

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

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## HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB Page 155)

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
**Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Refrain**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**C And also with you.**

A Let us pray:

**C Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us through the power of the cross. Govern our hearts and minds by Your bountiful goodness, that we would not be overcome by sin but abide with You forever in paradise, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(9:00) **YOUTH/H.S. CHOIR** I Thank God Scott Avett/Seth Avett/R. Crawford  
*This wonderful world we live in is God's masterpiece of art;  
And I live each golden moment with His love in my heart.  
I thank God for blessing me with eyes to see each wondrous day;  
And I thank God for hands to help my fellow man along the way.  
He gave me lips to speak the simple truth,  
and ears to hear the magic dreams of youth.  
I thank God for giving me His blessed book with words divine;  
For now I know, dear God, I know the miracle of life is mine.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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## **EPISTLE**

Colossians 1:11-20

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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C **Thanks be to God.**

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** All Things Bright and Beautiful Eugene Englert

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings;  
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings...*

*The purple-headed mountain, the river running by;  
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.*

*The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun;  
the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them ev'ry one...*

*He gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty who has made all things well...*

**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**

Luke 23:33-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

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

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Crown Him With Many Crowns

LSB **Hymn 525**

### **SERMON**

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

### **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 Hear us, O God;

**C Your mercy is great.**

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

Picardy

Brian Henkelmann

### **† HOLY COMMUNION †**

### **PREFACE** (*Congregation rising*)

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**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 accomplished salvation for us by the tree of the cross, that where death arose, there life also might rise again. 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**

(LSB Page 161)

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**

(LSB Page 163)

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

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

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
For the Fruits of His Creation

LSB **Hymn 644**

LSB **Hymn 894**

*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.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*Congregation rising*)

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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** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (v. 1-5) LSB **Hymn 549**

**DISMISSAL**

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C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Coronation

Franklin Ashdown

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***Participants in the Services:***

Rev. Mark Budenholzer, Associate Pastor/Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Marcia Kollmann, Associate Organist (Saturday)  
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music (Sunday)

	5:30	9:00	10:45
<b>Lector</b>	Mimi Blanco	Jennifer Podoll	Philip Godlewski
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Mimi Blanco	Thomas Tavarez	Volunteer
<b>Altar Care</b>	Pastor Budenholzer	Story Family	
<b>Usher Team</b>	Volunteer	Richard Graham	Ralph Schoene
		Joe Wilkinson	
<b>Sexton</b>		Lorelei Heath	
<b>Refreshments</b>		Kobernitski Family	

## Evening Service of Holy Communion 5:30 p.m.

### PRELUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Charles Ore

### INVOCATION and CONFESSION *(Congregation rising)*

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C **Gracious God, have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

### OPENING HYMN Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (v. 1 & 4-5) LSB Hymn 940

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**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**      We Gather Together/Give Thanks      Melody Bober

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## **DISTRIBUTION**

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**CLOSING HYMN** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (v. 1-3) **LSB Hymn 549**

## **DISMISSAL**

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## **POSTLUDE**

Coronation

Bender/Schack

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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.

### **News and Notes:**

**Youth Holiday Tag Sale** – Get ready for the holidays and support our youth! Need a gift or some holiday cheer? Find just what you like for a great price. **The Tag Sale is in the Friendship Room this weekend, November 22-23.**

**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, Nov. 25, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Christmas at Sea** – Share the love of Christ with seafarers working far from home. Pick up a satchel and purchase the specific items listed inside, including 1 sweatshirt, 3 pairs of socks, 1 T-shirt, 1 knit cap, 1 snack item and a signed card. Shirts are requested to be Medium or Large (no XL). Bring filled satchels back to VLC by **Sunday, Nov. 30.**

**Decorating Party** – We will be decorating our campus on the **First Sunday of Advent, November 30**, at 12:00 noon. Pizza will be provided for all volunteers. If you wish, bring a dessert to share. Please RSVP to the church office (914-337-0207 x1003 or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org)) or use the back side of the pew card.

**Poinsettias and Wreaths for Christmas** – Another way to help decorate is to order a poinsettia plant for the sanctuary or a wreath for the exterior doors. These will be added by the weekend before Christmas (December 20-21) and poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas Eve. The donation is \$30 per plant or wreath and may be made in honor or memory of a loved one. **Please place your orders no later than Sunday, December 7.** Make checks payable to Village Lutheran Church. Use the pew card or pew envelope, or contact the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org)

**Round-the-Table Carol Sing** – Our music ministry will lead worship as we honor the birth of our Savior with readings, hymns and carols on **Sunday, December 7, at 10:45 a.m.** Our theme this year is "The Christmas Rose." O come, let us adore Him!

**Voter's Meeting** – Please join us for our next Voter's Meeting on **Sunday, December 7**, at noon (following our Round-the-Table Carol Sing). Pizza will be provided before the meeting begins.

**Christmas Lunch Bunch** – Join us for some Christmas cheer on **Tuesday, December 9**. Doors open at 11:30 in the Friendship Room. **Please RSVP by December 1** to Kim Rapillo, 914-337-2027 x1003 or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org), or fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate. A freewill offering will be taken to defray expenses.

**German Christmas** will be held on **Saturday, December 13, at 5:30 p.m.** We welcome back from Germany Pastor Klaus Gress to offer a message "auf Deutsch" as we hear readings in German and sing traditional German hymns. **Volunteers are needed** to bring desserts for the reception afterwards. Additional German lectors are also welcome. If you would like to assist, please contact Minister of Music Deb Reiss at 914-337-0207, x1018 or [Dreiss@VLC-NY.org](mailto:Dreiss@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, December 17**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**"Strengthening God's House" Capital Campaign Pledges** – There is still time to make an impact! Every pledge is meaningful as we join together to keep our church and school in good working order. Please prayerfully consider what you might give and pledge card today. Thank you for helping to sustain our ministry.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – We will not be meeting on November 26. On December 3 we will be looking at Jesus the Good Shepherd in John chapter 10.

**Youth News:** Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, Dec. 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the MPR; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class on Sunday, Nov. 23; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) are running the holiday tag sale

**Music Ministry:** Choirs will be off for Thanksgiving week. Rehearsals resume as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, Dec. 7, at 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 6:00 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 7, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., Dec. 4, at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 7, at 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 7, at 9:15 a.m.

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Adele Acosta, Elizabeth Acosta, Marcela Acosta, Victor Acosta, Salvatore Alleluia, Liz Bales, Antonella Barbuto, Irene Bryant, Kelly Coffey, Davenport Family (Sonya, Joshua, Joshlynn, Jaraya), Sonia Dooley, Jake & Christine Gitter, Anita Gould, Nancy Jewell, Ilse Koerper, Freddie Lando, Michelle Liscoe, Nancy Mahler, Joe Marino, Thomas Marks, Cathy Niebanck, Aaliyah Pedrosa, Elizabeth Pedrosa, Joshua Pedrosa, Paola Pedrosa, Torrey Pietarinen, Elaine Podszus, Anthony Rapillo, Todd Rupe, John Scaramuzzo, Joanne Stellmaszyk, Peter Williams

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

- † **Jim Roth**, brother of Evelyn Cea, passed away on November 11, 2025
- † **Tom Marra**, brother-in-law of Diane Snyder, passed away on November 11, 2025
- † **Sharon Sjonvall**, long-time VLC member, passed away on November 6, 2025
- † **Laurence Newton**, friend of Greg Perotto, passed away on October 30, 2025

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