

**† 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †**  
**June 18, 2023**

<b>Evening Service of Holy Communion 5:30 p.m.</b>
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**PRELUDE**

Praise, My Soul

Kevin Hildebrand

**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** May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**C** **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LSB **Hymn 793**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray:

**C** **O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You have given us Your Word and called us to bear witness to the Gospel. Grant us steadfast faith to believe in Your promises and make them known to the whole world; 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**

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## **EPISTLE**

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<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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## **GOSPEL** (*Congregation rising*)

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**10** <sup>1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good

news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness LSB **Hymn 849**

**MEDITATION**

Parochial Deacon Jacob Stewart

**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**

P God, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING/MUSICAL OFFERING**

**† 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. 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 Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**C Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## DISTRIBUTION

*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)

P Gracious God, in this meal You have drawn us to Your heart and nourished us at Your table. Send us forth to be Your people in the world, and to proclaim Your truth this day and evermore; 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 us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

**C Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West

LSB Hymn 653

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

McKee

Kevin Hildebrand

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

### PRELUDE

(9:00)

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Kevin Hildebrand

(10:45)

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John Behnke

### OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 793

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### 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

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

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**RESPONSORY** (*Congregation rising*)

P Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.

**C I will meditate on Your wonderful works, and I will proclaim Your great deeds.**

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

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**SERMON**

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

(9:00) Children of the Heavenly Father

Anna Laura Page

(10:45) Children of the Heavenly Father

Sandra Eithun

### OFFERING HYMN (*Congregation rising*) (LSB Hymn 851, v. 4)

Lord of Glory, You have bought us with Your life-blood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.

Give us faith to trust You boldly, hope to stay our souls on You;  
but, oh, best of all Your graces, with Your love our love renew.

## † HOLY COMMUNION †

### PREFACE

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### ♪ **SANCTUS** (*Sung to "The Church's One Foundation"*)

Sing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might!"

Your mercy and Your glory fill heav'n and earth with light.

How blest is our Redeemer, who comes to set us free.

Hosanna in the highest to the great One in Three.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 HYMNS** Children of the Heavenly Father  
I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB **Hymn 725**  
LSB **Hymn 729**

*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*)

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## **CLOSING HYMN**

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## **POSTLUDE**

(9:00)

McKee

Kevin Hildebrand

(10:45)

St. Anthony Chorale

Johannes Brahms

## 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 Services:***

	5:30	9:00	10:45
<b>Lector/Asst.</b>	Mimi Blanco	Chris Clark	George Pietarinen
<b>Asst. Minister</b>		Janet George	Kristin Pimentel
<b>Altar Care</b>	Jacob Stewart	Janet George	
<b>Usher Team</b>	Volunteer	Bill Vogt Lilann Skeckowski Warren Wong	Georgine Read Ilse Koerper
<b>Sexton</b>	Lily Bennett		
<b>Musicians</b>	Dagny Stewart Deborah Reiss	Deborah Reiss	Marcia Kollmann
<b>Refreshments</b>		Women of the Congregation	

### **News and Notes:**

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** We give thanks for all fathers and father figures this weekend. There is a small Father's Day token of appreciation as you leave worship. Many thanks also to the women of the congregation for hosting the coffee hour.

**Pastor Hartwell is away** this weekend for his daughter's wedding celebration. He will be back in the office on Monday, June 19.

**Ministry Updates:** As we come to the close of this academic year, we want to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments and new roles for a number of our ministry leaders:

- ❖ **Rev. Mark Budenholzer** has accepted the call to serve as Associate Pastor/Director of Youth and Family Ministries. Pastor Budenholzer has been serving in a part-time position as Assisting Pastor and will begin this new full-time ministry over the summer. Please keep the Budenholzer family and our youth ministry in your prayers as we prepare for this exciting new phase of ministry.

