

**† THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD †**  
**February 27, 2022**

<b>Service of Holy Communion 9:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b>
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**PRELUDE**

Schönster Herr Jesu

William Brusick

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION** (*Congregation rising*)

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

**C Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us first confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:  
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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**

Beautiful Savior

LSB Hymn 537

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C Almighty God, You showed Your glory in the transfiguration of Your Son on the mountaintop. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold our King in all His glory; 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 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the

Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE**

2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

**3** <sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. **4** <sup>1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **(9:00) CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

Sing, My Soul

Ned Rorem

*Sing, my soul, His wondrous love, who from yon bright throne above,  
ever watchful o'er our race, still to man extends His grace.*

*Heav'n and earth by Him were made, all is by His scepter swayed;  
what are we that He should show so much love to us below?*

*God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood,  
and to make our safety sure, guides us by His spirit pure.*

*Sing, my soul, adore His name; let His glory be thy theme:*

*Praise Him till He calls thee home, trust His love for all to come.*

### **JALLELUIA VERSE** (Congregation rising)

(LSB Page 205)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

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

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

<sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" – not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

<sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here

LSB **Hymn 414**

**SERMON**

"This Will Change Us"

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

(9:00) **BLESSING & PRESENTATION OF BIBLES**

**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 God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

Variations on "Deo Gracias"

**OFFERING HYMN** (*Congregation rising*) (LSB Hymn 413, v. 1 & 5)

O wondrous type! O vision fair of glory that the church may share,  
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun He glows!

O Father, with th' eternal Son and Holy Spirit ever one,  
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace to see Thy glory face to face.

† **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 Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, 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. In the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in this most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. 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 The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**AGNUS DEI**

(LSB Page 210, adapted)

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB Hymn 739

(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.)

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**P** Eternal God, we give You thanks for the gift of love You have bestowed upon us in this holy meal. By the power of the Holy Spirit, grant that we, who have not seen and yet believe, may boldly live the gospel and shine with Your transforming glory, as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ 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**

The Nunc Dimittis

(LSB Page 211)

O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,  
the glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;  
for as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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Mark Sedio

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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:**

	9:00	10:45
<b>Lector</b>	Janet George	George Heath
<b>Usher Team</b>	Richard Graham Volunteers	Ralph Schoene Volunteers
<b>Sexton</b>	Audrey Heath	
<b>Refreshments</b>	The Chandler Family (MPR)	

**Health & Safety Precautions:** Thank you for helping us care for each other.

- If you are feeling unwell or have been exposed to or tested positive for Covid-19, please join us virtually (VLC-NY.org, YouTube, Facebook)
- Feel free to move if you are uncomfortable with the proximity of a fellow worshipper
- All worshippers 2 years old and older, must wear a properly fitting mask

**News and Notes:**

**Lutheran Social Services of NY** is working with unaccompanied minors far from home who are awaiting placement with a foster family. Our church is giving the program Spanish Bibles which will be blessed at the 9:00 service. We are also happy to welcome some of these young people with us today, and pray that the Bibles will be a source of strength and comfort. Our partnership with LSS-NY is a real world following of Jesus' command from the Gospels to welcome Christ by welcoming others (Matthew 25:35).

**Flowers in the chancel** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Herbert Kollmann on his 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in heaven, with love from his family.

**Holy Baptism:** We rejoice with the newly baptized and welcome them into the family of faith. Arianna Forte, daughter of Kevin and Melissa Manigault-Forte, was baptized at a special service on February 26, 2022.

**Prayer Shawls Urgently Needed:** Do you like to knit or crochet? Prayer shawls are created by volunteers and sent to those recovering from illness or surgery. Pick up a brochure by the Jesus Fountain or at the tract rack by the church entrance for specific instructions. May God bless the work of your hands!

**Ash Wednesday** services with ashes and Holy Communion are on **March 2 at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.** Midweek Lenten services continue on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., featuring "Lenten Midweek Monologues from Famous Biblical Characters."

**Spring Worship Schedule:** The Saturday evening service resumes next weekend, March 5 at 5:30 p.m., and will continue through June. Please also note

that Daylight Savings Time begins the following weekend, March 12-13. Remember that the clock "springs forward" one hour!

**Lutheran Schools Week** begins on **Sunday, March 6**, when we will celebrate Lutheran education and the ministry of The Chapel School. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Laura Labenberg, Executive Director of the Lutheran Schools Association, and there will be special music by The Chapel School Select Choir.

