirst. *(John 19:28)*

VI. It is finished. *(John 19:29-30)*

VII. Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit. *(Luke 23:45-46)*

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CLOSING PRAYER

P Lord Jesus, You carried our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we, and all who remember this day, find new life in You, now and in the world to come, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING OF THE BOOK OF LIFE

REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SOLO Were You There Traditional Spiritual

TOLLING OF THE BELL

(The bell tolls 33 times to commemorate the death of Jesus)

We depart in silence. Offerings and pew cards may be left in the offering plate by the Jesus Fountain.

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Participants in the Service:

Rev. Mark Budenholzer, Associate Pastor/Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

Lector	12:00 James Maxeiner	7:30 Janet George
Soloist	Audrey Heath	Lorelei Heath
Crucifer	Kaitlyn Clark	Chloe Runge
Ushers	Andrea Maxeiner	Warren Wong
Sexton	Kaitlyn Clark	

News and Notes:

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP – Celebrate the joy of the resurrection on **Easter Sunday, April 5**. We will have two festival worship services with choirs at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. and a continental breakfast between services. Special thanks to Warren Wong and all of the volunteers who are setting up and bringing food.

WORLD ON A PLATE FUNDRAISER - A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our first “World on a Plate” pop-up shop such an amazing success! Whether you contributed delicious homemade items or purchased our meal and dessert options, your support for the VLC and Chapel School means the world to us. Thanks to your enthusiasm, we raised over \$500—wow! We’re so grateful to everyone and excited to keep this initiative going. Watch for another event in the near future. From committee members: Miriam Mathew, Janet George, Ruth DeRosa and Maria Gitter.

SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH – Our next luncheon is on **Tuesday, April 14**. We will begin with a **Japanese origami class at 11:30**. Volunteers will help everyone make their creation which can be brought home to enjoy! **Lunch will be served afterwards**. If you would like to attend, the cost is **\$20/person paid in advance** (make checks payable to Village Lutheran Church). **Please RSVP** to the church office by **Tuesday, April 7**: call 914-337-0207, x1003; email Krapillo@VLC-NY.org; or use the pew card.

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, April 15**. Sign up through our web site or contact Katie Bukofzer directly at etakwhit@aol.com.

THE CHOSEN – Season 2: Viewing sessions will resume on **Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting April 15.** New participants are welcome any week – please RSVP to the church office using the pew card, email to Krapillo@VLC-NY.org, or call 914-337-0207, x1003. For more info, contact Deacon Janet George or Deacon Tony DeRosa.

PASTORAL UPDATE: Pastor Budenholzer has received a call from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Midwood-Brooklyn, and is prayerfully considering whether to accept or return it. Please keep the Budenholzer family and VLC in your prayers as we discern God’s plans for the future.

CHURCH & SCHOOL PICNIC – Save the date for our annual picnic on Baccalaureate **Sunday, June 7**, at noon.

Wednesday Bible Study – On April 8 we will continue with John chapter 14.

Music Ministry: Many thanks to all the members of our music ministry for sharing their gifts in worship. We will be participating in the Easter services and then have the next week off:

- ❖ High School Choir – Easter Sunday, April 5, at 8:30 a.m.; off April 12
- ❖ Village Bells – Easter Sunday, April 5, at 10:15 a.m.; off Wednesday, April 8
- ❖ Youth Choir – Easter Sunday, April 5, at 8:30 a.m.; off Thursday, April 9, and Sunday, April 12
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Easter Sunday, April 5, at 8:40 a.m.; off Thursday, April 9, and Sunday, April 12

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, April 9, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class on Sunday, April 12; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, April 12

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Barbara Accocella, Rebecca Blanco, Sue Carl, Teri Eaton, Aileen Geiling, Anita Gould, Betty Lou Held, Sue Kobylach, Ilse Koerper, Chris Ledley, Michelle Liscoe, Rosalind Magilton, Gloria Manigault, Thomas Marks, Andrew “Andy” Micek, Michael Porter, Jenny Quish, Morena Rodriguez, Dot Rupe, Benjamin Schultz, Joanne Stellmaszyk, Daphne and Pierre Thompson and Family, Valerie Tutson, Linda Wolff

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS: We have become aware of problems and delays for some of you regarding the individual "Annual Giving Statement." If you have not received your statement, or if your statement is in error, please email Joe Wilkinson (jawilkinson@gmail.com) to inform him that you have not received a statement or that your statement is in error and what correction is needed.

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