Welcome to Village Lutheran Church! We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Golden would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

The Lord’s Supper  We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such. If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

In Our Prayers:
Strength and healing  Alison (friend of Charlotte), Barbara (friend of Scott & Cheryl), Betty, Bruce (father of Jonathan), Cemantha (niece of Dan), Dan, David, Dick, Don (grandfather of Jonathan), Don (brother of Judy), Dorothy, Elizabeth, Fred, Hannah, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan, Janie, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), Jim, John (friend of Charlotte), John (friend of Alan & Judy), John (friend of Sharon), Judy, London (friend of Linn), Luke, Millie (friend of Alan & Judy), Mike (son-in-law of Judy & Mike), Paul (nephew of Kathy), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott, Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Steve, Tammy (friend of Linn), Tom, Valerie (wife of Jack); Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn especially the family of Dick as well as the family of Jim; For those in the military, especially Tom and Aaron; For those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah; Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families; All Seminary students and Washington University students that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ; All missionaries, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (LCMS-Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); For the community in which we live, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; Those who are unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic.

Serving Us Today
Celebrant: Pastor Kevin Golden, PhD
Assistants: Vicar Michael Stainbrook, Pastor Matthew C. Harrison, DD
Crucifer: Christian Slayton (8); Felix Johnson (9:30)
Altar Guild: Pat Gilbert and Marilyn Daughhetee

Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and in honor of all of the saints who have gone before us.
Stand and face cross at the entrance of the nave.

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia”

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Confession and Absolution

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.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.
Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your 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 *I* Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

“The Song of Moses and Israel”

Refrain

I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song,* and He has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise Him,* my father’s God, and I will exalt Him.

Refrain
The LORD is a man of war;* 
the LORD is His name.

Pharaoh’s chariots and his host He cast into the sea,* 
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods covered them;*
they went down into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,* 
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

Refrain

Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods>*
Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

You stretched out Your right hand;*
the earth swallowed them.

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;*
You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,* 
the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,

the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established.*
The LORD will reign forever and ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* 
and to the Holy Spirit; 
as it was in the beginning,* 
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.
A  For the peace from above and for our salvation  let us pray to the Lord.

C  Lord,  have mer - cy.

A  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 mer - cy.

A  For this holy house  and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C  Lord,  have mer - cy.

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

C  A - men.
This Is the Feast

**Refrain**

C This is the feast of victory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow-er, riches, wisdom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the people of God, and
4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-

blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**

honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**

join in the hymn of all creation: **Stanza 4**

God and the Lamb forever. **A-men.** **Refrain**

gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. **Final Refrain**

**Final Refrain**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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All:

Choir: Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died in darkest hurt upon the tree
to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity.

Choir: refrain

All: refrain

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

1Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.
Alleluia and Verse

2 Timothy 1:10b

Christ Jesus has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.
The Hymn of the Day

“Awake, My Heart with Gladness”

Stanza 1 – all; Stanza 2 – men; Stanza 3 – choir; Stanza 4 – women & children

1. Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;
2. The foe in triumph shout ed, When Christ lay in the tomb;
3. This is a sight that gladdens—What peace it doth impart!
4. Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow’r are shorn;

Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.
But lo, he now is routed, His boasted is turned to gloom.
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.
Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.

My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory.
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take
Grim death with all its might Can not my soul affright;

When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o’er the grave.
The hope which God’s own Son In love for me has won.
It is a pow’r-less form, How’er it rave and storm.

5. Organ Solo. Text for meditation:
The world against me rages,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.
Choir: Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate’er He passes through.
He rends death’s iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell’s grim thrall;
I follow Him through all.

All: He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
“Who there My cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died
Shall here be glorified.”

Sermon
Stand
Apostles’ Creed

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.
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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:
Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.
Lord’s Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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 testament 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.”

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.
Agnus Dei

C  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.
Communion Hymn
“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”
Stanza 1 – all; Stanza 2 – choir; Stanza 3 – women; Stanza 4 – choir

1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,

our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine,
Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword;
Is - rael’s hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
With sin - cer - i - ty and love

Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side.
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Eat we man - na from a - bove.

5 Men: Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.

Alleluia!

6 All: Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.

Alleluia!

7 Choir: Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.

Alleluia!

8 All: Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.

Alleluia!
Communion Hymn

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst.
3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!"
4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;

Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
He has arisen this world to save.
Alleluia, to Him praises be.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death undergo;
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;

Even from death, dispelling its gloom.
And in its conquest His might did show.
Only the grave cloths are lying there."
Even the battle with sin is won."
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;

Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

Jesus is living, alleluia!
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

B 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.
Parting Hymn
“The Day of Resurrection”

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of ev - il That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav’ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,

The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin’s do - min - ion free,
And, lis - t’ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne

Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own “All hail!” and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
And hon - or, pow’r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

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Church & Pandemic: What can we learn from the past year? The April 18, 9:30 am adult Bible study will take up that topic with theological perspective. Pastor Golden will set forth biblical principles that guided us and offer lessons learned for the future. Time will also be given for Q&A.

The Sunday School New Life in Christ Easter Egg Hunt and Resurrection of Christ 30-minute children's movie takes place (today) Easter Sunday at 10am in the Sunday school area in the Lower Level. Families should meet in the Garden Room for instructions regarding when each age group is to go downstairs. Refreshments will be available for the parents and children while they wait. All children are invited to participate.

Katie Luther League will not meet in April. Our regular meetings will resume Saturday, May 8.

We give thanks to Christ for all who have helped adorn the church with Easter lilies. Kathy, Thomas, Sandra, and Matthew in memory of John Augustin; Kristine Boehlke for her father, John Schnid; Karen Bogad in memory of her sister Barb; Kathy Colter in loving memory of John; Marilyn Daughetee to the glory of God; Alan & Judy Jones in honor of Millie and John, two friends who have cancer; Mary Jones to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents; Anna Lea Kerckhoff in loving memory of her husband, Alex Kerckhoff, and her parents, Edgar and Nelda Ellermann; Cathlin Lautner in loving memory of her parents, Jean and Robert Hubeli; The Nolte Family in celebration of the Rite of Confirmation and in memory of Jennifer’s father, Craig Bicker; Lexine & Ken Pranschke in honor of Audrey Fink; Cathy, Bill and Lanie Thompson in memory of Phyllis (Bill’s mother) and Kirk (Cathy’s cousin); Debra Trowbridge in memory of her parents, Gerhardt & Betty Riemer; Todd & Dawn Werk for God’s many blessings to us.

“Christ is Our Cornerstone”
75th Anniversary Launch
1946-2021
Sunday, April 11, 2021, both services
The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison will preach.
Special choral and instrumental music
Plan to join in joyfully as we celebrate the beginning of Village Lutheran Church.
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Laura Jostes, Deaconess
Phillip Magness, Cantor
Mike Stainbrook, Vicar
Nicole Tanney, Preschool Director

Sunday, April 4:
  8:00 AM  Divine Service
  9:30 AM  Divine Service
10:00 AM  Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 AM  Divine Service

Tuesday, April 6:
  6:00 PM  Lifelight
  7:00 PM  Quarterlife

Wednesday, April 7:
  4:00 PM  Schola Cantorum
  5:00 PM  Youth
  7:00 PM  Adult Choir

Thursday, April 8:
  9:30 AM  Women’s Bible Study

Friday, April 9:
  6:30 AM  Men’s Bible Study

Sunday, April 11:
  8:15 AM  Divine Service
  9:30 AM  Sunday School and Bible Class
10:45 AM  Divine Service

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