

† THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT †
Lutheran Schools Week
Saturday, March 2, 2024

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

How Great Thou Art

Michael Burkhardt

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.

C Amen.

HYMN

How Great Thou Art (v. 1 and 4)

LSB Hymn 801

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C O God, it is Your glory to be merciful at all times. Be gracious when we have gone astray from Your ways, and bring us back with clean hearts and renewed faith so that we cling to the unchanging truth of Your Word; 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

Exodus 20:1-17

¹Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female servant, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the

sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female servant, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL (*Congregation rising*)

John 2:13-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

He Lives

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SERMON

"The Resurrection Makes the Difference"

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

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 Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Uehlein/Lang

† 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 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many, that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

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.”

AGNUS DEI

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.**

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 Compassionate God, You have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage, that our fasting may reflect a hunger for justice, our acts of kindness promote peace, and our prayers ascend from grateful hearts; 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

Christ Be My Leader

LSB Hymn 861

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Slane

Clay Christiansen

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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.

Participants in the Service:

Lector	Jane McGowan
Asst. Minister	Larry Cosentino
Altar Care	Larry Cosentino
Usher	Volunteer
Sexton	Henry Podoll

Stewardship Reflection

Offering received last week: \$3,739
Offering needed weekly to meet budget: \$6,860
Offering received to date: \$235,686
Offering needed to date: \$240,100

Text-to-Give Update

VLC has a NEW number for donations by text: 833-685-4130

To securely make a gift, text your gift AMOUNT to 833-685-4130.
Make sure to use the dollar sign before the amount (*for example*: \$100 VLC).
If this is your first time you will be asked to register with a credit/debit card.
Save this number to your smart phone for future giving.

News and Notes:

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for the faculty and staff of The Chapel School, and in celebration of the birthday of Sunny Pettinati.

The Saturday service has re-started this weekend and will continue at 5:30 p.m. through the end of June.

Lutheran Schools Sunday - The Chapel School Award is being presented to Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) Geiling at 9:00. God bless The Chapel School as we continue to celebrate through the week.

Easter Baskets – This annual service project for community children will run from **March 2 through March 17**. Please pick up an empty basket from the table in the back of the sanctuary, fill it with some of the suggested items, wrap it in cellophane, and return to the church for delivery. Filled baskets must be returned no later than Sunday, March 17.

Midweek Lenten worship is offered each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with a service of evening prayer. On **March 6**, we will focus on "The Fourth Commandment: Putting Parents in Their Place."

Organ Recital – At The Reformed Church of Bronxville (180 Pondfield Road) on Friday, **March 8, at 7:00 p.m.** The pipe organ has just been restored, and the public is invited to enjoy a performance by NYC organist David Enlow, including a live improvisation on a theme submitted by an audience member. There is a freewill offering, with a suggested donation of \$20.

Children's *Petite Jardin*, with games, crafts and prizes, is the part of Gathering of Friends especially designed for children. It will be held at VLC/TCS on **Saturday, March 9**, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$20 per family.

Summer Camp Open House – Anyone interested in learning more about our summer programs can stop by in person on **Saturday, March 9**, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. To register or find more information online, go to TheChapelSchool.org.

The Lunch Bunch Spring Luncheon will be on **Tuesday, March 12**, featuring music by local artist Jeannie Claire. Arrival time is 11:30 a.m., with lunch at noon followed by the program. In order to plan for food and set-up, **please RSVP** no later than Sunday, March 10. Make a note on the back of the Attendance Form or contact the church office at 914-337-0207, x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org

Gathering of Friends – Our annual gala in support of VLC/TCS is **Friday, March 15**, at Lake Isle Country Club in Eastchester. This year's co-chairs are school secretary Maura Condolff and music teacher/drama director Kate Marino, who have planned *Le Jardin des Rêves* (Garden of Dreams) to complement our overall theme of "Hope in the Lord." Cocktails at 7:00 p.m., followed by a live auction and dinner at 8:00 p.m. Get your tickets now! Go to Gathering-of-Friends.com or call 914-337-0207 x1040.

- ❖ **The Garden of Dreams Raffle** is \$200 each and only 50 tickets will be sold. One winner will take home \$3,000. This is a great way to share in the event, even if you cannot attend. Tickets available during coffee hour February 4 through March 3 or online.

Festival of Workshops: This Atlantic District event for church workers and lay leaders was hosted by us last year. Offering over 30 workshops for many kinds of ministry areas, this year's festival will be at SUNY Maritime College in the Bronx on **Saturday, March 16**, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. Registration is \$35/person (or \$40 after March 3), including lunch. Explore the offerings and register yourself at AD-LCMS.org

Easter Flowers: Decorate our sanctuary by ordering Easter lilies, hyacinths, daffodils or tulips for \$20 per pot. Flowers may be given in memory or honor of loved ones and taken home after worship, if desired. Use the order form in church or contact the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org. Orders must be placed by **Sunday, March 17**.

