

† **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT** †  
**February 22, 2026**

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

Southwell

James Engel

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

LSB **Hymn 424**

O Christ, You Walked the Road

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

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.**

**KYRIE**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C O Lord, You led Your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us safely through the wilderness of this world, that following our Savior, we may keep walking toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

**2** <sup>15</sup>The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die..." **3** <sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – <sup>13</sup>for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as through the one

man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** Ain'-a That Good News William Dawson

*I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news!  
I'm a-gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up my cross,  
gonna take it home to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news!  
I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom...  
I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom...  
I got a Savior in-a the Kingdom...*

**PSALM OF THE DAY** (*Congregation rising*) (from Psalm 32)

A Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C Happy are those whose sin the Lord does not count against them, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

A While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**C For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

A Then I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**C I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the guilt of my sin.**

A You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;

**C You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.

<sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The

tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB **Hymn 739**

**SERMON**

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

**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** Hear us, O God;

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

Balm in Gilead

Ralph Schultz

† **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. In righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve and barred them from the tree of life; yet in Your great mercy You promised salvation by a second Adam, Jesus Christ our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. 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)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. 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

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 163)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB Hymn 637

There is a Balm in Gilead

LSB Hymn 749

*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 Almighty God, we thank You for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to You will not hunger, and all who believe in You will not thirst. Send us back into the world to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of 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**

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

LSB **Hymn 418**

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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Healey Willan

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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>	Kristin Pimentel	Mimi Blanco
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kristin Pimentel	
<b>Youth/Comm. Asst.</b>	Gianna Miro	Volunteer
<b>Altar Care</b>	Kristin Pimentel	Joan Condon
<b>Usher Team</b>	Richard Graham Joe Wilkinson	Ralph Schoene
<b>Refreshments</b>	Russell Family	

**News and Notes:**

**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.**

**LENTEN WORSHIP** – During the Lenten season, February 25 through March 25, we will have a Service of Evening Prayer with Holy Communion on **Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.** If you would like to serve as a lector and/or communion assistant, please make a note on the pew card or contact the church office by email [Krapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:Krapillo@VLC-NY.org) or call 914-337-0207, x1003

**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.

**ATLANTIC DISTRICT FESTIVAL OF WORKSHOPS** – This one-day conference covers a wide variety of topics, including personal spiritual development, ministry tips and ideas, church music, and a keynote address by Bishop Emeritus David Benke. To be held on **Saturday, March 7,** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. at SUNY Maritime College, 6 Pennyfield Ave, Bronx NY 10465. Cost is \$35/person (including lunch) if registered by February 24; \$40 after that. Register and choose workshop sessions at [www.AD-LCMS.org](http://www.AD-LCMS.org)

**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.

**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 **Wednesday, March 18.** Sign up through our web site or contact Katie Bukofzer directly at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**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 The Surf Club on the Sound in New Rochelle. Tickets 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)

**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.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – On February 25, we will complete chapter 12 of John’s gospel and then begin the teachings of Jesus from the Last Supper in chapter 13.

**Music Ministry:** Rehearsals resume as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, March 8, at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., Feb. 26, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.; OFF Sun., March 1

**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, Denise Corbett, Davenport Family, Elaine Davis, Donna Heath, Layne Klein, Chris Ledley, Benny Leyro, Michelle Liscoe, Thomas Marks, Andrew “Andy” Micek, Ethan Podoll, Morena Rodriguez, Marion Scaramuzzino, John Scaramuzzo, Shaw Family, Unateresa Sheahan, Benjamin Schultz, Daphne and Pierre Thompson and Family, Bill Vogt, Ronnie Walsh, Donald Westerby

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

† **Tim Deppner**, friend of a parishioner, passed away on February 3, 2026

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