

† TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
August 1, 2021

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

What is This Bread

Valerie Floeter

WELCOME *(Hymns will be chosen during this time)*

INVOCATION and CONFESSION *(Congregation rising)*

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

C **Amen.**

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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.

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OPENING HYMN CHOICE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE (*Congregation rising*)

P Alleluia. God rained down manna for the people to eat; He gave them the grain of heaven.

C **Human beings ate the bread of angels; God sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

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

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY I Love to Tell the Story (v. 1, 4, 7) AGPS **Hymn 128**

SERMON

Rev. Scott Geminn

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.**

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

Seek Ye First

AGPS Hymn 207

† 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 has taken away the sins of the world, who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again has restored to us 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:

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."

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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.

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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As you are able, please stack your chairs and return your hymnal to the book rack. The black plastic packets can be placed on the usher cart, along with any bulletins to be recycled.

All are welcome to stop by the School Entrance (lower level) for summer refreshments after the service.

Service of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

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Paul Manz

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OPENING HYMN

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LSB Hymn 545

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HYMN OF THE DAY

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LSB Hymn 712

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

What is This Bread

Valerie Floeter

OFFERING HYMN (*Congregation rising*) Let the Vineyards (LSB Hymn 955)
Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

† HOLY COMMUNION †

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BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer **LSB Hymn 918**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Cwm Rhondda Walter Pelz

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Participants in the Service:

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Ellen Story	Kristin Pimentel
Usher Team	Anton DeRosa, Fred Swain, Richard Graham Mark Runge	Elaine Podszus John Ansorge Kathy Coffey
Sexton	Lily Bennett, Henry Podoll	
Refreshments	Runge Family	

News and Notes:

SUMMER SAFETY GUIDELINES:

- ❖ Those who are fully vaccinated may choose whether to wear a mask. Any unvaccinated people are asked to continue wearing a mask indoors.
- ❖ Please pick up one Attendance Form per individual or family and place them in the offering plate as the ushers collect offerings during the service.
- ❖ Pre-packaged Communion kits with bread and non-alcoholic wine will be distributed by the pastor during the service via continuous line. Gluten-free wafers are also available.
- ❖ We continue to avoid shaking hands, and hand sanitizer is available throughout the facility.

Pastor Hartwell is away this weekend. He will be back in the office on Monday, August 2.

Geminn Farewell - If you would like to contribute to a good-bye gift of appreciation for the Geminn family, you may still do so by check to VLC (mark the memo "Geminn") or online at <https://www.vlc-ny.org/give> ("other"/memo: Geminn). A small basket with blank note cards marked "Notes for the Geminns" is also available; place notes in the offering plate. Pastor Geminn's last Sunday preaching at VLC will be Sunday, September 5.

Good News Christian Coffee House is pleased to present a concert of contemporary jazz-gospel music by Trans Jazz on **Sunday, August 1, at 3:00 p.m.** Admission is \$10/Adult, \$5/H.S. and College Students, \$3/Child, and the concert will be held in the sanctuary of Village Lutheran Church.

Outdoor Summer Evening Prayer: The final service for this summer is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 4, at 7:30 p.m.**

Outdoor Choir: We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, to prepare for the service of evening prayer, then will take a break. Regular choir rehearsals will resume in September. Watch for updates or contact Minister of Music Deb Reiss at 914-337-0207 (x1018) or DReiss@VLC-NY.org

SOUP KITCHEN MEALS: Our next date is **Wednesday, August 11**. Sign up in advance to choose your food item, pick up a tray, prepare food at home, and drop off at church between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. For more info, contact Nelly Palumbo at 347-538-2909 or NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org

SAVE THE DATE: Blood Drive on September 11

VLC and The Chapel School are excited to again partner with the New York Blood Center on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 9AM until 1:30PM to host a blood drive at the church. 9/11 Day was launched in 2002 as an annual day of service to honor the victims and heroes of Sept. 11. To secure an appointment online please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/911blood>

VLC High School Youth and Parents: We would appreciate receiving your thoughts on our High School Youth Group Program as we plan for the fall. The survey is on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vlcyouth2021>. Feel free to forward the survey to any interested youth or parents. Thank you.

Lunch Bunch News: The Lunch Bunch is hoping to restart monthly luncheons in the fall on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m., meeting at the church for lunch, fellowship and entertainment. The Lunch Bunch has been on hiatus due to covid-19. As a special kick-off to activities, Pastor Hartwell would like to invite all former and prospective Lunch Bunch attendees to gather for a **Lunch Bunch Reunion/ Kick-Off at Leewood Country Club on Thursday, October 14.** Cost is \$20 and reservations are required. Assuming we can safely gather, and if you would be interested in attending, please let the church office know now by writing a message on the attendance card or calling 914-337-0207 (1003). We are looking to get a general head count as we plan for the day.

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. Every little bit helps. Thank you!

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Bill Blume, Frank Clark, Frank DiMucci, Annabella Hansen, Ben Hartwell, Judy Hartwell, Keith Hough, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Donna Lubinsky, Frankie Lyman, Ruth McKee, Sylvia Puig, Hilda Qualitero, Ralph Qualitero, Jonathan Roberts, Willi Rosendahl, Doug Salsbury, Frances Saracco, Bryan Schmeling, Ron Sjonvall, Steve Smith, Grete Wrede, Jacob Zelvin

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

- † **Robert Woltersdorf**, former VLC member, who passed away on July 23, 2021
- † **Lucille Borello**, VLC member, who passed away on July 25, 2021

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.

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