- ❖ **Jacob and Dagny Stewart** will complete their time of worship leadership next weekend. Jacob has been accepted into the Master of Divinity program at Yale, as he continues the path towards ordination. Please join us on **Saturday, June 24**, for a farewell reception after the 5:30 service. The reception is being coordinated by Deacon-elect Larry Cosentino and Jane McGowan. If you are able to assist with the reception, please speak to them or send an email to [Larry.Cosentino@gmail.com](mailto:Larry.Cosentino@gmail.com).
- ❖ **Congratulations to our Lay Deacon Interns.** Larry Cosentino, Anton DeRosa, and Kristin Pimentel have been officially approved by the Atlantic District to become Lay Deacons in our congregation. They will be blessed at the 10:45 service on **Sunday, July 9**.

**Outdoor Beautification** - Thanks to Marcia Kollmann, Sandra Reyes Guerra and Chris Clausen for their dedicated volunteer efforts in making our Columbarium beautiful and enhancing the Great Lawn flagpole and sign board for spring and summer. Our church front looks fantastic and we are grateful.

**SUMMER WORSHIP** – From July 2 through September 3, we will shift to our summer schedule of two services per weekend on Sunday only (the Saturday service will return on Rally Day Weekend). The 9:00 a.m. family service is held outdoors on the Great Porch, weather permitting, and the 10:45 service remains in the sanctuary. Livestreaming is available for the 10:45 service.

**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 in advance to sign up and indicate what food you will prepare. The next date is **Wednesday, June 21**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 a.m.** – June 21 is our final session before the summer break. We will be looking at Romans chapter 8 this week and finish the rest of Romans in the fall.

**Youth News: Voyagers** (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, June 29, at 6:00 p.m.  
**Crusaders** (Grades 9-12) meet for Donuts & Discussion Sunday, June 25.

**The Bronxville Pops Concert Band** is offering free concerts at **8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19 and 26**. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy music under the stars on the great lawn at Bronxville School (Pondfield and Midland). Donations respectfully requested.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held the week of **July 17-22**, featuring a game theme of "Twists and Turns" showing how Jesus guides us through all parts of life. Save the date and watch for more information on how you can participate as a volunteer or sign up your child for the week.

**CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION:** Attention all incoming 7th and 8th grade families! Confirmation classes resume in September. Orientation is on Thursday,

September 21 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Classes continue in person on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and will be coordinated by Pastor Mark Budenholzer, Director of Youth and Family Ministries. The Rite of Confirmation will be held Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10:45. Confirmation is a two-year program that equips our youth to understand and live out their Christian faith. One year we cover the Bible, and the next year Christian Doctrine from the Catechism. To register your child for our program, please go to <https://www.vlc-ny.org/confirmation-form> or call the church office for more information at 914-337-0207 (1003) or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.ORG). New 8th graders are welcome (we will catch you up) and VLC Members, TCS Students and community youth are all welcome.

**Save your used postage stamps!** The Atlantic District LWML is collecting canceled stamps of any kind. They will be used to fund LWML mission projects. Please cut a 1/8 inch border around the stamp (no torn or damaged stamps) and drop off at the Reception Desk. The current goal is to collect them through the beginning of October for delivery at the LWML Fall Retreat, October 13-15.

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund:** In addition to general church offerings (current fund), worshippers are invited to make a gift to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, supporting members of our community or neighbors in need. This tangible sign of God's love is one way we as a congregation further our mission "to know, live and share the love of Christ." Please mark this gift as "Discretionary Fund".

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Elizabeth Acosta, Victor Acosta, Andy Boron, Barbara Clark, Kevin Clark, Steve Coburn, Joan Condon, Ivan Cornejo, Teri DiPaolo, Joe DiSalva, Eleanor Escherich, Celina Fernandez, Faith Forliano, LaDelle Hayes, Nancy Hylton, Sue Kobylack, Robin Lauer, Merline Leon, Stacy McCall, Helyne Merwin, Joann Napolitano, Isaiah Nieves, Josh Pedrosa, Paola Pedrosa, Karen Pell, Tony Ramos, Marvin Sayer, Irmgard Schoene, Dan Schwartz, Maria Clara Silva, Steven Smith, Gary Sullivan, Betty Tarbox, Susan Vancheri, Vivian Zelvin

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

- † **Charlie Lopez**, husband of Nelly Palumbo's cousin, passed away on June 8, 2023
- † **Raymond Lyman**, friend of Skip Hansen, passed away on June 3, 2023
- † **Janet Lunog**, mother of Sue Hartwell, passed away on May 30, 2023

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