

**VILLAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THE CHAPEL SCHOOL**

*Celebration of Ministry  
for  
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5:30 p.m.*

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**OPENING HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 733

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES** (*church & school theme verses*)

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**CANTICLE OF THE WORD**

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**Participants:**

|                            |                                                                                 |
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**DISMISSAL**

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**HYMN**

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**REFLECTION FROM THE CONGREGATION**

Jennifer Schell Podoll

**THE MAGNIFICAT** (*Congregation rising*)

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

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Nancy Raabe

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**EPISTLE**

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How Lovely are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

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**Participants:**

|                            |                                                                                 |
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**DISMISSAL**

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**POSTLUDE**

Nun danket alle Gott

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**HYMN**

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**REFLECTION FROM THE CONGREGATION**

Jennifer Schell Podoll

**THE MAGNIFICAT** (*Congregation rising*)

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

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Paul Soulek

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**DISMISSAL**

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**POSTLUDE**

Nun danket alle Gott

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**HYMN**

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**REFLECTION FROM THE CONGREGATION**

Jennifer Schell Podoll

**THE MAGNIFICAT** (*Congregation rising*)

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

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**Participants:**

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**DISMISSAL**

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**POSTLUDE**

Nun danket alle Gott

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**HYMN**

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**REFLECTION FROM THE CONGREGATION**

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**THE MAGNIFICAT** (*Congregation rising*)

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

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**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

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Nancy Raabe

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**REMARKS FROM THE BISHOP**

Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

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**CLOSING HYMN**

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**DISMISSAL**

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**POSTLUDE**

Nun danket alle Gott

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**HYMN**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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**REFLECTION FROM THE CONGREGATION**

Jennifer Schell Podoll

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**EPISTLE**

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Paul Soulek

**OPENING HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 733

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**INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES** (*church & school theme verses*)

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**Participants:**

|                            |                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| <b>Assisting Ministers</b> | Janet George, Morris Mayer, Kristin Pimentel                                    |
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**DISMISSAL**

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**POSTLUDE**

Nun danket alle Gott

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**HYMN**

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**REFLECTION FROM THE CONGREGATION**

Jennifer Schell Podoll

**THE MAGNIFICAT** (*Congregation rising*)

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

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**REMARKS FROM THE BISHOP**

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

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LSB Hymn 733

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES** (*church & school theme verses*)

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**C Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

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**DISMISSAL**

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**POSTLUDE**

Nun danket alle Gott

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# Liturgy of Prayer and Thanksgiving

**PRELUDE**

St. Anne

Paul Soulek

**OPENING HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 733

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES** (*church & school theme verses*)

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of trouble;

**C He protects those who take refuge in Him.** (*Nahum 1:7*)

P Be strong and courageous; do not be terrified; do not be discouraged.

**C For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.** (*Joshua 1:9*)

P This is how God showed His love among us:

**C He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.** (*1 John 4:9*)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C O God, You have promised through Your Son to be with Your church forever. We give You thanks for those who founded this community of faith and for the signs of Your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of love and fellowship, that all who seek You may find You and be filled with joy and peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CANTICLE OF THE WORD**

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.

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it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Numbers 6:22-27

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A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY** (from Psalm 84)

A How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!

**C My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

A Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young –

**C a place near Your altar, O Lord Almighty, my King and my God.**

A Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;

**C they are ever praising You.**

**EPISTLE**

Romans 10:11-15

<sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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**CHANCEL CHOIR**

How Lovely are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!*

*To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.*

**REMARKS FROM THE BISHOP**

Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor

**GOSPEL** (*Congregation rising*)

Matthew 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

LSB Hymn 809

**REFLECTION FROM THE CONGREGATION**

Jennifer Schell Podoll

**THE MAGNIFICAT** (*Congregation rising*)

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

LSB Hymn 934

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus (with *Ave verum corpus*)

Nancy Raabe

**PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS and LORD'S PRAYER** (*Congregation rising*)

A Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace: Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

**C where there is injury, pardon;**

A where there is doubt, faith;

**C where there is despair, hope;**

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