

† NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
LWML Sunday
October 3, 2021

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

Christe sanctorum

John Behnke

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.**

OPENING HYMN

Each Morning Brings

Tune: PUER NOBIS

Each morning brings us fresh outpoured the loving-kindness of the Lord.

It ends not as the day goes past, but gives us strength while life shall last.

O God, the star of dawning day, give us that light for which we pray.
Your holy flame within us glow, that we no lack of grace may know.

Walk with us in the light of day, that we may ever, come what may,
in hope endure, in faith be strong; abide in us our whole life long.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

C **O God, Creator of all the living, fill us with the joy of knowing You as our Lord and Master, the grace to give of ourselves in response to Your love, and the faith to trust in You to provide all that we need; 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 2:18-24

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

1 ¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs....
2 ⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Congregation rising*)

P Alleluia. If we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us. (*1 John 4:12*)

C Serve the Lord with gladness, glorify His name. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came [to Jesus], and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB Hymn 848

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

LWML MESSAGE

Deacon Wendy Krolides

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

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

P We gather together here to celebrate one of the ministries of Village Lutheran Church and give thanks for the opportunity to share a tangible gift to those in need, the prayer shawl.

C May our hearts and minds be open to reach out to those in need of God's healing power and presence.

P These shawls were made to bring comfort to someone who is suffering in body, mind or spirit.

C May they feel touched by our love, and upheld up by our prayers.

P Let us pray: God of creation, redemption and sustaining grace, we thank You for the loving service of all who created these prayer shawls. Bless each shawl, and each person who receives one, that they may feel the love, comfort and peace of Your presence. Let Your light shine through this ministry and be a beacon of the hope that is promised to all of us; in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus.

C Amen.

† 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 Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts to establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to receive our Redeemer who comes to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

(Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the pre-packaged Communion kit, then return to your seat to eat and drink. Children and those not partaking of communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you need assistance, please alert the pastor or usher.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage, that on the day of His coming we may together with all Your saints celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

Jesus Shall Reign

LSB Hymn 832

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for Organ

Robert Powell

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Participants in the Service:

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, Senior Pastor

Deborah Reiss, Organist

Mimi Blanco, Lector

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

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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.**

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**

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(9:00) CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

As the Bridegroom to His Chosen

Jane Marshall

*As the bridegroom to his chosen, as the king unto his realm,
as the keep unto the castle, as the pilot to the helm, so, Lord, art Thou to me.*

*As the fountain in the garden, as the candle in the dark,
as the treasure in the coffer, as the manna in the ark, so, Lord, art Thou to me.*

*As the music at the banquet, as the stamp unto the seal,
as the medicine to the fainting, as the cup unto the meal,
so, Lord, art Thou to me.*

*As the ruby in the setting, as the honey in the comb,
as the light within the lantern, as the parent in the home,
so, Lord, art Thou to me.*

*As the sunshine in the heavens, as the image in the glass,
as the fruit unto the fig tree, as the dew upon the grass,
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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(9:00) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB Hymn 848

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

LWML MESSAGE

Fellowship Coordinator Nelly Palumbo

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Congregation rising*)

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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.

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OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Jesu, Jesu

Keith Kolander

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C **Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN (*Congregation rising*) LWML Hymn Tune: AURELIA
With joy we come together, our hearts of one accord,
rejoicing in the blessings of serving You, O Lord.
The gifts that You have given make us a mighty throng.
With thankfulness we raise up our praise to You in song.

† **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. We praise You for Your magnificent creation, for Your constant care, and for all the good gifts You have bestowed on us, especially the gift of our Redeemer who saves us from sin and death. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ **SANCTUS**

(LSB Page 161)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. 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:

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.

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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 HYMN Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us **LSB Hymn 851**

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

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C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

LSB Hymn 832

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for Organ

Robert Powell

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Participants in the Service:

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Deacon Intern Janet George	Deacon Joan Condon
Usher Team	Anton DeRosa Richard Graham Mark Runge Fred Swain	Elaine Podszus John Ansorge Kathy Coffey
Sexton	Sofia Renzo	
Refreshments	LWML Members (<i>on the Great Porch</i>)	

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.

