

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

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PSALM OF THE DAY (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 113)

A Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

C Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

A From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!

GOSPEL

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

HYMN OF THE DAY Take My Life and Let It Be (v. 1-4) **LSB Hymn 783**

MESSAGE Kevin Cook

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Congregation rising*)

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRESENTATION COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

(9:00 choir) Ye Servants of God Henry Coleman

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad His wonderful Name.*

*The Name all victorious of Jesus extol:
His Kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.
Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.*

*The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.*

(10:45 organ) Finest Wheat Edwin Childs

† 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:

¶SANCTUS (*Sung to "Holy, 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!

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 (*Sung to "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 HYMNS

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB **Hymn 641**

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

LSB **Hymn 806**

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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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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DOXOLOGY

(LSB Hymn 805)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

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Participants in the Services:

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

Lector	5:30 James Maxeiner	9:00 Ellen Story	10:45 Anurag Massey
Asst. Minister		Daryl Story	
Altar Care/ Communion Asst.	Andrea Maxeiner	Story Family	Joan Condon
Ushers	Volunteer	Bill Vogt Warren Wong	Georgine Read Ilse Koerper
Sexton		Kaitlyn Clark	
Refreshments		Clark Family	

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

PRELUDE

Lasst uns erfreuen

Benjamin Culli

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

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LSB Hymn 816

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

C **Almighty God, whatever we possess is a gift from Your loving hand. Give us grace to honor You with all that we own, and to use our gifts to 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

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

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On Saturdays, distribution will be at the main altar. You will receive the bread first (please ask for "gluten-free" if desired), then the wine in the individual cup. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. Empty cups will be collected at the end.

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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.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATES

The Fall Voters' Meeting will take place in the MPR on **Sunday, September 28**, at 12:00 p.m. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Please join us for our **Celebration of Service for The Hartwell's** on **Saturday, October 4**. There will be a **celebration of ministry at 5:30 p.m.** to give thanks and offer Farewell and Godspeed. If you would like to attend the **Oktoberfest dinner at 6:30 p.m.** in our gymnasium, please be sure to RSVP by September 29. The dinner is \$35/person (adults only). Go to tinyurl.com/CelebratingPastorH or contact the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or Krapillo@VLC-NY.org

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News and Notes:

Capital Campaign Pledges – Our fundraising effort has now been opened to the entire VLC-TCS community. Mailings were sent to households two weeks ago. Please review the materials and return your pledges as soon as you can (additional pledge cards are available at the tract rack). As presented in the mailings, there are multiple ways to donate. In order to move the campaign forward, please note:

- ❖ It is important that your total pledge amount be submitted now so that we can know what to expect.
- ❖ The donations can be spread out over time. We simply ask that an initial installment be made before December 31, 2025, with the balance due by December 2027.
- ❖ Joe Wilkinson will be in the Friendship Room after each service this weekend (Sept. 20-21) to answer any questions and to assist you concerning the campaign. Questions may also be emailed to him at jawilkinson@gmail.com.

We are excited to announce that we have already achieved almost 75% of our pledge goal of \$1.6 million. Thank you!

Pew Cards are located in the pew racks for your convenience in making prayer requests, signing up for events, or submitting other information. We also ask that you use these cards to provide the best contact information for our records.

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 **September 23 at 7:00 p.m.**

"The Chosen" Discussion Group – Watch season 1 of this series on Bible re-enactments and enjoy wine, dessert and discussion together, hosted by Deacons Janet George and Tony DeRosa. Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., **September 24 through November 12**. Please **RSVP** to the church office at 914-337-0207, x1003 or make a note on the pew card.

Coffee Hour - Volunteers are needed for next Sunday, **September 28**, and some additional dates in the fall. If you would be willing to host (by yourself, with another family, or in a small group), 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 Conference Call – Would you like to listen to a devotion and join in a prayer circle from home? All are welcome to our service of evening prayer by phone on the last Tuesday of the month. To participate, simply dial (1) 732-434-3982. The next service, led by Pastoral Assistant Morris Mayer, is **Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 6:00 p.m.**

LWML Fall Retreat – The Atlantic District LWML is hosting a women's retreat at the Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center in Mt. Bethel PA on **October 10-12**. The retreat leader will be Dr. Carol McDaniel under the theme "Establish the Work of Our Hands." If you are interested, please speak to Deacon Kristin Pimentel or make a note on the pew card to get more information.

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, October 15**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

Lunch Bunch Update – Please note that the Fall Lunch Bunch, originally scheduled for October 14, has now been **rescheduled to Tuesday, October 21**. Save the date and see you there!

Veterans Helping Veterans – Are you a veteran or actively serving in the military or reserves? As we approach Veterans Day this November, Deacon Larry Cosentino would like your input on creating new opportunities for ministry among the brave men and women who have served or are serving in our military. If interested, make a note on the pew card or contact Deacon Larry at Larry.Cosentino@gmail.com or (646)369-7408.

Wednesday Bible Study – On September 24 we will continue with the miraculous healing of a royal official's son in John chapter 4.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, Sept. 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the MPR; Lifers (Grades 7-8) first class on Sunday, October 5; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, Sept. 21

Music Ministry: Do you love music? You are invited to be a part of one of our ensembles as we worship together. Rehearsals are listed below:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, Sept. 21, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., Sept. 25, at 7:00 p.m.; Sun., Sept. 28, at 8:30 a.m.

- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Sept. 28, at 8:40 a.m.

For further information, contact Minister of Music Deb Reiss at 914-337-0207, x1018 or Dreiss@VLC-NY.org

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Adela Acosta, Marcela Acosta, Victor Acosta, Salvatore Alleluia, Ty Bachus, Antonella Barbuto, Deborah Berni, Vincent Brown, Joshua Davenport, Sonya Davenport, Darin DePaul, Joan Eiler, Nathan Gorman, Brandi Grissmeyer, Logan Grissmeyer, Lena Hakanson, Daniel Heath, Kevin Kelly, Eugene Kokot, Gudrun Krüger, Joshlynn Laquerrie, Michelle Liscoe, Kristen Lutz, Paddy Macguire, Joe Marino, Thomas Marks, Tom Marra, Kit Milo, Vatsala Ponnuraj, Aaliyah Pedrosa, Paola Pedrosa, Janet & George Perotto, Elaine Podszus, Morena Rodriguez, John Scaramuzzo, Unateresa Sheahan, Sharon Sjonvall, Valerie Tutson, Jo-Anne Weinberg

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

- † **Richard Forliano**, longtime VLC member, teacher in Eastchester, and community historian, passed away on September 14, 2025
- † **Phillip Masiello**, godfather of Brianna Blanco, passed away on September 4, 2025
- † **Ursula Daletto**, mother of a friend of Kathy Marks-Barcia, passed away on August 26, 2025

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