

**† MAUNDY THURSDAY †**  
**March 28, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.**

<b>Service of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar</b>
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**PRELUDE**

Farley Castle

Kevin Hildebrand

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

LSB Hymn 631

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (v. 1-5)

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

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

**C Amen.**

P Lord, who may dwell in Your sanctuary? Who may live on Your holy hill?

**C Those whose walk is blameless and who do what is righteous, who speak the truth from their hearts.** (Psalm 15:1-2)

P During this Lenten season we have been reminded of God's call to righteousness, especially in observing the Ten Commandments. But we have all fallen short and sinned against God and one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, who is faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness:

**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 RESPONSE**

(LSB Hymn 611, v. 1)

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,  
died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C     O Lord, in the wondrous sacrament of Holy Communion You have given us a remembrance of Your suffering and death. Grant us by faith to receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood, so that our lives continually proclaim the truth that You have redeemed us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it... <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

L     This is the Word of the Lord.

**C     Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L     This is the Word of the Lord.

**C     Thanks be to God.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

*Panis angelicus,  
fit panis hominum;  
dat panis coelicus  
figuris terminum:  
O res mirabilis!  
Manducat Dominum  
pauper, servus et humilis.*

Panis Angelicus

*The bread of the angels  
becomes the bread of mortals;  
the bread of heaven  
puts an end to prefiguration.  
O wondrous thing!  
Partaking of their Lord are  
the poor, the servant and the humble.*

Cesar Franck

**RESPONSORY** (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 116)

P What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

**C I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

P I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

**C I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

John 13:1-17, 31-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them..." <sup>31</sup>When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

LSB Hymn 708

Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart

## CATECHISM REVIEW

P The Ten Commandments, as the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to the household. The Eighth Commandment:

**C You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

P What does this mean?

**C We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or hurt their reputation, but defend them, speak well of them, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

**SERMON** "The 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment: To Tell the Truth" Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Congregation rising*)

A Let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Rockingham Old

Michael Burkhardt

### † 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 accomplished the salvation of all people by the tree of the cross, that where death began, there life might also be restored. 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 The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

(LSB Hymn 624, v. 3-4)

The holy Lamb undaunted came to God's own altar lit with flame;  
while weeping angels hid their eyes, this Priest became a sacrifice.

But death would not the victor be of Him who hung upon the tree.  
He leads us to the Holy Place within the veil, before God's face.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

The Lamb

LSB Hymn 547

*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

A Blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor, that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting.

**C Amen.**

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*As the chancel is cleared in preparation for Good Friday, we hear the words of Psalm 22.*

## DISMISSAL (Congregation rising)

P Go out into the world in peace. Have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; honor all people; and live a life of love,

**C just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy  
(We depart quietly after the hymn)

LSB Hymn 434

## POSTLUDE

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig

Paul Kickstat

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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:**

<b>Lector</b>	Maria Gitter
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Chris Gleason
<b>Altar Care</b>	Maria Gitter
<b>Usher</b>	Ralph Schoene

### **Holy Week worship continues:**

- ❖ *Good Friday Tenebrae Service (12:00 & 7:30 p.m.)*
- ❖ *Easter Eve Candlelight Service (5:30 p.m.)*
- ❖ *Easter Sunday Festival Service (9:00 & 10:45 a.m.)*

### **News and Notes:**

The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on **Saturday, March 30**, at 11:00 a.m. sharp! Children up through Grade 2 are invited to participate. Older youth will meet at 9:45 a.m. to help hide the eggs. If you have any questions, please email Erika Schultz at [tyandbash@aol.com](mailto:tyandbash@aol.com)

**FREE EDUCATIONAL ZOOM SEMINAR!** The Halter Legacy Circle "Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials with William O'Doherty" on Wed., **April 3**, at 6:00 p.m. (rescheduled from Feb. 7). *What is estate planning? Is a will the only document needed to complete my estate plan? How can I make charitable gifts in my estate plans? Is there a way I can enjoy tax savings and other benefits from charitable gifts now?* Register to receive the Zoom link 914-337-0207 x 1040 or online <http://tinyurl.com/Thrivent2024>

**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, April 17**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**Spring Voters Meeting** is Sunday, **April 21** at 12 noon. We will be discussing our 2024-2025 Year Budget and the Capital Campaign preplanning process that is being conducted. Pizza lunch will be provided.