COVID SAFETY PROTOCOL:

- ❖ In view of current conditions due to the COVID-19 Delta variant, **it is strongly recommended that masks be worn during the entire service, even if vaccinated.**
- ❖ Unvaccinated people, including children over 2, are asked to wear a mask at all times.
- ❖ Please pick up one Attendance Form per individual or family and place them in the offering plate during the service.

News and Notes:

The fall Voter's Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 3, at 12 noon** in the MPR. The budget will be presented. Copies of the budget and presentation are available at the tract rack by church doors for review prior to the meeting.

Music Ministry: You are invited to be a part of any group.

- **Village Belles** - Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (note the earlier start time)
- **Chancel Choir** - Thursday at 7:30 p.m. We request that all members be vaccinated.
- **Youth Choir** - Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR
- **High School Choir** - Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in the MPR.

For more information, contact Deb Reiss at DReiss@VLC-NY.org or George Heath at GHeath@VLC-NY.org.

Wednesday Bible Study - 10:45 a.m. in the Friendship Room. On **October 6** we will look at Psalms 114-115.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) will meet on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 6:00 p.m. Donuts & Discussion (High School) will meet on Sunday, Oct. 3. For more information, contact Erika Schultz at tyandbash@aol.com; Sarah Nunes (Confirmation instructor) at SNunes@VLC-NY.ORG; or Amy Heath (High School Youth) at amyheath1023@gmail.com

A Memorial Service for Dorothy Zelenko will be held at VLC on Saturday, **October 9, at 2:00 p.m.** A livestream link will be available at VLC-NY.org.

SOUP KITCHEN - Due to delays in renovating the new soup kitchen, our September date was completely cancelled. The next hosting date will be on **Wednesday, Oct. 13**. Please sign up in advance at tinyurl.com/Cooking2021. For more information, contact Nelly Palumbo at 347-538-2909 or NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org.

Lunch Bunch News: The Lunch Bunch has been on hiatus due to covid-19. As a special kick-off to activities, Pastor Hartwell would like to invite any interested church members or community friends to gather for a **Lunch Bunch Reunion/ Kick-Off at Leewood Country Club on Thursday, October 14**. Cost is \$20 and reservations are required. To sign up, please write a note on the Attendance Form or call the church office at 914-337-0207 (1003).

Women's Bible Study/LWML - The next meeting is **Saturday, Oct. 16, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Friendship Room. This month we will discuss the birth of John the Baptist. Please read Luke 1:1-25, 36-45 and 57-80.

GodConnects: A Course on Christianity. Three Thursday evenings this fall via Zoom. Would you like to:

- Explore the basics of the Christian faith?
- Learn more about the faith background of The Chapel School?
- Prepare for adult baptism or confirmation?
- Join the church?

Join Pastor Hartwell for an introductory class that connects you to God's love!

Thursdays, October 21, November 4 and November 18 (No Class on October 28 or Veterans' Day-Nov. 11). Meet from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom.

To sign up, call the Church Office at 914-337-0207 (1003) or send an email to VLCMAIL@VLC-NY.ORG.

History Presentation by Dick Forliano: Come discover the connection between the Ward House (just north of the church on Route 22) and the success of the United States in the American Revolution. **Monday, October 25, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at VLC.** There is no cost. All attendees are strongly encouraged to mask up for safety. For more info, call the Church Office at 914-337-0207 (1003)

Prayer Conference Call: We invite you to join in prayer by telephone for the needs of the community on the last Tuesday of the month. The next date will be **Tuesday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m.** To access the call, dial (1) 732-434-3982.

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed to prepare coffee and bring light refreshments. If you can volunteer for a date later this fall, please sign up on the bulletin board by the church entrance or contact Nelly Palumbo at 347-538-2909 or NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org

Looking for Lectors: If you would be interested, please write a note on the Attendance Form or contact Kim Rapillo in the church office, 914-337-0207 x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org.

Blessing Basket/Food for ECAP: The Blessing Baskets are located in the Friendship Room under the piano. Bring in food donations when you come for worship or leave them with the receptionist during the week. **Could you volunteer to bring donations from the church to ECAP** (Main Street in Tuckahoe)? Please contact the church office to coordinate, 914-337-0207 x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Kent Bauer, Gena Belloli, Dean Carbone, Frank Clark, John Eaton, Maria Febus, Deacon Faith Forliano, Kathryn Haddad, Annabella Hansen, Ben Hartwell, Suzanne Heinrich, Keith Hough, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Frankie Lyman, Ellie Messner, Joshua Pedrosa & U.S. troops, Sylvia Puig, Hilda Qualitero, Ralph Qualitero, Willi Rosendahl, Steve Smith, Christopher Swensson, Ben Tashoff

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

† **Michael Samaroo**, friend of Nelly Palumbo, who passed away on September 23, 2021

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Loving God, as this shawl is created, may it be woven with love and compassion. May it be a sign of hope and caring from our family of faith. Amen.

