

† THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY †
January 21, 2024

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

Westminster Abbey

Kevin Hildebrand

OPENING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn 914

Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB Page 204)

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 **Almighty and everlasting God, look upon our weaknesses with Your mercy, and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth... ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(9:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR** What God Ordains is Always Good Johann Pachelbel

What God ordains is always good. His will abideth holy.

As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.

*My God indeed in ev'ry need doth well know how to shield me;
to Him, then, I will yield me.*

*What God ordains is always good. He is my Friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm, though many storms may gather.
Now I may know both joy and woe, some day I shall see clearly
that He hath loved me dearly.*

*What God ordains is always good. This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, for with His arm He shall embrace and shield me;
so to my God I yield me.*

ALLELUIA VERSE (*Congregation rising*) (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

Mark 1:14-20

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light LSB **Hymn 411**

SERMON "The Consequences of Sorrow" Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

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

Child of the Light

John Behnke

OFFERING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn 789, v. 2)

Bless, Lord, the labor we bring to serve You,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.

Sowing or tilling, we would work with You, harvesting, milling for daily bread.

† **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, for in the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh You have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of Your glory, that we may be drawn to love the God whom we have not yet seen. 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 HYMNS

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve
Nunc Dimittis

LSB **Hymn 856**
LSB **Page 211**

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 God of abundance, You have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation, You have united us with Christ and one another, and You have made us one with all Your people in heaven and on earth. Send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to proclaim Your redeeming love to the world; 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

LSB **Hymn 395**

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (v. 1, 4 and 5)

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wie schön leuchtet

A. W. Leupold

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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:

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Katie Vogt	Andrea Ansorge
Asst. Minister	Kristin Pimentel	Andrea Ansorge
Youth Asst.	Esther Linn	
Altar Care	Kristin Pimentel	
Usher Team	Bill Vogt Lilann Skeckowski Warren Wong	Georgine Read Ilse Koerper
Sexton	Audrey Heath	
Refreshments	Mathew Family	

Stewardship Reflection

Offering received last week: \$2,401
Offering needed weekly to meet budget: \$6,860
Offering received to date: \$178,778
Offering needed to date: \$198,940

News and Notes:

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 (see candidate names and bio's on a separate insert) and honoring outgoing Board members. Pizza lunch will be provided.

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 by **Sunday, January 21**.

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.

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 – Come watch the Superbowl on our big screen TV in the MPR, **February 11 starting at 6:00 p.m.** Superbowl food and drinks provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share (Volunteer Crew arrive at 4:00 p.m. to set up). Plus:

- ❖ Wildest Superbowl team hat/jersey contest. Spruce up the hat or jersey of your favorite team. Prizes for craziest hat wearer, funniest hat wearer, youngest hat wearer, hat wearer who traveled the farthest.
- ❖ 50/50 raffle and football squares (\$2 a square) in support of CSA Soup Kitchen.

For more information contact the church office at 914-337-0207 (1003)

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, February 21**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

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 24, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Youth Choir** rehearse Thursday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, January 28, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearse Thursday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, January 28, at 8:40 a.m.
- **FaithWalk** rehearse Monday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Minister of Music Deb Reiss at DReiss@VLC-NY.org or 914-337-0207, x1018.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet **Thursday, Feb. 1**, at 6:00 p.m.; **Lifers** (Grades 7-8) Confirmation work January 21; **Crusaders** (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion at 10:30 a.m. on **Jan. 21**.

Wednesday Bible Study – On January 24 we will be looking at Romans chapter 15.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty:
Gisela Ardisson, Tammy Ardisson, Abby Bowling, Maxine Britt, Tabatha Clark, Tracie Davenport, Joan Deery, Nicholas DePierro, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Bennett Dimarza, Eleanor Escherich, Faith Forliano, Faith Gonzalez, Richard Krug, Joseph Leonard, Margo McKay, Vito Michael, Isaiah Nieves, Anita & Vincent Palmese, Jose Pedrosa, Sunnaria Pettinati, Elaine and Louise Podszus, Hilda Qualitero, Ralph Qualitero, Irmgard Schoene, Eugene Siren, Chris Siren, Deb Tashoff

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

- † **Astrid Rosendahl**, long-time VLC member, passed away on January 15, 2024, less than two weeks after her beloved husband **Willi Rosendahl**, who passed away on January 4, 2024; plans for a joint memorial will be made in the spring.
- † **Jackie Rickman**, friend of Katie Bukofzer, passed away on January 5, 2024
- † **Tauno Wirkki**, father of Blanco family friend Randy Wirkki, passed away on December 27, 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.

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