

† MAUNDY THURSDAY †
April 2, 2026 – 7:30 p.m.

Service of Holy Communion

PRELUDE

O Lamm Gottes

Michael Burkhardt

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)
Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB Hymn 434

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

(Text from LSB 630; Tune: PICARDY)

Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling of the glorious body sing,
and the blood, all price excelling, which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
once on earth among us dwelling, shed for this world's ransoming.

That last night at supper lying 'mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
Jesus, with the the Law complying, keeps the feast its rites demand;
then, more precious food supplying, gives Himself with His own hand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C O Lord, in the wondrous sacrament of Holy Communion You have given us a remembrance of Your suffering and death. Grant us by faith to receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood, so that our lives continually proclaim the truth that You have redeemed us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it... ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Jesus Christ Our Strong Salvation

Clarence Dickinson

*Jesus Christ our strong salvation, of the Church the sure foundation,
to Thy table we draw near; grant us to know Thy presence here.*

*Praise the Father, God in heaven, who this heav'nly food hath given,
and for misdeeds we have done gave to die His beloved Son.*

*If thou then believest truly, and wilt seek to serve Him duly,
thou a welcome guest art here; this rich banquet thy soul shall cheer.*

*Here He gives His body broken, of His blood the wine is token;
now the covenant renew that His wondrous love doth bring to view.*

*Consecrate shall be thy labor, thou shalt truly love thy neighbor;
so shall he, undoubting, see what thy Savior hath wrought in thee.*

Hymn text by Jan Hus

PSALMODY (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 116)

A What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

C I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

A I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

C I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31-35

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them..." ³¹When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rev. Morris Mayer

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Love Unknown

Charles Callahan

† 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; for
Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us to redeem us from
the bondage of sin and death and bring new life to the world. 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 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

My Song is Love Unknown

LSB Hymn 430

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.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

As the chancel is cleared in preparation for Good Friday, we hear the words of Psalm 22.

BLESSING (*Congregation rising*)

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Depart in peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB Hymn 436

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Gethsemane

Michael Hill

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Participants in the Services:

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

Lector/Asst. Minister Ralph Schoene

Altar Care Morris Mayer
Joan Condon

Usher Team Warren Wong

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.

News and Notes:

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP – Holy Week continues with special worship services as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection:

- ❖ **Good Friday, April 3, at 12:00 & 7:30 p.m.** – We will have our traditional Tenebrae service with the Seven Last Words, ending in darkness as we await the resurrection.
- ❖ **Easter Sunday, April 5, at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.** – Festival worship with choirs and a continental breakfast between services.

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: Holy Week rehearsals are as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Good Friday, April 3, at 11:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday, April 5, at 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Easter Sunday, April 5, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Good Friday, April 3, at 11:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday, April 5, at 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Good Friday, April 3, at 7:10 p.m.; Easter Sunday, April 5, at 8:40 a.m.

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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