**Lunch Bunch Pre-Spring Luncheon** - At VLC for vaccinated and boosted seniors on **Tuesday, March 8, at 11:30 a.m.** After we eat, a special guest will lead us in Tai Chi. **Please RSVP** by filling out the back side of the Attendance Form or contact the church office at 914-337-0207x1003 or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org)

**First Communion Instruction** will be offered once again during Lent for youth in 5th grade or older plus one parent or guardian. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, **March 9, 16, 23 and 30**, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. There will be a lock-in on Friday, April 1, and a special First Communion service on Sunday, April 3, at 10:45 a.m. For more information, or to register your child, please contact the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org).

**Easter Baskets for Community Children:** You can bring joy to a child who has very little. Please pick up an empty basket at the back of the church and fill it with some of the suggested items. Wrap in cellophane and return to the church **no later than Sunday, April 3.**

**SOUP KITCHEN** - Aluminum trays are available at the Reception Desk. Volunteers prepare food in the trays and drop off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. The next date is **Wednesday, March 16**. Please sign up in advance to confirm your contribution. For more information, contact Nelly Palumbo at [NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org](mailto:NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org) or 347-538-2909.

**Women's Bible Study/LWML** - The next meeting is **Saturday, March 19**, at 9:00 a.m. Join us to study three examples of faith when Jesus returns from Samaria to Jerusalem to begin His ministry in Galilee. Please read John 4:43-54, Luke 4:14-30 and 5:1-11 in preparation. For more information, contact Deacon Wendy at 914-391-9356 or Terry Vidal ([terry.n.vidal@gmail.com](mailto:terry.n.vidal@gmail.com)).

**Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)** representative Katharine Nemeth from will be at VLC on **Sunday, March 20**. She will bring greetings from LIRS at the 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. services and will also give a brief presentation between services. Meet Katie here to find out more or go to [www.lirs.org](http://www.lirs.org)

**Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center** (a Christian ministry in Sharon, CT) is hiring summer staff. Must be at least 16 years old; other age requirements apply for specific positions. Find out more at [www.SilverLakeCT.org/Employment](http://www.SilverLakeCT.org/Employment). The sleep away summer camp brochure is also available at the Youth Board in the MPR or at [www.SilverLakeCT.org](http://www.SilverLakeCT.org).

**RideConnect**, a program of Family Services of Westchester, **provides free volunteer transportation** and resource and referral advice to adults age 60+. Please let people know this service is available, and consider volunteering yourself. For information on volunteering, or to request a ride or resource information, call the office Monday-Friday from 9-5 at 914-242-7433 or go to [www.RideConnectWestchester.org](http://www.RideConnectWestchester.org)

**Music Ministry:** Please note the schedule for this week:

- **Village Belles** - Meet Ash Wednesday, March 2, at 6:45 p.m.
- **Youth Choir** - Rehearse Thurs., March 3, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Chancel Choir** - Meet Ash Wednesday, March 2, at 7:15 p.m.; off Thursday, March 3, and Sunday, March 6
- **High School Choir** - Rehearse Feb. 27 at 10:15 a.m.

For more information, contact Deb Reiss at [DReiss@VLC-NY.org](mailto:DReiss@VLC-NY.org) or George Heath at [GHeath@VLC-NY.org](mailto:GHeath@VLC-NY.org).

**Wednesday Bible Study** - Gather in Friendship Room starting at 10:45 a.m.; study begins at 11:00 a.m. On March 2, we will continue looking at Philippians 1:1-11. Class will end at 11:45 to prepare for Ash Wednesday worship.

**Youth News: Voyagers** (Grades 3-6) will meet on Thursday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m. **Donuts & Discussion** (High School) will meet on Sunday, Feb. 27. For more information, contact Erika Schultz at [tyandbash@aol.com](mailto:tyandbash@aol.com); Sarah Nunes (Confirmation instructor) at [SNunes@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:SNunes@VLC-NY.ORG); or Amy Heath (High School Youth) at [amyheath1023@gmail.com](mailto:amyheath1023@gmail.com)

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: John Accocella, Robert Burriesci, Flora Caivano, Frank Clark, Ginny Connely, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Gail Epstein, Charlie Eisenberg, Deacon Faith Forliano, Richard Forliano, Ben Hartwell, Chris Hayes, Keith Hough, Mike Knuth, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Eugene Lunog, Janet Lunog, Chris Murphy, Carol Pietarinen, Sylvia Puig, Kristine Pulaski, Morena Rodriguez, Rev. Roberto Rojas Sr., Willi Rosendahl, Tom Sluberski, Ben Tashoff, Deb Tashoff, Mindy Warnken, Alfred Woltersdorf

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

- † **Doug Salisbury**, cousin of Ilse Koerper, who passed away on February 19, 2022
- † **Edna Schloton**, friend of the VLC community and mother of Joy Elwell and Nancy Kavanagh, who passed away on February 12, 2022
- † **Winifred Lehenbauer**, cousin of Kathy Coffey and Mary Messner Martin, who passed away on February 11, 2022

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