

**† TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY †**  
**February 15, 2026**

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

**PRELUDE**

Deo Gracias

Gordon Young

**OPENING HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)

LSB **Hymn 413**

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

**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.**

**¶ KYRIE and GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

(LSB Page 204)

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;  
goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing –  
our thanks for Your great glory, Lord, God our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry,  
where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,  
in God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C O God, in Your Son's transfiguration You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud You foreshadowed our adoption by grace. Make us heirs with Christ of Your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; 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 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE**

2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY** (*Congregation rising*)

(Psalm 99)

A The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

**C He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

A The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.

**C Let them praise Your great and awesome name. Holy is He!**

A Mighty King, lover of justice, You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**C Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool. Holy is He!**

A Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel also was among those who called on His name. They cried to the Lord, and He answered them.

**C He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept His decrees and the statutes that He gave them.**

A O Lord our God, You answered them; You were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

**C Extol the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.**

**JALLELUIA VERSE**

(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**

Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light.

<sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

**MESSAGE**

Deacon Dr. Anton DeRosa

**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**

A Lord, in Your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

Steal Away

Anne Buys

**† 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 at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection, and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of eternal 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** (*Sung to the hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory"*)

Holy, holy, Lord most holy, God of power, God of might:

Heav'n and earth reveal Your glory, shining through our darkest night.

Blest is He who comes among us. Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!

**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."

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**

LSB Hymn 631

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

*As you come forward, you will receive the bread in your hand (please ask for "gluten-free" if desired); then take the wine in the individual cup from the tray. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. After drinking, place empty cups in the second tray.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (*Congregation rising*)

A O God the Father, fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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**

In Christ There is No East or West

LSB Hymn 653

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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Kevin Hildebrand

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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:***

Rev. Mark Budenholzer, Associate Pastor/Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music

	9:00	10:45
<b>Lector</b>	Melissa Kobernitski	Philip Auman Godlewski
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Anton DeRosa	Philip Auman Godlewski
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Altar Care</b>	Anton DeRosa	
<b>Usher Team</b>	Volunteer Warren Wong	Georgine Read Ilse Koerper
<b>Refreshments</b>	Kobernitski Family	

## **News and Notes:**

**ASH WEDNESDAY and LENTEN WORSHIP** – The season of Lent begins this week on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**. We will have two worship services with ashes and Holy Communion at **12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.** During the Lenten season, we will have a Service of Evening Prayer with Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

**SOUP KITCHEN** – Prepare food in aluminum trays (available at the Reception desk) and drop-off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. The next date is **Ash Wednesday, February 18**. The menu is hot dogs (no pork), beans, salad and brownies. Please contact Katie Bukofzer directly at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**Prayer Conference Call** – All are welcome to our service of evening prayer by phone on the last Tuesday of the month, led by Pastoral Assistant Morris Mayer. A printed copy of the liturgy is available in the tract rack at the back of the sanctuary. To participate, simply dial (1) 732-434-3982. The next service is **Tuesday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m.**

**First Holy Communion** – First communion classes for children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or higher will be held during the Wednesdays in Lent. We will meet from 6-7 p.m. on **February 25, March 4, March 11 and March 18**. A parent or guardian must attend each session. First Communion Sunday will be **March 22** at the 10:45 a.m. service. To register, go to [www.VLC-NY.org/first-communion-form](http://www.VLC-NY.org/first-communion-form)

**Voter's Meeting** – Please note the date for our next Voter's Meeting on **Sunday, March 1**, at 12:00 noon. The agenda will include a continuation of matters discussed on February 1.

**Lutheran Schools Sunday** – We will kick off Lutheran Schools Week on **Sunday, March 1**, with special observances at the 9:00 a.m. service. The Chapel School Select Choir will sing, we will present The Chapel School Award, and the school faculty and staff will host the coffee hour. Please note that there will be no communion at 9:00. We will offer our traditional service of Holy Communion at 10:45, followed by the voter's meeting at noon.

**PEW CARDS** are located by the hymnal racks in every pew. They are available for you to submit prayer requests, update your contact info, or sign up for events:

- ❖ If you are visitor, please fill out the front side to let us know you were here
- ❖ Update your phone, email and/or mailing address. If you have not been receiving communications from the church, we would like to include you!
- ❖ Add a name to the Prayer Line or Bereavement Prayer Line
- ❖ Sign up for a fellowship event
- ❖ Submit other requests or information to the church office

Please place the pew cards in the offering plate or hand to an usher or pastor after the service.

**TEAM CHAPEL HALF MARATHON** – We have spots reserved for runners in the NYC Half Marathon on **March 15**. Open to any interested runner who is willing to commit to and guarantee a fundraising goal of \$1,750 in support of Team Chapel Arts. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Development Office, email [Development@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:Development@TheChapelSchool.org) or call 914-337-3202, x1040.

**GATHERING OF FRIENDS** – This year’s gala on **March 20** will feature “A Taste of the Caribbean” with a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing along with silent and live auctions. Held at Surf Club on the Sound in New Rochelle. Dinner and raffle tickets are still available. You can also support the event by donating auction items, purchasing ads, or by becoming a benefactor or sponsor. Go to [www.VLC-NY.org/gathering-of-friends](http://www.VLC-NY.org/gathering-of-friends)

**Wednesday Bible Study** – On Ash Wednesday, February 18, we will continue with our discussion of John chapter 12 but will break 15 minutes early to get ready for the 12:00 p.m. service.

**Music Ministry:** Choirs are off this weekend for the winter break. Rehearsals resume as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, March 8, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7:00 p.m. in preparation for the 7:30 service
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., Feb. 26, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Sun., Feb. 22, at 8:40 a.m.; Thurs., Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

**Youth News:** Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meeting on Thursday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class on Sunday, February 22; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, February 22

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Andrea Ansorge, Linda Blanco, Denise Corbett, Davenport Family, Elaine Davis, Donna Heath, Layne Klein, Benny Leyro, Michelle Liscoe, Thomas Marks, Ethan Podoll, Morena Rodriguez, John Scaramuzzo, Shaw Family, Unateresa Sheahan, Benjamin Schultz, Barbara Staalesen, Bill Vogt, Ronnie Walsh, Donald Westerby

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

- † **Amy Shaw**, friend of the Wade Family, passed away on January 27, 2026

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