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 in advance to sign up and indicate what food you will prepare. The next date is **Wednesday, March 20**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

Parent Community Night – Once a month we get together for food, community, and discussion of our callings to raise our children in faith. The next meeting is **Thursday**,

March 21, from 6-7 p.m. in the Friendship Room. Bring some food to share as you are able, or simply join Pastor Mark and the group.

Good News Coffee House – As we enter into Holy Week, Frank Rendo will be singing on **Saturday, March 23**. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10/adult, \$5/student. For more information, contact Charlie Eisenberg at CEisenberg1@gmail.com

Prayer Conference Call – Please note that there will be no conference call in March (during Holy Week). Please join us again in April to pray for the needs of the world.

We need your help to put on our Easter Breakfast! Easter Sunday is March 31. Help us share the joy of Easter during coffee hour by donating at least one item for the continental breakfast. Volunteers are also needed to help set-up and clean-up. Sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Coffee Hour Coordinator Warren Wong.

MUSIC MINISTRY – Rehearsals this week are as follows:

- High School Choir rehearse Sunday, March 10, at 10:15 a.m.
- Village Bells rehearse Wednesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir rehearse Thursday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearse Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 10, at 8:40 a.m.

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

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, March 7, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class Sunday, March 3, and Dinner Talk Thursday, March 7, at 6:00 p.m.; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, March 3.

Wednesday Bible Study – Our new topic for the spring is the parables of Jesus. We will begin on March 6 with a new look at "The Good Samaritan."

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Robert Barney, Maxine Britt, Jocelyn Buggy, Tabatha Clark, Zack Comeford, Sonya Davenport, Nicholas DePierro, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Eleanor Escherich, Francisca Febus, Faith Forliano, Tommy Grissmeyer, Tracie Hill, Elijah Hylton, Nancy Hylton, Eleanor James, Carver Kroeger, Ralph Kuhn, Merline Leon, Joseph Leonard, David Mullen, Rev. Roberto Munoz, Isaiah Nieves, Steven Perotto, Sunny Pettinati, Louise Podszus, Mason Rebuquiao, Reese Rebuquiao, Chloe Runge, Irmgard Schoene, Marian Terenzio, Stephen Walsh

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

- † **Dan Bolles**, graduate of Concordia-NY and friend to many in the community, passed away on February 8, 2024
- † **Margo McKay**, sister of Sonya Davenport, passed away on February 6, 2024

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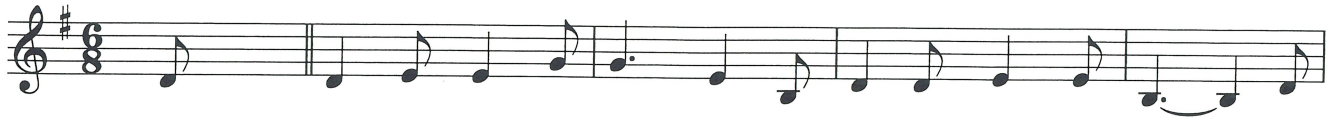
He Lives

Words and Music by
Alfred Henry Ackley

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1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day; I
2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care; And
3. Re joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing E -

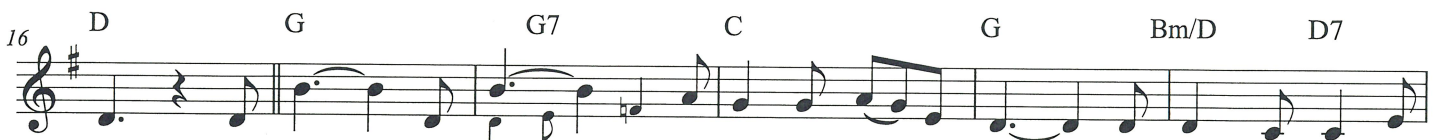


know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say. I see His hand of
though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair. I know that He is
ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King! The Hope of all who



mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him, He's al - ways
lead - ing through all the storm - y blast; The day of His ap - pear - ing will come at
seek Him, the Help of all who find, none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and

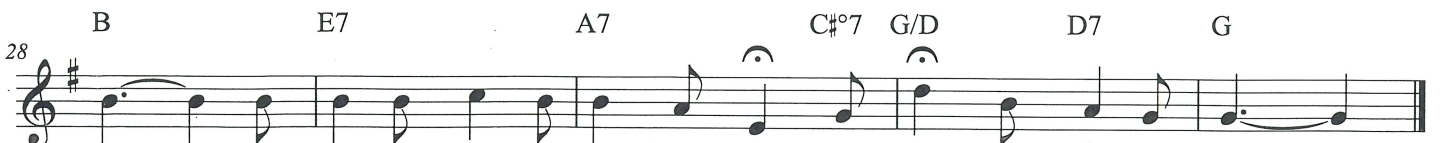
CHORUS



near. He lives, He lives! Christ Je - sus lives to - day! He walks with me and
last.
kind.



talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. He lives, He lives, sal va - tion to im -



part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with - in my heart!_____

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