† 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST † September 28, 2025

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

PRELUDE Italian Hymn Roberta Rowland-Raybold

OPENING HYMN (Congregation rising)

LSB Hymn 905

Come, Thou Almighty King

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. 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 (LSB Page 155)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- A Let us pray:
- O God, You are rich in mercy. Look with compassion on this needy world. Feed us with Your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(9:00) **YOUTH/H.S. CHOIR** Santo, Santo, Santo Guillermo Cuéllar Holy is our God, the Lord of earth and heaven.

Holy is our God, the Lord of all of history.

Who accompanies our people, who lives within our struggles, of all the earth and heaven the one and only Lord.

Blessed those who in the Lord's name announce the holy gospel, proclaiming the good news that our liberation comes.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 6:1, 4-7

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whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** Fight the Good Fight Eric Thiman Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally. Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek His face; life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize. Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; His boundless mercy will provide; trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near, He changeth not, and thou art dear; only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

↑ALLELUIA VERSE (Congregation rising)

(LSB Page 156)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹Jesus told his disiciples: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' 25But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house - 28 for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment,' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' 30He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

(9:00) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY All Depends on Our Possessing (v. 1-4) LSB **Hymn 732**

MESSAGE Rev. Morris Mayer

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Congregation rising)

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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/VOLUNTARY Jesu, meine Freude Wilhelm Friedemann Bach

† 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:

JSANCTUS (LSB Page 161)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. 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 The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

∫AGNUS DEI (LSB Page 163)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS Jesus, Priceless Treasure LSB **Hymn 743** Seek Ye First LSB **Hymn 712**

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 Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of His body and blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life; for He lives and reigns with the 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 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings LSB **Hymn 782**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Holy Manna Charles Callahan

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 Service:

Rev. Mark Budenholzer, Associate Pastor/Director of Youth & Family Ministries Rev. Morris Mayer, Pastoral Assistant Marcia Kollmann, Associate Organist (Saturday) Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music (Sunday)

5:30 9:00 10:45

Lector Mimi Blanco Beverley Lorie Andrea Ansorge

Asst. Minister Kristin Pimentel Andrea Ansorge

Altar Care Morris Mayer Morris Mayer

Usher Team Volunteer Richard Graham Ralph Schoene

Joe Wilkinson

Sexton Lorelei Heath

Refreshments Russell Family

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

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Almighty King

Martin Stellhorn

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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. 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

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LSB Hymn 905

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Mark Zeeman

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

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CLOSING HYMN

Seek Ye First

LSB Hymn 712

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major a 3

G.F. Handel

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 at 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

News and Notes:

Capital Campaign Pledges – Investing in our church and school celebrates our legacy and ensures that the heart of our ministry remains healthy and vibrant. We have already crossed the 75% goal at \$1.2M in pledges and are excited to keep moving closer to our \$1.6M goal. Pledge cards are available at the back of the sanctuary. You may also make your pledge or one-time contribution online using the QR Code here. For more info, call Lisa Jones at 914-337-0207 x1040.



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.**

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

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.

Coffee Hour - Volunteers are needed for **October 12** and a few dates in November-December. 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!

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 **October 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

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!

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.

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 October 1 we will look at the account of Jesus healing a man at the Bethesda pool in John chapter 5.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, Oct. 2, 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. 28

Our next Family Service will be on Sunday, October 19, at 9:00 a.m., when we help our children grow as we worship together for the whole service.

Music Ministry: Rehearsals are scheduled as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir Sunday, Sept. 28, at 8:30 a.m.; off Oct. 5
- ❖ Village Bells Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir Thurs., Oct. 2, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir Thurs., Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 4, at 5:00 p.m.

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.

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, Nathan Gorman, Brandi Grissmeyer, Logan Grissmeyer, Daniel Heath, Kevin Kelly, Eugene Kokot, Joshlynne Laquerrie, Michelle Liscoe, Kristen Lutz, Paddy Macguire, Thomas Marks, Tom Marra, Raymond McCarthy, Kit Milo, Vatsala Ponnuraj, 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.

- † **Rev. Rudy DeRosa**, brother of Tony DeRosa, passed away on September 19, 2025
- † **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

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