

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Let us pray:

C Father in heaven, when Jesus was baptized You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who have been baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as Your children, that we may receive the gift of eternal life; 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 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to [the people gathered at the home of Cornelius]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people, anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (*Congregation rising*)

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(9:00) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

HYMN OF THE DAY

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB **Hymn 405**

SERMON

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

THE NICENE CREED (*Congregation rising*)

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Infant Holy

Mark Bloedow

† 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; for at His baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪SANCTUS

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. 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

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Father Welcomes

LSB **Hymn 605**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

LSB **Hymn 393**

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 Life-giving God, You send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish Your people. Send us out as witnesses, that as Your beloved children we may show Your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters (Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND)
Once in the blest baptismal waters I put on Christ and made Him mine;
now numbered with God's sons and daughters, I share His peace and love divine.
O God, for Jesus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dying day.

His body and His blood I've taken in His blest Supper, feast divine;
now I shall never be forsaken, for I am His, and He is mine.
O God, for Jesus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dying day.

And thus I live in God contented and die without a thought of fear;
my soul has to God's plans consented, for through His Son my faith is clear.
O God, for Jesus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dying day.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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James Brauer

Participants in the Service:

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

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| Lector/AM | 9:00 Chris Clark | 10:45 Philip Auman Godlewski |
| Communion Asst. | Volunteer | Joan Condon |
| Altar Care | Maria Gitter | |
| Usher Team | Ralph Schoene | Charlie Eisenberg |
| Sexton | Kaitlyn Clark | |
| Refreshments | Mathew Family | |

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:

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS are needed for the winter and spring. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE – It's time to make a new schedule of worship assistants for February through June 2026. If you would like to volunteer, **please fill out the form in the bulletin** (extra copies are by the Jesus Fountain) and return it to the church office ASAP. If you have not volunteered in one of these areas before, we will provide information and training. Please prayerfully consider where you might share your gifts.

THE CHOSEN – Season 2: Back by popular demand, we will host viewing sessions on **Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** The first set of episodes will be shown before Lent, from **January 14 to February 11**, and the rest will be shown after Easter, from **April 15 to May 6**. Sessions will include soup & sandwich with wine. For planning purposes, 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.

BINGO NIGHT HAS BEEN CANCELLED. The event scheduled for Saturday, January 17, will not take place due to changes in the Development Office.

GATHERING OF FRIENDS – This year’s gala on March 20 will feature “A Taste of the Caribbean” with a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing along with silent and live auctions. **Early Bird tickets are available at \$150 per person through January 18** (tickets will be \$200 starting January 19). You can also support the event by donating auction items, purchasing ads, or by becoming a benefactor or sponsor. Go to www.VLC-NY.org/gathering-of-friends

SOUP KITCHEN – Prepare food in aluminum trays (available at the Reception desk) and drop-off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. Please go to our church web site to sign up and indicate what food you will prepare. The next date is **Wednesday, January 21**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

Voter’s Meeting – Save the date for our next voter’s meeting on Sunday, **January 25**, at 12 noon.

Prayer Conference Call – All are welcome to our service of evening prayer by phone on the last Tuesday of the month, led by Pastoral Assistant Morris Mayer. To participate, simply dial (1) 732-434-3982. The next service is **Tuesday, January 27, at 6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday Bible Study – We will resume our weekly sessions on January 14. As we continue with the Gospel of John, we will be looking at the miracle of the raising of Lazarus in chapter 11.

Music Ministry: Now is a great time to join one of our ensembles. Rehearsals will resume as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, Jan. 25, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., Jan. 15, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) next meeting on Thursday, January 22, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class on Sunday, January 11, and Dinner Talk on Thursday, January 15; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, January 11

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Adele Acosta, Marcela Acosta, Victor Acosta, Antonella Barbuto, Linda Blanco, Giovana Boniello, Denise Corbett, Tom Corbett, Davenport Family, Michelle Ghiorso, Aurora Rose Gitter, Jake & Christina Gitter, Ruth Gitter, Mary Johnson, Anita Kebschull, Sue Kobylack, Michaela Knoppel, Christy Krum, Benny Leyro, Michelle Liscoe, Robert & Susan & Rosalind Magilton, Douglas Miller, Jennifer Pauta, Joshua Pedrosa, Jose Pedrosa, Elaine Podszus, Shelby Restivo, John Scaramuzzo, Diana Schrader, Unateresa Sheahan, Barbara Staalesen, Christian Vesperman, Peter Williams

Bereavement Prayer Line: We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

† **Wilma DeRosa**, mother of Deacon Anton DeRosa, passed away on December 22, 2025

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