

† SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION †
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, 2021

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Wayne Wold

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

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.

INTROIT (*from Psalm 62*)

P Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

C my hope comes from Him.

P He alone is my rock and my salvation;

C He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

P My salvation and my honor depend on God;

C He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

C Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him,

C for God is our refuge.

P One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard:

**C that You, O God, are strong, and that You, O Lord, are loving.
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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our weaknesses and stretch forth Your powerful hand 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 LESSON

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.

P 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE *(Congregation rising)*

P Alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C “Come, follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John [the Baptist] 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.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Pass It On

Kurt Kaiser

SERMON

Rev. Scott Geminn

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (*Congregation rising*)

C 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

P Guided by Christ, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

P For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, for musicians and all who serve as worship assistants, that the good news of God’s reconciling love may be proclaimed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up faithful caretakers to guide our use of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P For those who serve as leaders in cities, states and nations, especially as they protect their citizens from any hostility and help to provide for the Covid-19 vaccinations, that they may advocate for the vulnerable and bring their communities together. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy would surround them. We lift up especially those on our prayer line and those we remember now, either silently or aloud...(PAUSE). Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P For our congregation and community, including The Chapel School and Concordia College, for families big and small, and for the ministries that we share, that God's steadfast love be the model for all our activities and relationships. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P In thanksgiving for the faithful who served as an example of gospel living, that their lives point us to salvation through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, hear our prayers for the sake of the One who dwells among us, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

† 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 Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. You proclaimed Your saving promise through the prophets and called the apostles to spread the good news of Your promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Grant that as we faithfully partake of His body and blood, we proclaim this salvation to all the world. Hear as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION

P Take and eat, the body of Christ given for you...
(We eat the bread)

P Take and drink, the blood of Christ, shed for you...
(We drink the cup)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; 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.**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE In Christ There is No East or West Gabrielson/Soderlund

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Please wait for the pastor to proceed out of the sanctuary, then exit out of the building. Please also dispose of bulletins and used communion containers in the receptacles provided.

If you have any prayer requests or other information to share with the Church Office, you can fill out the back side of the Attendance Form and place it in the offering plate by the Jesus Fountain.

News and Notes:

Prayer Conference Call will continue weekly on **Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.** through February 9. The call-in number is **(1) 732-434-3982**. If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the back side of the Attendance Form or contact Kim Rapillo, Church Office Administrative Assistant, at 914-337-0207 x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org.

Zoom Book Discussion - "Meant for More: In, With and Under the Ordinary" - On **Monday, January 25, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Pastor Hartwell explores the book with the author, VLC member and Concordia College President Dr. John Arthur Nunes. Copies of the book are available at church. Suggested donation is \$15. Join via Zoom video or dial in by telephone. For information, call the church office at 914-337-0207 (x1003) or email VLCMAIL@VLC-NY.org.

SOUP KITCHEN MEALS: We are coordinating a **special supplemental food preparation date on Wednesday, January 27**. Please sign up in advance to choose your food item, pick up an aluminum tray (back of church or Reception Area), prepare food at home, and drop off at church between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. **The menu for January 27 is Baked Ziti (some meatless, some with meat), mixed vegetables, and cookies.** We will also keep our next scheduled date on February 10. For more information, please contact Nelly Palumbo at 347-538-2909 or NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org.

Concordia Conservatory "Unique" Series - This new interactive concert series has been created for elementary-age learners with special needs. The host, Liz Ast, is a music therapist who will focus on tempo and the beat that keeps music flowing in works by Bach, Debussy, Haydn and Shostakovich. The first presentation is **Saturday, February 6, at 11:00 a.m.** Broadcast links may be purchased for \$10 at www.ConcordiaConservatory.org or call 914-395-4507.

Ash Wednesday is February 17. Our current intention is to offer two in-person services at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion, as well as a virtual home prayer service online. Subsequent Lenten midweek prayer services will be held remotely. Watch for further details and updates as we prepare to enter into the holy season of Lent.

Blessing Basket/Food for ECAP: We continue to collect food donations for ECAP through the church. The Blessing Baskets are located by the piano in the Friendship Room. Please bring items there on weekends or leave them with the receptionist during the week. Outdoor drop-off in the Concordia parking lot is available on the third Thursday of the month. The next date is **February 18.**

Women's Bible Study/LWML Group has decided to shift to a remote format, available through Zoom video or telephone. The next meeting will be on **Saturday, February 20, at 9:00 a.m.** We will consider chapters 13-14 of the book *Just Enough Light for the Step I'm On, Trusting God in the Tough Times* by Stormie Omartian. For more information, check out the February issue of Village Voices or contact Deacon Wendy Krolides (914-391-9356) or Terry Vidal (terry.n.vidal@gmail.com).

Pandemic Potluck Cookbook - Want to try a new chili recipe for the playoffs? We've got three suggestions, plus lots more. Pick up a copy at the welcome table or send a request to Kim Zwisdak in the Development Office, by email to KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org or call (914) 337-0207, x1040.

Sunday School continues remotely for families at home. Videos are posted weekly and Grades 3-6 are invited to Zoom with Sunday School teachers on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. as well as on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. with Erika Schultz. If you need more information, please contact Superintendent Sarah Gleason at 914-610-0822 or chrisnysarah@netscape.net.

Cherubs Sing-along Zoom for our PK-2nd graders - 10:00am!

Join Mrs. Kate Marino and Joshua Gleason every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Email Mrs. Marino at KMarino@TheChapelSchool.org for the Zoom link and she would love to include you.

Donuts and Discussion - Students in Grades 7-12 are invited to meet virtually on Sundays at 12:00 p.m. The Zoom info will be provided by text and email. Please contact Pastor Geminn at SGeminn@VLC-NY.org.

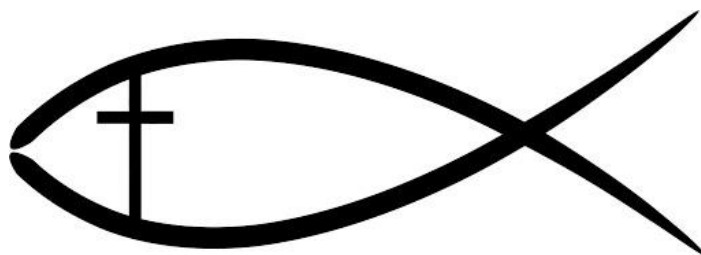
Kids Yoga is starting mid-January 2021: VLC and Chapel School families are invited to try some Kid's Story Time Yoga fun, a 30-minute Zoom class to keep those kids moving! The cost is \$8 per class and a portion will be donated to VLC. For more information and to sign up contact Cathleen Elliott by email to Cathleen@flyleafdesign.com.

Winter Worship Schedule - The Saturday service has been temporarily suspended for the winter. We continue with two services on Sunday at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m., and hope to resume our full schedule of three services on the weekend of March 7-8.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Glenn Accocella, John Accocella, Andis Akerfelds, Joan Bevers, Andy Boron, Bob Capabiancho, Lydia Chao, Frank Clark, Lillian DiMucci, Annabella Hansen, Robert Hartwell Sr., David & Linda James, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Frank Lyman, Joan Paliotta, Sylvia Puig, Linda Roth, Steve Smith, Ben Tashoff, Rod Tomlinson, Vincent Valentino, Richard White, Milana Zirolnik

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

- † **Eugene Porter**, grandfather of Kate Marino, who passed away on January 15, 2021
- † **Samuel Goodine**, son of former Concordia professor Dr. Elizabeth Goodine, who passed away on January 13, 2021



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