

# † SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY †

## January 14, 2024

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

#### PRELUDE

Werde munter

Ferguson/Pachelbel

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

LSB Hymn **589**

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

#### 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.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

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**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**Refrain**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Refrain**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C**     **Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things in heaven and on earth. Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 LESSON**

1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

L        This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**        **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L        This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**        **Thanks be to God.**

**JALLELUIA VERSE** (*Congregation rising*)

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL**

John 1:43-51

P        The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

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

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also



the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Alleluia to Jesus

(printed on page 8)

### **SERMON**

Pastor 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 God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

McKee

James Biery

#### **OFFERING HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn 964, v. 1)

Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

### **† HOLY COMMUNION †**

#### **PREFACE**

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 by the leading of a star Your Son was revealed to all nations, and in the the waters of the Jordan He was proclaimed the Christ. 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 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 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**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**LSB Hymn 621**

In Christ There is No East or West

**LSB Hymn 653**

*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

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

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

LSB Hymn 937

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Land of Rest

Charles Callahan

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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:*

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Jennifer Podoll	George Pietarinen
Assisting Minister	Janet George	George Pietarinen
Altar Care	Janet George	
Usher Team	Bill Vogt Lilann Skeckowski Warren Wong	Georgine Read Ilse Koerper
Sexton	Henry Podoll	
Refreshments	Mayer Family	

### ***Stewardship Reflection***

Offering received last week: \$7,066  
Offering needed weekly to meet budget: \$6,860  
Offering received to date: \$176,377  
Offering needed to date: \$192,080

### **News and Notes:**

**Worship Assistants:** We are putting together a schedule of volunteers for February through June. If you would like to participate, please fill out the Worship Assistant Scheduling Worksheet and place it in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or contact Kim Rapillo in the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org) **by Sunday, January 21.**

**SOUP KITCHEN** – Prepare food in aluminum trays (available at the Reception desk) and drop-off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. Please go to our church web site in advance to sign up and indicate what food you will prepare. The next date is **Wednesday, January 17.** Contact Katie Bukofzer at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**Parent Community Night:** Parents of any age children are invited to meet with Pastor Budenholzer in the Friendship Room for Christian community, food and discussion on topics of faith and family. Bring food to share or just bring yourself. The next session is on **Thursday, January 18, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Voters' Meeting:** Join us for the Annual Voters' Meeting on **Sunday, January 21 at 12 noon.** We will be electing new class of 2026 Trustees and honoring outgoing Board members. Pizza lunch will be provided.

**God Connects:** An introductory class that connects you to God's love. Would you like to: Explore the basics of the Christian faith? Learn more about the faith values of The Chapel School? Prepare for adult baptism or confirmation? Join the Church? Talk and learn about your faith in a caring environment? Join Pastor Hartwell for God Connects via Zoom or in-person, 7:00 PM-8:30 PM (EST) on **Tuesday, January 23, 30 and February 6, 2024.** Call 914-337-0207 x1003 for more information.

**Sluberski Film Series JUNIOR** – Enjoy a free showing of **SING**, the animated family musical, at the Picture House Bronxville Theatre on **Sunday, January 28, at 2:00 p.m.** Tickets are available at church or in the theater lobby. Pre-register online at [tinyurl.com/Sing24](http://tinyurl.com/Sing24).

**Prayer Conference Call** – We are continuing with our monthly prayer service on the last Tuesday of the month. There is a brief liturgy with prayers for the needs of our community and the world. To join in, simply dial (1) 732-434-3982. The next service is **January 30 at 6:00 p.m.**

**FREE THRIVENT SEMINAR ON ZOOM:** No matter your wealth or status, you have an estate. All estates have something in common – you can't take it with you when you die. William O'Doherty will present "Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials" on **Monday, February 5,** at 6:00 p.m. (repeats Wednesday, Feb. 7). *What is estate planning? Is a will the only document needed to complete my estate plans? How can I make charitable gifts in my estate plans? Is there a way I can enjoy tax savings and other benefits from*



*charitable gifts now?* To receive the Zoom link call 914-337-0207 x1040 or go online to <http://tinyurl.com/Thrivent2024>

**Superbowl Party** – We are reviving our tradition of holding a watch party in the MPR for the Superbowl on February 11, with large screen TV, games and a potluck supper. Watch for further details!

**Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!** – Thank you to those who have already signed up. We still have several openings for the spring. You can sign up as a family or pair with another family/individual. Check out the sign-up sheet in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong.

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – Our schedule for this week is as follows:

- **High School Choir** rehearse Sunday, January 21, at 10:15 a.m.
- **Village Bells** rehearse Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Youth Choir** rehearse Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearse Thursday, January 18, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, January 21, at 8:40 a.m.

For more information, contact Minister of Music Deb Reiss at [DReiss@VLC-NY.org](mailto:DReiss@VLC-NY.org) or 914-337-0207, x1018.

