

† 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
October 5, 2025

Service of Holy Communion 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.
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PRELUDE

Fang dein Werk

Theodore Beck

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 869

With the Lord Begin Your Task

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 OF PRAISE

(LSB Page 204)

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing –
our thanks for Your great glory, Lord, God our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry,
where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,
in God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A Let us pray:

C **O God, You are our refuge and strength, and the source of all godliness. By Your grace, hear the prayers of Your people and grant that, whatever we ask in faith, we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

1 ¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted... **2** ¹I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Jesus Christ before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I

have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(9:00) **SOLO** (sung by Chuck Bottos) O Rest in the Lord Felix Mendelssohn
*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him;
and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him;
and fret not thyself because of evildoers.*

PSALMODY (Congregation rising) (from Psalm 37)

A Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

C for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

A Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land, and enjoy security.

C Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

A Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.

C Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.

JALLELUIA VERSE (LSB Page 205)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the servant for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY O Word of God Incarnate **LSB Hymn 523**

MESSAGE 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 God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Boylston

Mark Linberg

† 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, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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

Holy, holy, Lord most holy, God of power, God of might:

Heav'n and earth reveal Your glory, shining through our darkest night.

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

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 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve **LSB Hymn 856**
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 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the gift of Your Son's body and blood, and we pray that You would strengthen us through this gift in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

LSB Hymn 649

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Terra beata

Harold DeCou

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

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Carolyn Fiuza	Anton DeRosa
Asst. Minister	Anton DeRosa	Anton DeRosa
Altar Care	Anton DeRosa	
Usher Team	Richard Graham Mark Runge	Kathy Coffey John Ansorge
Sexton	Violet Linn	
Refreshments	Giordano Family	

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PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATES

Senior Pastor Call – We welcome all input from the church community relating to the next Senior Pastor. When the time comes to extend the call, the proposed candidate will be approved or disapproved by the voting membership. If you would like to become a Voting Member of VLC, please note the requirements:

- ❖ You must be a member of VLC. The membership request form is available at our web site VLC-NY.org. For more info, please contact the church office.
- ❖ You must attend two Voter's Meetings within a 12 month period.

We normally hold three meetings per year. The Trustees intend to schedule additional meetings this year to tend to church business and help potential voters satisfy this requirement.

News and Notes:

Capital Campaign Pledges – We have crossed the 75% goal at \$1.2M in pledges and are excited to keep moving closer to our \$1.6M goal. This campaign has already begun to provide funding for facility improvements, and will help our ministry stay strong and vibrant. Pledge cards are available at the back of the sanctuary. You may also make your pledge or one-time contribution online using the QR Code here. For more info, call Lisa Jones at 914-337-0207 x1040.



Pew Cards are located in the pew racks for your convenience in making prayer requests, signing up for events, or submitting other information. We also ask that you use these cards to provide the best contact information for our records.

“The Chosen” Discussion Group – Watch an episode of season 1 and enjoy wine, dessert and discussion together, hosted by Deacons Janet George and Tony DeRosa. **Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., through November 12.** Please **RSVP** to the church office at 914-337-0207, x1003 or make a note on the pew card.

LWML Fall Retreat – The Atlantic District LWML is hosting a women’s retreat at the Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center in Mt. Bethel PA on **October 10-12**. The retreat leader will be Dr. Carol McDaniel under the theme “Establish the Work of Our Hands.” If you are interested, please speak to Deacon Kristin Pimentel or make a note on the pew card to get more information.

Crochet Ministry – Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Yarn, crochet hooks and instructions provided. Knitters are also welcome to attend and use the yarn. The next date is **October 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

Lunch Bunch – Our Fall Lunch Bunch will be held on **Tuesday, October 21**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 12 noon. If you would like to attend, please **RSVP by Tuesday, October 14**. Make a note on the pew card or contact the church office, 914-337-0207 x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org

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, October 15**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

Prayer Conference Call – Would you like to listen to a devotion and join in a prayer circle from home? All are welcome to our service of evening prayer by phone on the last Tuesday of the month. To participate, simply dial (1) 732-434-3982. The next service, led by Pastoral Assistant Morris Mayer, is **Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 6:00 p.m.**

Coffee Hour - Volunteers are needed for a few dates in November-December. If you would be willing to host (by yourself, with another family, or in a small group), please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of hospitality!

Veterans Helping Veterans – Are you a veteran or actively serving in the military or reserves? As we approach Veterans Day this November, Deacon Larry Cosentino would like your input on creating new opportunities for ministry among the brave men and

women who have served or are serving in our military. If interested, make a note on the pew card or contact Deacon Larry at Larry.Cosentino@gmail.com or (646)369-7408.

Wednesday Bible Study – On October 8 we will continue with the account of Jesus healing a man at the Bethesda pool in John chapter 5.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, Oct. 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the MPR; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class on Sunday, October 5; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, Oct. 5

- ❖ Our next **Family Service** will be on **Sunday, October 19, at 9:00 a.m.**, when we help our children grow as we worship together for the whole service.

Music Ministry: Rehearsals are scheduled as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – next rehearsal Sunday, Oct. 19, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., Oct. 9, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – next rehearsal Thurs., Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Adela Acosta, Marcela Acosta, Victor Acosta, Salvatore Alleluia, Antonella Barbuto, Deborah Berni, Vincent Brown, Joshua Davenport, Sonya Davenport, Nathan Gorman, Brandi Grissmeyer, Logan Grissmeyer, Lena Hakanson, Daniel Heath, Kevin Kelly, Eugene Kokot, Joshlynn Laquerrie, Michelle Liscoe, Kristen Lutz, Paddy Macguire, Thomas Marks, Raymond McCarthy, Kit Milo, Aaliyah Pedrosa, Paola Pedrosa, Vatsala Ponnuraj, Janet & George Perotto, Elaine Podszus, Morena Rodriguez, John Scaramuzzo, Unateresa Sheahan, Joyce Shigesake, Sharon Sjonvall, Jo-Anne Weinberg, Linda Wolff

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

- † **Jose Rodriguez**, friend of Chuck Bottos, passed away on September 23, 2025
- † **Rev. Rudy DeRosa**, brother of Tony DeRosa, passed away on September 19, 2025
- † **Kathleen Macchi**, cousin of Yvonne Palladino, passed away on August 25, 2025; and **Monica Macchi**, also a cousin of Yvonne Palladino, passed away on January 3, 2025

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