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CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus

Paul Manz

*Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.*

*Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord!*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming, is coming soon!*

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!*

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light **LSB Hymn 411**

SERMON

"The Choice"

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

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING HYMN (*Congregation rising*) (LSB Hymn 955)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
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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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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)

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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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CLOSING HYMN

LSB Hymn 540

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate (v. 1-2 and 5-6)

DISMISSAL

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Service of Confirmation & Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

James Brauer

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

Alabaré

LSB Hymn 799

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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P Let us pray:

C O God, the Giver of all that is good, inspire us by Your Holy Spirit to keep in our hearts and minds whatever is right and by Your merciful guidance accomplish what You desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 16:10-15

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*There will be a cookie reception on the Great Porch after the service.
Congratulations to our Confirmands!*

Participants in the Services:

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Katie Vogt	Valerie Runge
Usher Team	Richard Graham	Ralph Schoene
Sexton	Sofia Renzo	
Refreshments	Clark Family	Danielle DiCuio

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.

News and Notes:

God Bless Our Confirmands – We celebrate this day with the Confirmation Class of 2022 and their families: Layla Livingston, Jillian Rooney, Chloe Runge, Greta Sturek, Sophia Tavarez, Lucy Vargas

Sneakers and Tablets for Kids – Lutheran Social Services is seeking donations for these needed items. Please make checks payable to VLC with the memo line “LSS-KIDS” or go online to <https://tinyurl.com/VLCLSSNY> or donate new sneakers (size 5-9, boy or girl). For more info, contact Deacon Intern Tony DeRosa at countcafe@gmail.com or Deacon Janet George at janetgeorge@me.com

Evangelism Zoom Workshop – Learn best practices to share faith with those who may not have a relationship with Christ, who have no church home, or who just want to talk about important faith issues. **Tuesday, May 24 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.** online or by phone. For more information, call 914-337-0207 (1003) or email VLCMAIL@VLC-NY.ORG.

Prayer Conference Call: Our final prayer service this spring is **Tuesday, May 31, at 6:00 p.m.** Call (1) 732-434-3982. If you have a special prayer request, please contact the church office at 914-337-0207, x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org

Baccalaureate Sunday is June 5. If you would like to recognize a graduate, please submit the following information to the church office: (1) Name of the graduate; (2) Name of the school; (3) Plans for continuing education, if any. Use the back of the Attendance Form or send an email to KRapillo@VLC-NY.ORG. Information must be submitted **no later than Tuesday, May 31.**

Church and School Picnic: We will resume our annual tradition of an outdoor picnic lunch on Baccalaureate **Sunday, June 5**, at noon. Grilled meats and drinks provided; the rest is potluck. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Chapel School Golf Outing: Join us on **Monday, June 6**, at Siwanoy Country Club in support of technology and student scholarships. Entry fee is \$425/person or \$1600/foursome and includes food, beverages, 18 holes, and cart/fore-caddy. To register, go to www.TheChapelSchool.org or contact Kim Zwisdak, 914-337-0207, x1040 or KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org

Youth Tag Sale – The sale will be held on **Saturday, June 11.** Please set aside your items for donation and **drop them off at church on Thursday, June 9, between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m.** All proceeds go to support of those attending the youth gathering this summer. If you have any questions, contact Amy Heath at 914-439-3839 or amyheath1023@gmail.com

June Lunch Bunch: We are pleased to resume our end-of-year luncheon at Siwanoy Country Club on **Tuesday, June 14.** Cost is \$35/person. Please RSVP to the church office at 914-337-0207, x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org

SOUP KITCHEN – Prepare food in aluminum trays (Reception desk) and drop off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. The next date is **Wednesday, June 15**. Please sign up in advance to confirm your contribution. For more information, contact Nelly Palumbo at NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org or 347-538-2909.

VBS 2022 Update: Please note that our summer Vacation Bible School will be held on **August 1-5** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This year's theme is "God's Wonder Lab – Jesus Does the Impossible." Registration is open now thru August 1.

Music Ministry: Our choirs are off this week; rehearsals resume as follows:

- **Village Belles** - Wednesday, June 1, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Youth Choir** – Thursday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Chancel Choir** – Thursday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m.
- **High School Choir** – Sunday, May 22, at 10:15 a.m.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) will meet on Thursday, May 26, at 6:00 p.m. **Donuts & Discussion** (High School) will meet on Sunday, May 22. For more information, contact Erika Schultz at tyandbash@aol.com or Amy Heath (High School Youth) at amyheath1023@gmail.com

Wednesday Bible Study – Class begins at 11:00 a.m. On May 25, we will be looking at the end of Philippians.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: John Accocella, Joan Adams, Rev. Henry Albrechtsen, Bill Anderson, Marge Baum, Stephen Bella, Christopher Braden, Maxine Britt, Vincent Brown, Flora Caivano, Rachel Campanello, Joann Chin, Frank Clark, Tracy Collins, Byran Dacosta, Donna DeCecco, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Dimos Family, Nicolas DiPiero, Gail Eckstein, Rhonda Gleason, Gabriel Gordon, Nathan Graybosch, Oana Hantar, Trish Hayde, Donna Heath, Maria O'Hara Iacampo, Nancy Hylton, Deborah Johnson, Mekiah Knox, Mike Knuth, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Merline Leon, Frank Lyman, Lucille McGough, Christian Messado, Gloria Mayer, Keith O'Dowd, Edward Orlik, Joshua Pedrosa, Sunnaria Pettinati, Louise Podszus, Sylvia Puig, Hilda Qualetero, Anthony Rapillo, Willi Rosendahl, Susan Schwager, Clark Smith, Steven Smith, Frances Turcnyn, Bill Vogt, Lorna Watson, Paul Watson, Kenisha Williams

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

- † **Christos Totolis, Sr.**, father of John (Lindsey) Totolis, who passed away on May 11, 2022
- † **Clarine Dohrenwend**, mother of TCS guidance counselor Cathy Price, who passed away on May 10, 2022

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