



**C O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith, that as we rely on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may be defended at all times by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(9:00) **YOUTH & H.S. CHOIR**

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

*I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 58:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. <sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 2:2-12

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for

our glory, <sup>8</sup>and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," <sup>10</sup>God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** The Lord is My Light Lillian Bouknight  
*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; whom shall I fear?  
In the time of trouble, He shall hide me; whom shall I fear?  
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage; He shall strengthen thy heart.*

**PSALMODY** (*Congregation rising*) (from Psalm 112)

A Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in His commandments.

**C Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

A They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**C It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.**

A For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

**C They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.**

A Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

**C They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.**

**ALLELUIA II** Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! (LSB Hymn 952)

**GOSPEL** Matthew 5:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

[Jesus began to teach them, saying:] <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp put it under the bushel basket; rather they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that

they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Love in Christ is Strong and Living **LSB Hymn 706**

### **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 Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

Let Us Break Bread

Eugene Englert

### **† 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known in Your Son, and in Him You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy"*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.

You alone are holy, worthy and righteous. God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### **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** (*Sung to the hymn "On Jordan's Bank"*)

Lord Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, who takes the sin of the world away.

Have mercy on us, grant us peace, and fill us with Your love and grace.

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees;

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees...

Let us praise God together on our knees...

*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 and ever-living God, we thank You for feeding us with the body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Assist us with Your grace, that we may continue as true members in the mystical body of Christ and do the good works that You desire; through the same 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**

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB Hymn 851

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Variations on "Hyfrydol"

Benton Price

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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 Services:***

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

<b>Lector/AM</b>	9:00 Chris Clark	10:45 George Pietarinen
<b>Youth/Comm. Asst.</b>	Noah Chandler	Volunteer
<b>Altar Care</b>	Maria Gitter	
<b>Usher Team</b>	Ralph Schoene Maria Gitter	Charlie Eisenberg
<b>Sexton</b>	Kaitlyn Clark	
<b>Refreshments</b>	Schell Podoll Family	

### **News and Notes:**

**THE CHOSEN – Season 2:** The last viewing session before the Lent/Easter break will be on **Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** The remaining episodes will be shown after Easter. If you are new, please RSVP to the church office using the pew card, email to [Krapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:Krapillo@VLC-NY.org), or call 914-337-0207, x1003. For more info, contact Deacon Janet George or Deacon Tony DeRosa.

**ASH WEDNESDAY and LENTEN WORSHIP** – The season of Lent begins 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.** Lenten midweek services will continue 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 23, 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.

**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. Tickets are on sale now. 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 February 11, we will be continuing with the events in John chapter 12 as Jesus entered into Jerusalem before Passover.

**Music Ministry:** Rehearsals for this week are as follows:

- ❖ High School Choir – Sunday, Feb. 8, at 8:30 a.m.; OFF Feb. 15
- ❖ Village Bells – Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Choir – Thurs., Feb. 12, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Chancel Choir – Thurs., Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m.; OFF Feb. 15

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

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Andrea Ansorge, Antonella Barbuto, Linda Blanco, Denise Corbett, Tom Corbett, Davenport Family, Elaine Davis, Donna Heath, Mary Johnson, Layne Klein, Michaela Knoppel, Ilse Koerper, Benny Leyro, Michelle Liscoe, Thomas Marks, Douglas Miller, Jennifer Pauta, Elaine Podszus, Shelby Restivo, Morena Rodriguez, John Scaramuzzo, Shaw Family, Unateresa Sheahan, Barbara Staalesen, Christian Vesperman, Bill Vogt, Ronnie Walsh, Peter Williams

**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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