**Youth News: Voyagers** (Grades 3-6) meet **Thursday, Jan. 18**, at 6:00 p.m.; **Lifers** (Grades 7-8) Confirmation work January 14; Dinner Talk **Thursday, Jan. 18** at 6:00 p.m.; **Crusaders** (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion at 10:30 a.m. on **Jan. 21**.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – On January 17 we will complete Romans chapter 14.

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Gisela Ardisson, Tammy Ardisson, Abby Bowling, Maxine Britt, Tabatha Clark, Joan Deery, Nicholas DePierro, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Bennett Dimarza, Eleanor Escherich, Faith Forliano, Faith Gonzalez, Judith Harrison, Nancy Hylton, Richard Krug, Christie Lealos, Merline Leon, Vito Michael, Isaiah Nieves, Anita & Vincent Palmese, Jose Pedrosa, Sunnaria Pettinati, Elaine and Louise Podszus, Hilda Qualitero, Ralph Qualitero, Pamela Rogers, Astrid Rosendahl, Irmgard Schoene, Deb Tashoff, Steve Witiuk

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

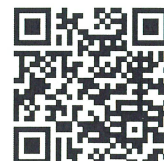
- † **Jackie Rickman**, friend of Katie Bukofzer, passed away on January 5, 2024
- † **Willi Rosendahl**, long-time VLC member and husband of Astrid Rosendahl, passed away on January 4, 2024; plans for a memorial will be made in the spring
- † **Tauno Wirkki**, father of Blanco family friend Randy Wirkki, passed away on December 27, 2023
- † **Steve Rogers**, brother of David Rogers, passed away on December 26, 2023
- † **Mary T. Collier**, mother of Treda Collier Dickenman, passed away on December 25, 2023
- † **Rachelle Krug**, wife of Joyce Holz's cousin, passed away on December 24, 2023
- † **Bill Phipps**, VLC member, passed away on December 20, 2023; a brief memorial will be held at VLC on Sunday, January 28, at 12 noon in the sanctuary.

**Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School**

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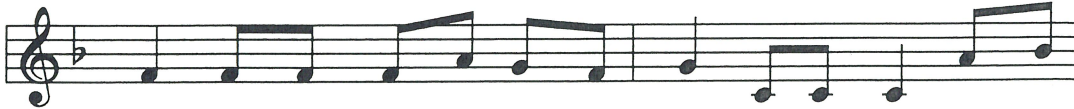
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# Alleluia to Jesus



1 As Ja - cob with trav - el was wea - ry one day, At——  
 2 This lad - der is long, it is strong and well made, Has stood  
 3 Come let us as - cend! all may climb it who will; For the  
 4 And when we ar - rive at the ha - ven of rest, We shall



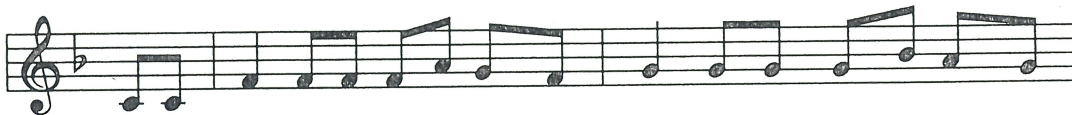
night on a stone for a pil - low he lay; He——  
 hun - dreds of years and is not yet de - cayed; Man - y  
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 hear the glad words, "Come up hith - er, ye blest, Here are



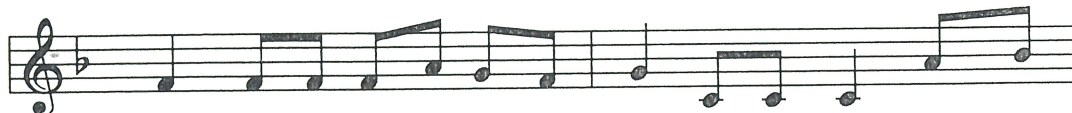
saw in a vi - sion a lad - der so high That its  
 mil - lions have climbed it and reached Si - on's hill, And——  
 mem - ber, each step that by faith we pass o'er, Some——  
 re - gions of light, here are man - sions of bliss." O,——



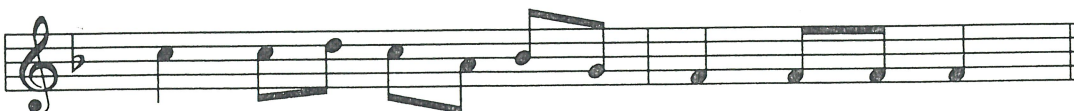
foot was on earth and its top in the sky:  
 thou - sands by faith are—— climb - ing it still:  
 proph - et or mar - tyr hath trod it be - fore:  
 who would not climb such a lad - der as this?



Al - le - lu - ia to Je - sus, who died on the tree, And hath



raised up a lad - der of mer - cy for me, And hath



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