

† 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
July 2, 2023

Outdoor Service of Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.
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PRELUDE A Tribute to Our Heritage Roberta Rowland-Raybold

WELCOME (*You are invited to choose additional hymns for Communion*)

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

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C Amen.

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OPENING HYMN Battle Hymn of the Republic AGPS Hymn 69

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

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RESPONSORY (*Congregation rising*)

Psalms 89:1-2

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C I declare that Your steadfast love is established forever; Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Father Welcomes

AGPS **Hymn 95**

SERMON

“Faithful to the Last Drop”

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (*Congregation rising*)

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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 & HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land

AGPS **Hymn 106**

OFFERING PRAYER (*Congregation rising*)

P Almighty God, You bless the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance whatever is needed.

C We give You thanks for the fruits of the earth, and for the goodness of Your love in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† HOLY COMMUNION †

PREFACE

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 Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts to establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to receive our Redeemer who comes to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

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DISTRIBUTION & HYMN CHOICE

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A Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless us and the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. In times of prosperity and in times of trouble, we put our trust in You, the Lord of all nations; 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.

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CLOSING HYMN

America the Beautiful

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DISMISSAL

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***Please join us for light refreshments
under the awning by the school entrance.***

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.

Service of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

God of Our Fathers

David Schack

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 660

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:

His truth is marching on.

Refrain: Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!

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OFFERING HYMN (*Congregation rising*) (LSB Hymn 965)

God bless our native land, firm may she ever stand through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave, ruler of wind and wave,
do Thou our country save by Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise to God above the skies; on Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye,
to Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

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POSTLUDE

Variations on "America"

Austin Lovelace

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Participants in the Service:

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Valerie Runge	Ralph Schoene
Asst. Minister	Anton DeRosa	Andrea Ansorge
Altar Care	Anton DeRosa	
Usher Team	Mark Runge Richard Graham Fred Swain	Elaine Podszus John Ansorge Kathy Coffey
Sexton	Claire Story	
Refreshments	Bukofzer & Wong Families	

News and Notes:

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.

Youth News: All Youth in Grades 3-9, including church families, school families, and friends, are invited to meet on Thursday nights over the summer at 6:00 p.m. for outdoor fun. The next meeting is **July 6 for water games**. Please wear an old shirt that can be stained, and/or a swimsuit or clothes that can get wet.

Lutheran Summer Music is a 4-week program for high school youth designed to inspire another generation of music-makers and community-minded individuals. They are now in session on the campus of Valparaiso University, taking lessons, preparing concerts and worship services, and enjoying group activities. We have three people from VLC in attendance this year: Audrey Heath and Henry Podoll as campers, and Lorelei Heath as a camp counselor. Public performances will be livestreamed for all to enjoy. Go to LSMacademy.org/2023

Good News Coffee House – We will have an encore performance by Frank Rendo and Daniel Rodriguez on **Saturday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m.** Admission is \$10/adult, \$5/student.

Congratulations to our Lay Deacon Interns. Larry Cosentino, Anton DeRosa, and Kristin Pimentel are ready to become Lay Deacons in our congregation. Please join us next **Sunday, July 9**, as they will be blessed for service at 10:45.

Journey to Turkey – Pastor and Sue Hartwell will be leading a group of 15 VLC members and friends “In the Footsteps of Paul and John” as they travel through Turkey, **July 10-21**. Please keep the group in your prayers and watch for photos of the places they visit on our VLC Facebook page.

Summer Coffee Hour – We are in need of volunteers to host on **July 16 & 23**, as well as in August. Summer hosts are asked to make coffee and bring milk, juice, and cookies/snacks. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on **July 17-22** for children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. This year will feature a game theme of “Twists and Turns” as we learn to follow Jesus, including Bible stories, music, games, snacks and crafts. To register your child, go to the church web site and scroll down to the VBS flyer or use the QR code on the posted flyers. The cost is \$20 for one child or \$30 for a family. Volunteers are also needed to chaperone groups and help run the various activities. For more information, contact our VBS leaders Danielle DiCuio (DDicuio@TheChapelSchool.org) or Kate Marino (KMarino@TheChapelSchool.org)

SOUP KITCHEN – We host the third Wednesday of the month. 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, July 19**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

Bible Translation Sunday – We will be welcoming Rev. Timothy Schulte and his wife, Erin, to worship on **Sunday, July 23**. They are serving as missionaries with Lutheran Bible Translators and will share information with us about the exciting work they are doing. Special thanks to Ruth and Tony DeRosa for providing guest housing while they are in the area.

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, Shelby Aime, Andy Boron, Frank Clark, Kevin Clark, Julie Compton, Eleanor Escherich, Lenore Epstein, Faith Forliano, LaDelle Hayes, Joseph Iemma, Sue Kobylack, Merline Leon, Frank Lyman, Stacy McCall, Helyne Merwin, Isaiah Nieves, Paola Pedrosa, Sylvia Puig, Tony Ramos, Morena Rodriguez, Chloe Runge, Kathryn Ruth, Irmgard Schoene, Maria Clara Silva, Steven Smith, Gary Sullivan, Betty Tarbox

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

- † **Nicholas Basile**, nephew of Donna Accatino, passed away on June 24, 2023
- † **Don Ross**, former Professor of Education and Dean of Students at Concordia-NY, passed away on June 15, 2023
- † **Charlie Lopez**, husband of Nelly Palumbo's cousin, passed away on June 8, 2023

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