

† FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY †
January 30, 2022

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

Earth and All Stars

Keith Kolander

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.

OPENING HYMN

Earth and All Stars (v. 1 and 6-7)

LSB Hymn 817

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and love; and make us love what You command, that we may obtain what You have promised; 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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how

to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." ⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

Luke 4:21-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of

them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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 "A Time to Learn" Rev. Billy Brath

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

P God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY Houston Benjamin Culli

OFFERING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

(Tune: OLD 124TH)

Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,
for life and vision, for a purpose clear.

For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
that shows Your message ever new and near.

† 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 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. In the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in this most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us 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 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 HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB Hymn 641

(Worshipers are invited to come forward to receive the pre-packaged Communion kit, then return to your seat to eat and drink. Children and those not partaking of communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you need assistance, please alert the pastor or usher.)

CLOSING PRAYER

P Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us perfectly to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that following His steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same 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

You are the Way; Through You Alone

LSB Hymn 526

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Participants in the Service:

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Daryl Story	George Heath
Usher Team	Bill Vogt Warren Wong	Ansorge Family
Sexton	Audrey Heath	
Refreshments	Grab-and-Go Snacks (<i>on the Great Porch</i>)	

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.

Health & Safety Precautions: Thank you for helping us care for each other.

- If you are feeling unwell or have been exposed to or tested positive for Covid-19, please join us virtually (VLC-NY.org, YouTube, Facebook)
- If you are eligible, get vaccinated (or get a booster)
- Feel free to move if you are uncomfortable with the proximity of a fellow worshipper
- All worshippers 2 years old and older, must wear a properly fitting mask

News and Notes:

Welcome, Pastor Billy Brath! As we conclude the sermon focus on our Ministry Clarity Plan, we are pleased to welcome back Rev. Billy Brath as guest preacher this weekend. Pastor Brath has been our consultant through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund and has helped guide us through the entire process. Thank you!

Superbowl Chili-to-Go: What's the best thing about the Super Bowl? The snacks! Enjoy this year's big game with homemade chili and cornbread. Each order helps our kids go to this summer's Youth Gathering in Houston AND is guaranteed to be delicious. \$10 per order/please specify regular or veggie:

- ❖ Fill out an order form by the Jesus Fountain and place it in the offering plate
- ❖ Contact the church office by calling 914-337-0207 x1003 or email Kim Rapillo at Krapillo@VLC-NY.org

Pick up your order at church before noon on February 13. Pay in person at pick-up or pay online at www.VLC-NY.org/support-VLC.

TREE HOUSE VOLUNTEER TRAINING: This family bereavement program is for children ages 4-18 who have had a parent or sibling die. Meetings are twice a month in Bronxville (at VLC) and Mount Kisco from September through May. This essential program exists because of our dedicated core of compassionate volunteers! Please consider joining us to help grieving families heal. To participate, volunteers must attend ALL sessions at Lawrence Hospital:

Friday, February 4 - 9:00am - 4:30pm

Saturday, February 5 - 9:00am - 4:30pm

Tuesday, February 8 - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

The training fee of \$50 covers meals, training and materials. Fill out the volunteer form online at BCWTreehouse.org/volunteer or call Director Anne-Marie Conlan at 914-787-6158 x1305.

Concordia Conservatory Chamber Music Benefit Concert on February 5:

To celebrate Executive Director Kathleen Suss for her 25 years of leadership, "SILVER" will be held at 6:00 pm for a studio audience broadcast live from Sommer Center for the Performing Arts, followed by a dinner dance at the Bronxville Field Club. Music includes a world premiere, chamber music selections by Martinu, Schubert and Ravel, and cabaret with Broadway great Norm Lewis. To purchase tickets, visit www.concordiaconservatory.org or call 914-395-4507.

SOUP KITCHEN - Aluminum trays are available at the Reception Desk.

Volunteers prepare food in the trays and drop off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. The next date is **Wednesday, February 16**. Please sign up in advance to confirm your contribution. For more information, contact Nelly Palumbo at NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org or 347-538-2909.

Women's Bible Study/LWML - The next meeting is **Saturday, February 19**, at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Wendy at 914-391-9356 or Terry Vidal (terry.n.vidal@gmail.com).

Prayer Conference Call: We invite you to join in prayer by telephone for the needs of the community on the last Tuesday of the month. The next date will be **Tuesday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m.** To access, dial (1) 732-434-3982.

Music Ministry: Regular rehearsals are back in action as follows:

- **Village Belles** - Rehearse Wednesday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m.
- **Youth Choir** - Rehearse Thursday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Chancel Choir** - Rehearse Thursday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m.
- **High School Choir** - Rehearse Sunday, January 30, at 10:15 a.m.

Please watch for continuing updates. For more information, contact Deb Reiss at DReiss@VLC-NY.org or George Heath at GHeath@VLC-NY.org.

Wednesday Bible Study - We will start back up this week on February 2. The new topic will be Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) will meet on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 6:00 p.m. **Donuts & Discussion** (High School) will meet on Sunday, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6. For more information, contact Erika Schultz at tyandbash@aol.com; Sarah Nunes (Confirmation instructor) at SNunes@VLC-NY.ORG; or Amy Heath (High School Youth) at amyheath1023@gmail.com

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Victor Brown, Flora Calvano, Daniel Chao, Kevin Cook, Gail Epstein, Deacon Faith Forliano, Ben Hartwell, Chris Hayes, Suzanne Heinrich, John Hiddleston, Keith Hough, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Eugene Lunog, Janet Lunog, Kristine Pulaski, Morena Rodriquez, Willi Rosendahl, Doug Salsbury, Ben Tashoff, Deb & Emma Tashoff, Irmgard Schoene

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

- † **Ragnar (Ron) Sjonvall**, beloved husband of Sharon and long-time VLC member, who passed away on January 25, 2022; visitation at Westchester Funeral Home on Sunday, January 30, 3:00-7:00p.m. with service at 6:00 p.m.
- † **Barbara Larsen**, former VLC member, who passed away on January 25, 2022
- † **Herman Hansen**, long-time VLC member, who passed away on January 24, 2022
- † **Susanne Leppmann Bessac**, mother of Andrea Maxeiner, who passed away on January 17, 2022
- † **Mark Johneas**, family friend of Pastor Hartwell, who passed away on January 22, 2022
- † **Elizabeth McCooey Fisher**, friend of Carolyn & Pedro Fiuza, who passed away on January 11, 2022
- † **Roberto Serrano**, uncle of Nelly Palumbo, who passed away on January 6, 2022



A Time to Learn

A Celebration and Exploration of The Clarity Plan

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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