

† SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
July 17, 2022

Outdoor Service of Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.
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PRELUDE

WELCOME *(You are invited to choose additional hymns for the service)*

INVOCATION and CONFESSION *(Congregation rising)*

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yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

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RESPONSORY (*Congregation rising*)

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C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

SERMON "Pop Verses – Lamentations 3:22-23"

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 We ask:

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & HYMN CHOICE

OFFERING PRAYER (*Congregation rising*)

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C Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PREFACE

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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.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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

I've Got the Joy

AGPS Hymn 140

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

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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.

Service of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LSB Hymn 802

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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HYMN OF PRAISE (*Sung to the hymn "Crown Him With Many Crowns"*)

Worthy is Christ our Lord, the Lamb for sinners slain,
whose blood has set His people free, who over all things reigns.
To Him be glory now, to Him be pow'r and might,
to Him be wisdom, honor, strength; the Victor in the fight.

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RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM (insert)

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CLOSING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

LSB Hymn 733

DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

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Participants in the Service:

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Katrina Stidham	Ralph Schoene
Communion Asst.	Esther Linn	Larry Cosentino
Altar Care	Pastor Hartwell	
Usher Team	Bill Vogt Lilann Skeckowski Warren Wong	Georgine Read Ilse Koerper
Sexton	Lorelei Heath	
Refreshments	Linn Family	

News and Notes:

Many thanks to our organist for the 10:45 service, Philip Godlewski. He has been an active church musician and has been worshipping with us recently in retirement. Minister of Music Deb Reiss is spending time with family.

HOLY BAPTISM – We rejoice with the newly baptized and welcome them into the family of faith:

- ❖ Oliver Blot, son of Caitlin and Tyler Blot, was baptized at a special service on July 16, 2022
- ❖ Arceniak Klein, daughter of Colby and Lucy Klein, is being baptized at the 10:45 service this Sunday, July 17

SOUP KITCHEN – Prepare food in aluminum trays (Reception desk) and drop off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. The need has increased, and the kitchen is now serving 70-80 meals per night. For those who might be more available during the summer, sign-up for our next date of **Wednesday, July 20**. For more information, contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) and **Lifers** (Grade 7-Going into 9th) meet on Thursday, July 21, at 6:00 p.m. **Donuts and Discussion** will meet on Sundays, July 17, 24 and 31, after the 9:00 service.

Children's bulletins are available each week. They include word games, pictures and activities related to the readings or liturgical theme of the week. Families can also take them home to review and explore after worship.

VBS 2022: 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.

- ❖ **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS** -- We need YOU to help make Vacation Bible School a great success! If you like serving snacks, making crafts, reading Bible stories, and sharing God's love, then this is a week for you! Middle and High School students are welcome to help as well...this is a great way to get community service hours! Fill out this form to sign up:
<https://forms.gle/8VUMYvZNwi9nSGQj8>.

For more information, contact Danielle DiCuio (DDiCuio@TheChapelSchool.org) or Kate Marino (KMarino@TheChapelSchool.org)

Summer Coffee Hour: Many thanks to those who have already signed up! We are in need of some additional volunteers to host light refreshments toward the end of summer. Bring milk, juice and cookies, crackers, etc. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong during coffee hour.

Blessing Basket/Food for ECAP: We continue to collect non-perishable food items. One excellent way is to pick up a few items while you shop and drop them off in the Friendship Room or at the Reception Desk. **Volunteers are needed** to pick up the donations once per week and deliver them to ECAP (Main Street in Tuckahoe). You can sign up for a specific date by going to our web site or contact the church office at 914-337-0207, x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry: We are in need of more prayer shawls. These hand made gifts bring solace to anyone that has been injured, or is recovering from surgery. If you like to knit or crochet, please join this ministry by making a prayer shawl. For more information, please contact Kim Rapillo at 914-337-0207 x 1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org.

2022 Stewardship Appeal – Thank you to all who have returned pledge cards in response to our 2022 Stewardship Appeal, "We are all in this together."

As of Monday, July 11:

- ❖ 26 individuals or families have returned a pledge card
- ❖ \$137,005.00 pledged
- ❖ 8 individuals or families signed up for electronic giving

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty:
John Accocella, Bernie Ansorge, Marge Baum, Arthur Bier, Jennifer Brown,
Vincent Brown, Lorelei Burns, Flora Caivano, Rachel Campanielle, Frank Clark,
Agnes Coakley, Ron DeGeorge, Fran DeLillis, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Linda Fader,
Trish Hayde, Gloria Hazan, Billy Hildreth, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Larson Family,
Frank Lyman, Gabriel Mancuso, Isaiah Nieves, Laura Pencola, Gus Politis, Jason
Psomas, Sylvia Puig, Hilda Qualetero, Willi Rosendahl, Chloe Runge, Dottie
Rudolf, Ilene Tangredi, Ben Tashoff, Alfred Woltersdorf, Edward Zlock

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