

† THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD †
January 9, 2022

Service of Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.
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PRELUDE

Forest Green

Philip Young

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

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C Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

O Sing of Christ

LSB Hymn 362

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GOSPEL CANTICLE (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn 380, v. 2)

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late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB Hymn 384

SERMON

"A Time to Plan"

Kevin Cook

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

Variations on Tallis' Canon

Franklin Ashdown

OFFERING HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

Tune: TALLIS' CANON

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the Spirit's gift in us renew, the gift of faith that clings to You.

O Father, grant that by Your grace we may Your will each day embrace.
Sustain the work You have begun through Jesus, Your beloved Son.

† HOLY COMMUNION †

PREFACE

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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. We give You thanks for the salvation You have granted to us through Jesus, the Light of the world. Send the spirit of Your Son into our hearts, that as Your beloved children we may welcome our Savior who comes to us in His body and blood. 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."

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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God Loves Me Dearly

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CLOSING PRAYER *(Congregation rising)*

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POSTLUDE

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Participants in the Services:

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Anton DeRosa	Kristin Pimentel
Usher Team	John Divi Ralph Schoene	Skip Hansen Kathy Coffey
Sexton	Henry Podoll	

Refreshments "Grab and Go" snacks on the Great Porch

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:

- 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
- Per state mandate, all worshippers 2 years old and older, must wear a properly fitting mask

Thank you for helping us care for each other in this way.

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RITE OF ADULT CONFIRMATION

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM *(spoken by the whole congregation)*

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

C Yes, I do.

P Do you renounce the devil?

C Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

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News and Notes:

Adult Confirmation: We rejoice in the work of the Holy Spirit as we welcome two new people into membership through the Rite of Confirmation:

Maximilian Montagnino
2 Greenridge Avenue, Apt 2B
White Plains, NY 10605

Kristine Pulaski
97 Maple Street
Scarsdale, NY 10583

Grab and Go Snacks: Our regular Coffee Hour is temporarily suspended for the month of January due to the Omicron surge. For hungry little ones (or even big ones) there will be snack packs and water bottles set up on the Great Porch. Feel free to "grab and go" after church and Sunday School for the commute home.

Women's Bible Study/LWML - The next meeting is **Saturday, January 15**, at 9:00 a.m. Please read Luke 4:1-13 as we discuss Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Wendy at 914-391-9356 or Terry Vidal (terry.n.vidal@gmail.com).

SOUP KITCHEN - Our new commitment as of this month will be on the third Wednesday of the month. The next volunteer date is **Wednesday, January 19**. Please sign up in advance to confirm your contribution. For more information, contact Nelly Palumbo at NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org or 347-538-2909.

Prayer Conference Call: As the pandemic continues to affect all of us, 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, January 25, at 6:00 p.m.** To access, dial (1) 732-434-3982.

Music Ministry: Please note that, in view of current conditions with the pandemic, we are postponing our scheduled rehearsal dates. There will be no rehearsals this week (January 13-16). Watch for further updates as to each individual ensemble. For more information, contact Deb Reiss at DReiss@VLC-NY.org or George Heath at GHeath@VLC-NY.org.

Wednesday Bible Study - Given the current health conditions and concerns, we will not be meeting during the month of January. When we do resume, our focus will be on Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. Please watch for further updates from Deb Reiss.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) will meet on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 6:00 p.m. **Donuts & Discussion** (High School) will meet on Sunday, Jan. 9 and 23. 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: Suzanne Baldasare, Victor Brown, Ray & Denise Carroll, Frank Clark, John Eaton, Gail Epstein, Deacon Faith Forliano, Pat Francis, Ben Hartwell, Suzanne Heinrich, John Hiddleston, Keith Hough, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Donna Lubinsky, Eugene Lunog, Janet Lunog, Frankie Lyman, Sylvia Puig, Addison Riden, Willi Rosendahl, Doug Salisbury, Irmgard Schoene, Ragnar Sjonvall, Ben Tashoff

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

- † **Ray Siren**, father of the brother-in-law of Katie Bukofzer, who passed away on December 21, 2021
- † **Rev. Dr. Jacob Chacko**, friend and seminary classmate of Pastor Hartwell, who passed away on December 18, 2021
- † **Barbara Joyce**, mother of Diane Joyce, who passed away on December 6, 2021



A Time to Plan

A Celebration and Exploration of The Clarity Plan

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus]; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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