† 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST † July 27, 2025

Outdoor Service of Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Mark Patterson

WELCOME (You are invited to choose additional hymns)

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 to God, our merciful Father.
- Gracious God, we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by You. We know that before You nothing remains hidden, and in You everything is revealed. Free us from our captivity to sin, and work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us our sin. 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

Let My Prayer Rise Before You

AGPS Hymn 157

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray:
- C Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be attentive to the prayers of Your servants. By Your Word and Spirit, teach us how to pray so that what we ask may be for our good and Your glory; 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

Genesis 18:20-32

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for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then Abraham said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then Abraham said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

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⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY (Congregation rising)

(from Psalm 138)

- P All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord, for they have heard the words of Your mouth.
- C They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.
- P For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly,
- C but the haughty He perceives from far away.
- P Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
- C You stretch out Your hand, and Your right hand delivers me.

- P The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me;
- C Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." 5And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? 12Or if the child asked for an eqq, would give a scorpion? ¹³If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY What a Friend We Have in Jesus AGPS **Hymn 261**

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 God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & HYMN CHOICE

† 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 died upon the tree of Calvary and rose again to make us living branches, drawing our life from Him and bearing fruit in all the world. 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 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:
- 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 & HYMNS

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Congregation rising)

- A Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts and that, through the gift imparted to us in this present life, we may receive eternal life in the world to come; 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

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AGPS Hymn 93

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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COMMUNION STATEMENT

Village Lutheran Church welcomes to Holy Communion those baptized Christians who: \dagger Know Jesus Christ as their Savior (*John 20:31*); \dagger Recognize that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine (*1 Cor. 11:29*); \dagger Are able to examine themselves and repent of their sins (*1 Cor. 11:28*); and \dagger 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 Unser Herrscher Edward Broughton

OPENING HYMN (Congregation rising)

LSB **Hymn 901**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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JHYMN OF PRAISE (Sung to "Crown Him With Many Crowns") Worthy is Christ our Lord, the Lamb for sinners slain, whose blood has set His people free, who over all things reigns. To Him be glory now, to Him be pow'r and might, to Him be wisdom, honor, strength; the Victor in the fight.

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HYMN OF THE DAY What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB Hymn 770

SERMON

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Anne Krentz Organ

† HOLY COMMUNION †

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↑SANCTUS (Sung to "Holy, Holy,")

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

We rejoice to join the hymns of earth and sky and sea.

Generations praise You, with saints and angels.

Holy and blest through all eternity.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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- 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 (Sung to "On Jordan's Bank")

Lord Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, who takes the sin of the world away, have mercy on us, grant us peace, and fill us with Your love and grace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead

LSB Hymn 749

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 Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts and that, through the gift imparted to us in this present life, we may receive eternal life in the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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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

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

LSB **Hymn 814**

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE What a Friend John Behnke

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Participants in the Service:

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

9:00 10:45

Lector Janet George Philip Auman Godlewski

Asst. Minister Janet George Larry Cosentino

Altar Care Janet George

Usher TeamRichard GrahamRalph Schoene

Joe Wilkinson Andrea Maxeiner

Sexton Lorelei Heath

Refreshments Podoll Family

News and Notes:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Get ready to dive into friendship with God this summer at VBS: SCUBA! Children entering Preschool 4 through Grade 6 are welcome to join us for a week of crafts, games, snacks, singing, and Bible stories. We will meet **Monday**, **July 28 – Friday**, **August 1**, **from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in the Multipurpose Room. Cost is \$30 for one child or \$40 per family. If you are entering 7th grade or above (yes, adults, too!) we need YOU to volunteer at VBS. To register in advance, go to www.VLC-NY.org and click on the digital flyer, or scan the QR code on the paper flyer and sign up today! Registration is also available at the door – please arrive early to complete.

Travel to Germany – Registration Deadline is August 3! Pastor and Sue Hartwell will be leading a group around Germany, December 2-13, 2025. Itinerary includes several Luther sites and Christmas markets, stops in Berlin, Wittenberg, Eisleben, Leipzig, Eisenach, Erfurt, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg and Munich. To find out more, contact Pastor Hartwell by email to RHartwell@VLC-NY.ORG or call 914-329-9182.

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 **August 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

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, August 20**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

Youth News: All youth entering Grades 3-9 are invited to come out for some summer fun, and bring a friend! Meet on the playground and wear a swimsuit or clothes that can get wet. The next event is Water Scavenger Hunt on **Thursday**, **August 21**, at 6:00 p.m.

Coffee Hour hosts needed. We still have two summer dates open: August 17 and 31. We are also in need of a host for Rally Day Sunday, September 7. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of hospitality!

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Adela Acosta, Elizabeth Acosta, Marcela Acosta, Victor Acosta, Paula Belli, Sharon Brown, Phoebe Carey, Tabatha Clark, Joann Cerasi, Joshua Davenport, Sonya Davenport, Fran Dellilis, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Pattie DiCuio, Diane Faddé, Linda Fader, Michelle Ghiorsi, Marilyn Griffin, Brandi Grissmeyer, Logan Grissmeyer, Hannah Hartwell-Steve, Betty Lou Held, Cleo Lealos, Michelle Liscoe, Robert Magilton, Nancy Mahler, Joe Marino, Tom Marra, Lucille McGeough, Aaliyah Pedrosa, Paola Pedrosa, Janet & George Perotto, Elaine Podszus, John R., Valerie Tutson

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

- † **Dennis Rusnak**, uncle of Kristin Pimentel, passed away on July 8, 2025
- † Joseph Atwater, father of Danielle Giordano, passed away on July 1, 2025
- **Susan Mommsen**, sister-in-law of Eileen Wilkinson, passed away on June 30, 2025

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