

† 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
August 10, 2025

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

PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Sandra Eithun

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 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.

OPENING HYMN

My Faith Looks Trustingly

AGPS Hymn 175

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty and merciful God, by Your grace we are able to live as Your people and offer ourselves to Your service. Guard our hearts and minds, that we may continually walk by faith in the way that leads to eternal life; 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 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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PSALM OF THE DAY (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 33)

P The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all humankind.

C From where He sits enthroned He watches all the inhabitants of the earth.

P Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

C Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield.

P Our heart is glad in Him because we trust in His holy name.
C **Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.**

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to his disciples:] ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those servants. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

AGPS Hymn 115

SERMON

"Walk By Faith, Not By Sight"

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 Let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, 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, for You have gathered us into the one body of Your Son and surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, being encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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.

C And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

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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CLOSING HYMN

I've Got Peace Like a River

AGPS **Hymn 139**

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

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Dale Wood

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 798

The God of Abraham Praise (v. 1-4)

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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C **Amen.**

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C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB Hymn 798, v. 9)

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high.

"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.

Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:

All might and majesty are Thine and endless praise!

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LSB Hymn 702

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♪SANCTUS

(LSB Page 161)

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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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 HYMN

When Peace, Like a River

LSB Hymn 763

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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CLOSING HYMN

Have No Fear, Little Flock

LSB Hymn 735

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Charles Ore

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Participants in the Service:

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, Senior Pastor
Marcia Kollmann, Associate Organist

Lector	9:00 Anthony Forcinito	10:45 James Maxeiner
Asst. Minister	Chris Gleason	Larry Cosentino
Communion Asst.	Anthony Forcinito	Joan Condon
Altar Care	Maria Gitter	
Usher Team	Ralph Schoene Maria Gitter	Charlie Eisenberg Andrea Maxeiner
Sexton	Zachary Gleason	
Refreshments	Gloria Manigault	

News and Notes:

HOLY BAPTISM – We rejoice with the newly baptized and welcome them into the family of faith. Amelia Paige Weston, daughter of Meagan and Chandler Weston, was baptized at a special service on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

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.

JOYFUL JAMS is a music program for young children and their caregivers led by Mrs. Kate Marino (TCS music teacher and VLC member). A fall class will be offered for children ages 10 months to 3 years. 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

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!

Are you a veteran or actively serving in the military or reserves? Deacon Larry Cosentino would like to talk with you regarding ways to be in ministry to and with the community of the brave men and women who have or are serving in our military. Contact Deacon Larry at Larry.Cosentino@gmail.com or (646)369-7408.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Adela Acosta, Marcela Acosta, Victor Acosta, Sal Alleluia, 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, Joshua Pedrosa, Janet & George Perotto, Elaine Podszus, Darci Porter, Jenn Quish, John R., Valerie Tutson

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