**The Merlin & Lois Rehm Pastoral Residency** is pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Joshua Hollmann as guest speaker on **Wednesday, April 24**, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Dr. Hollmann is familiar to many of us from his time as professor of religion at Concordia-NY. He is currently Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia-St. Paul and senior pastor of True Light Lutheran Church in Manhattan. He will speak on a life-long topic of interest and study, "Building Trust in Christian-Muslim Relations."

**SAVE THE DATE: Blood Drive May 18** - We are excited to again partner with the New York Blood Center on Saturday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. to host a blood drive at our facility. To secure an appointment online please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/518blood>

**Wanted: Runners for the 2024 New York City Marathon** - Team Chapel is recruiting runners to run the NYC Marathon on November 3, 2024. Runners should be willing and able to run 26.2 miles, and commit to and guarantee a \$3,000 personal fundraising goal. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Kim Z. in the Development Office at [KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org) or 914-337-3202 (1040).

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – Rehearsals this week are as follows:

- **High School Choir** rehearse Good Friday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday, March 31, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Village Bells** rehearse Easter Sunday, March 31, at 10:15 a.m.
- **Youth Choir** rehearse Good Friday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday, March 31, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearse Good Friday, March 29, at 7:10 p.m.; Easter Sunday, March 31, at 8:40 a.m.

**Youth News:** Voyagers (Grades 3-6) preparation for Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, at 9:45 a.m.; next meeting Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Dinner Talk on Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m., next Confirmation class Sunday, April 14; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) next Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, April 14

- ❖ **Crusader Pre-Gathering Retreat** – Youth currently in Grades 8-12 are invited to a weekend retreat at Koinonia on **April 5-7**. This is in anticipation of the national youth gathering in New Orleans in 2025. For more information, contact Amy Heath at [amyheath1023@gmail.com](mailto:amyheath1023@gmail.com)

**Wednesday Bible Study** – On April 3 we will look at the account of Jesus being anointed by a "sinful woman" and the parable of Two Debtors (Luke 7:36-50)

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Linda & Dennis Bottos, Maxine Britt, Carole Burke, Bennett Chevalier, Alexandra Armillas Cuipak, Joshua Davenport, Rowena del Castillo, Nicholas DePierro, Theresa DePierro, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Eleanor Escherich, Francisca Febus, Faith Forliano, Sharon & John Hargrove, Edna Harris, Mackenzie Hayes, Nancy & Elijah Hylton, Joshlynn Laguerre, Merline Leon, Joseph Leonard, Isaiah Nieves, Sunny Pettinati, Louise Podszus, Agnes Rendo, Joun Robinson, John Scaramuzzo, Irmgard Schoene, Odila Stern, Ben Tashoff, Grant & Paxton Thomas, Jeff Wacaster, Liz Wagner

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

- † **Halina Stellmaszyk**, dear friend of the Podszus family, passed away on March 23, 2024
- † **Lorraine Taylor**, former VLC member, passed away on March 17, 2024
- † **Greta Krull**, member of Christ Lutheran in Yonkers until it closed and then a VLC member, passed away on March 16, 2024

#### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

***Make Easter offerings online during the Easter season!*** *It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions. But greater seasonal participation is always welcome. We encourage you to consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account and credit card or debit cards. It takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan. To learn more, visit the church website at <https://www.vlc-ny.org/give>.*

*You can also text to give at 833-685-4130. Thank you for supporting our mission "to know, live and share the love of Christ."*

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