

**† EPIPHANY SUNDAY †**  
**January 4, 2026**

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

In dulci jubilo

J. S. Bach

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

LSB Hymn 386

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P As we come together for worship with all the faithful, let us acknowledge our sins and seek God's forgiveness.

**C Gracious God, we acknoweldge that we are sinners and we confess our sins – those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by You. Forgive our sins, free us from the bondage of guilt, and work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only 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 Hymn 384, v. 4-5)

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; angels hosts, His praises sing.

Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King.

Let no tongue on earth be silent,

ev'ry voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unending praises be;  
honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory evermore and evermore.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

A Let us pray:

**C Lord God, You revealed Your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know Your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of Your glory; 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY (*Congregation rising*)

(from Psalm 72)

A Endow the king with Your justice, O God, the royal Son with Your righteousness.

**C He will judge Your people in righteousness, Your afflicted ones with justice.**

A All kings will bow down to Him and all nations will serve Him.

**C For He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.**

A All nations will be blessed through Him, and they will call Him blessed.

**C May the whole earth be filled with His glory!**

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 2:1-12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea..." <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

As With Gladness Men of Old

LSB **Hymn 397**

### **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

Divinum mysterium

Lynn Arthur Koch

### † 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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not 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:

#### **JSANCTUS** (*Sung to "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God by heavn'ly hosts adored,

God of power, Lord of might, in Your glory infinite:

Our hosanna's now we sing to our glorious Lord and King.

Blest is He who from above comes to us with joy and love.

#### **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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*)

O Lamb of God, we pray, take all our sins away – our faith increase.

Have mercy on us all, strengthen us when we fall,  
answer our fervent call and grant us peace.

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

What Child is This

LSB **Hymn 370**

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

LSB **Hymn 400**

*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 Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen Your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on Your grace. May Your Word take flesh in us, that we may be Your holy people and shine forth the glory made known to us in 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**

Angels From the Realms of Glory

LSB **Hymn 367**

### **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

Realms of Glory

Edwin Johnson

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### ***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>	Ellen Story	Anurag Massey
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Daryl Story	Andrea Ansorge
<b>Altar Care</b>	Story Family	
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Volunteer	Joan Condon
<b>Usher Team</b>	Richard Graham Mark Runge Anton DeRosa	John Ansorge Kathy Coffey
<b>Sexton</b>		
<b>Refreshments</b>	Wilkinson Family	

#### **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.

## **News and Notes:**

**Undecorating Party** – We will be putting away our Christmas decorations on **Sunday, January 4**, after the 10:45 service. A pizza lunch will be offered before we get to work. Please join us!

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the winter and spring. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Warren Wong.

**THE CHOSEN – Season 2:** Back by popular demand, we will host viewing sessions on **Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** The first set of episodes will be shown before Lent, from **January 14 to February 11**, and the rest will be shown after Easter, from **April 15 to May 6**. Sessions will include soup & sandwich with wine. For planning purposes, 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.

**BINGO NIGHT** – Enjoy a fun game night on **Saturday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m.** (open to the public, age 18 and older). Entry fee is \$50 in advance for a 10-game Bingo Deck; entry at the door is \$60 if space is available. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided; bring your own additional beverages or food. For more information, contact Lisa Jones, [Development@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:Development@TheChapelSchool.org).

**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 to sign up and indicate what food you will prepare. The next date is **Wednesday, January 21**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**Voter's Meeting** – Save the date for our next voter's meeting on Sunday, **January 25**, at 12 noon.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – We are on a break over the holidays. The next session is on January 14, when we will begin the miracle of the raising of Lazarus in John chapter 11.

**Music Ministry:** We are on break this week and will resume rehearsals on January 15.

**Youth News:** Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet on Thursday, January 8, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class on Sunday, January 5; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, January 11

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Adele Acosta, Marcela Acosta, Victor Acosta, Antonella Barbuto, Linda blanco, Giovana Boniello, Tom Corbett, Davenport Family (William, Jordan, Joshua, Sonya, Wayne), Amani Fahr, Michelle Ghiorso, Aurora Rose Gitter, Ruth Gitter, Anita Gould, Brandi Grissmeyer, Logan Grissmeyer, Mary Johnson, Anita Kebschull, Sue Kobylack, Michaela Knoppel, Christy Krum, Freddie Lando, Michelle Liscoe, Robert & Susan & Rosalind Magilton, Douglas Miller, Rome Martello, Cole Martello, Jennifer Pauta, Aaliyah Pedrosa, Elizabeth Pedrosa, Joshua Pedrosa, Jose Pedrosa, Paola Pedrosa, Torrey Pietarinen, Elaine Podszus, Shelby Restivo, John Scaramuzzo, Diana Schrader, Barbara Staalesen, Christian Vesperman, Peter Williams

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

† **Wilma DeRosa**, mother of Deacon Anton DeRosa, passed away on December 22, 2025

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