What is “Prayer Shawl Ministry”?

A Prayer Shawl is a soft, warm shawl, knitted or crocheted, which is given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a crisis. The shawl is intended to provide warmth, comfort, a “hug”, and to be a reminder of God’s embracing arms, which are always around us.

The shawl is blessed and then taken to the person, with a note similar to the one below, along with prayers of comfort:

“This Prayer Shawl was made especially for you with love and prayer.

It is a gift from your friends at Village Lutheran Church.

It is our prayer that you receive comfort and solace as you wear it
and that it will encircle you in God’s love and peace, now and always.”

The mystery of the Prayer Shawl is not in the yarn or in the needles, but in the action of God. God is working in the lives of the one who will receive the shawl. God is also working in the lives of the knitters and crocheters.

Are all shawls the same?

There is no right or wrong way to create these gifts of love. They do not have to look alike or be the same color. You can knit or crochet, you may use the suggested yarn, or use yarn you prefer. You may use one of the patterns suggested here or use your own.

What materials are needed?

YARN: 3 skeins (6oz. each) of Lion Brand, Homespun yarn, or you can use any kind you prefer.

NEEDLES: Knitting, Size 11 or 13 Crochet, Size M.

PATTERN: If you have a favorite pattern – use it! Each shawl can be unique. See back for ideas.

TIME & A PRAYERFUL HEART: Sit, stitch, and pray. Each time you sit to make your shawl, take a few minutes to pray for the person who will receive it, even if you don’t know who that will be – God knows. Pray for strength, comfort and healing. Pray for the doctors, nurses, and all who care for the person. Pray that the person may draw closer to Jesus and feel God’s presence in their lives.

What happens when the shawl is finished?

A completed shawl may be turned into the church office, or given to one of the Pastors. The shawl will be blessed with a special prayer, and then the pastors or deacons will deliver the shawl to someone in need.

PATTERNS AND TIPS FOR MAKING A SHAWL

Pattern Suggestions

Knit Pattern: Garter Stitch

Using size 11 needles cast on 63 stitches. Knit two skeins. Cut 12" pieces for the fringe (if desired) from the third skein. Finish knitting the third skein. Add the fringe. Finished shawl will be about 26" x 60".

Knit Pattern:

Use size 11 or 13 needles. Cast on 57 stitches (or 63 for wider shawl). Knit 3, purl 3 to the end of the row. Turn and repeat the pattern, always beginning with "knit 3" (knit the purl and purl the knit). Knit about 2 and 2/3 skeins. Use the rest for fringe, or crochet scallops around the edges. The fringe is made by cutting about 108 lengths of yarn about 8 inches long. Hold 2 together and fold in half. This creates 4 ends. Pull through and knot.

Crochet Pattern:

Use a size M hook, chain 54 stitches or to desired width. Chain 1, turn, single crochet in each of the stitches to the end. Chain 3 and turn. Double crochet in top of each single crochet. Repeat this row 2 more times. Chain 1 and do 1 row of single crochet to the end. Repeat this row 2 more times. Continue alternating 3 single and 3 double. End with 2 single crochet rows. Finished shawl should be about 26" x 60".

Prayer Shawl Tips

Knitting Tip:

When casting on go up one size, which will give you a looser binding edge. For example, if you are using size 11 needles for the body, cast using size 13 for the first row only.

Crocheting Tip:

To add beads on the end of a shawl, use a smaller hook. Place the bead on the hook and single crochet the bead onto the end of the shawl.

Tassel Tip:

If adding tassels, use a latch hook. It keeps the yarn secure as tassels are pulled through.

Multiple Shawls:

If you want to continue praying for the recipient after the shawl is finished, use a different color yarn for each shawl you make. Save a small scrap of yarn from each shawl and tie it on to an old needle. Occasionally take out the needle as a guide to help you pray for each person.