

**† 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †**  
**August 3, 2025**

<b>Outdoor Service of Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.</b>
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**PRELUDE**

Give Thanks

Roger House

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

**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.

**C Almighty God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us all that is past. With the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve You faithfully and set our feet upon a new path of life.**

P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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**OPENING HYMN**

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. (*repeat*)

And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. (*repeat*)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

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## RESPONSORY (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 49)

P My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**C I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

P Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?

**C Truly, no ransom avails for one's life; there is no price one can give to God for it.**

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 12:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us AGPS **Hymn 169**

## **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 out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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.

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## **DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS**

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## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *(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**

**AGPS Hymn 198**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## **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: †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

Song of Praise

Jacob Weber

### OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 795

Voices Raised to You We Offer

### INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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### HYMN OF PRAISE

Give Thanks

(LSB Hymn 806)

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### **HOLY BAPTISM** (*insert*)

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

LSB **Hymn 704**

#### **SERMON**

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Congregation rising*)

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## **♫SANCTUS** (*Sung to the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"*)

Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.

You alone are holy, worthy and righteous. God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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## **♫AGNUS DEI** (*Sung to the hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*)

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away – our faith increase.

Have mercy on us all, strengthen us when we fall,  
answer our fervent call and grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us      **LSB Hymn 851**

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## **BENEDICTION**

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**C** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

Almighty Father, Bless the Word

LSB **Hymn 923**

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Old Hundredth

J. G. Walther

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### ***Participants in the Service:***

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

	9:00	10:45
<b>Lector</b>	Ellen Story	George Pietarinen
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Daryl Story	George Pietarinen
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Ellen Story	Andrea Ansorge
<b>Altar Care</b>	Story Family	
<b>Usher Team</b>	Mark Runge Richard Graham Anton DeRosa	Kathy Coffey John Ansorge
<b>Sexton</b>	Claire Story	
<b>Refreshments</b>	Bukofzer/Tavarez Family	

## **News and Notes:**

**HOLY BAPTISM** – We rejoice with the newly baptized and welcome them into the family of faith. Lance and Jasper Standard, children of Katherine Abreu and Zachary Standard, are being baptized at the 10:45 service on Sunday, August 3, 2025.

**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](mailto:RHartwell@VLC-NY.ORG) or call 914-329-9182.

**JOYFUL JAMS** is a music program for young children and their caregivers led by Mrs. Kate Marino (TCS music teacher and VLC member). Anyone interested is invited to attend a free session this week (ages 1-5) and to sign up for the fall session (ages 10 months to 3 years) which begins in September. Details below:

- ❖ **Summer Sing-Along!** Join us on **Wednesday, August 6, at 1:00 p.m.** for a free hour-long music and play session. This class is geared toward children ages 1-5 and their caregivers. Walk-ins are welcome, but to help us plan accordingly please register in advance at <https://forms.gle/6addnGYKpgMzWqHY7>
- ❖ **JOYFUL JAMS Fall Classes** – This class is for children ages 10 months to 3 years and their caregivers. There will be two time slots on **Friday mornings** starting September 19. The class fee is \$300 for eight sessions, due with **registration by September 12**. For more information, contact preschool Director Maureen Butler at 914-337-3202 (x1008) or [MButler@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:MButler@TheChapelSchool.org)

**Crochet Ministry** – Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.** If you would be available to host over Labor Day Weekend, **August 31**, please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong. Additional hosts will be needed as we return indoors for the fall. 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, Marcela Acosta, Victor Acosta, Paula Belli, Sharon Brown, Tabatha Clark, Joann Cerasi, Joshua Davenport, Sonya Davenport, Fran Dellilis, Randy Delling, Nicholas Depierro, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Pattie DiCuio, Diane Faddé, Linda Fader, Michelle Ghiorso, Marilyn Griffin, Brandi Grissmeyer, Logan Grissmeyer, Hannah Hartwell-Steve, Rev. Lee Hagan, Betty Lou Held, Marie Iammatteo, Cleo Lealos, Michelle Liscoe, Robert Magilton, Nancy Mahler, Joe Marino, Tom Marra, Rev. Morris Mayer, Lucille McGeough, Cathy Certa Niebanck, Janet & George Perotto, Elaine Podszus, Darci Porter, Jenn Quish, 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

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