

# † FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY †

January 31, 2010

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *The order of worship for each of our three weekend services is indicated in the bulletin and the hymnal, “Lutheran Service Book” (LSB), is located in the pew racks in front of you.*
- *We extend a special word of welcome to first-time visitors and invite you to take a welcome kit located by the Jesus Fountain in the church entrance.*
- *To register member and visitor attendance, provide updates or other information, or to submit comments/requests to the pastors or church office, please use the **Welcome Card with Sign-Up/Information Sheet** in the bulletin. Church offerings, welcome cards and any other information will be collected during the offering time or may be left in the wicker basket by the Jesus Fountain after the service.*

## COMMUNION STATEMENT

- *The congregation of 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.*
- *Non-Alcoholic Fruit of the Vine: Persons who are sensitive to alcohol are welcome to receive the blood of Christ in the sacrament using non-alcoholic grape juice. The juice is located in the center circle of each individual tray and is lighter in color. Wine is always available with the Common Cup or Individual Cups.*
- *Gluten-free consecrated hosts (the bread of Holy Communion) are available for all those with allergies or intolerance to gluten. Simply say “Gluten-Free” to the minister or bring your bulletin forward and point to the Gluten-Free symbol prior to receiving the bread.*
- *Communion may be brought to those with limited mobility. Please alert a Pastor or usher if you wish to commune in this way.*



## TO KNOW LIVE AND SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

- *Under the blessing of God, the mission of Village Lutheran Church is a ministry of the Word and Sacraments. This ministry gives opportunities for mission, witness, nurture, fellowship, stewardship, and service. It focuses on the specific needs of individuals and groups within the congregation and extends to the church-at-large, the community, and the world.*
- *The Chapel School is an integral part of the congregation’s ministry directed specifically to children. It provides a distinctive Christian education enabling children to evidence a Christian lifestyle and to achieve academic success.*

**TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY**

**SATURDAY - 5:30 p.m.**  
Spoken Divine Service

**PRELUDE**

The Trumpets Sound  
*Sung by FaithWalk*

- Graham Kendrick

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that, attentive to Your Word, we may confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Gracious God, have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty 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. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB Hymn #700

**KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You pour the gifts of love into the hearts of Your faithful people. Grant Your servants health both of mind and body that they may love You with their whole heart and with their whole strength perform those things which are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

### **+LITURGY OF THE WORD+**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

L: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

L: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **GOSPEL**

Luke 4:21-30

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
*(The Gospel is read)*  
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB **Hymn #790**

#### **SERMON**

“Powerful Words – Powerful Results”

Rev. Deric Taylor

#### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**

**OFFERTORY** (Congregation rising)

I Love You, Lord

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You; O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what You hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

*Laurie Klein © 1978 Maranatha! Music  
Reprinted under CCLI License No. 1845048***+LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST+**

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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

P: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.****LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words our Lord gave 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.**

**AGNUS DEI**

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:  
**C: Have mercy on us.**  
P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:  
**C: Have mercy on us.**  
P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:  
**C: Grant us Your peace.**  
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: And also with you.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

Music sung by FaithWalk

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Almighty God, we give thanks to You that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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**

**CLOSING HYMN**

Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB Hymn #738

**DISMISSAL**

P: The Divine Service is ended. Go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

Lobe den Herrn

- J. G. Walther

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*Worshippers are invited to stay for the Prayer Service, beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
FaithWalk will also be providing music during the prayer time.*

**SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m.**  
Service of Prayer and Praise

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Trumpets Sound

- Graham Kendrick

**ENTRANCE HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)

LSB **Hymn #700**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C:** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (*Psalm 118:24*)

**P:** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C:** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** (*Psalm 113:3*)

**P:** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C:** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.** (*Psalm 84:10*)

**P:** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C:** **Teach me Your paths.** (*Psalm 24:4*)

**P:** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C:** **Your Word is truth.** (*John 17:17*)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**P:** O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You may open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.

**C:** **Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**FAITHWALK ANTHEM**

There is None Like You

- Lenny LeBlanc

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray. O God, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You pour the gifts of love into the hearts of Your faithful people. Grant Your servants health both of mind and body that they may love You with their whole heart and with their whole strength perform those things which are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM**

How Majestic is Your Name

- Michael W. Smith

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.****EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.****PSALM HYMN**

The Lord is My Light

LSB **Hymn #723**

*This hymn comes from the Spanish tradition and is a paraphrase of Psalm 27. The Congregation is invited to sing the Refrains and the choirs will sing the three Stanzas.*

**RESPONSORY** (Congregation rising)

P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.***(Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28)***GOSPEL**

Luke 4:21-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.C: **Glory to You, O Lord.***(The Gospel is read)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE***(After the message, children and teachers in Grades 3-6 go to their Sunday School classes)***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB **Hymn #790****SERMON**

"Powerful Words – Powerful Results"

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

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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.

### **OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

Eagles Wings

- Reuben Morgan

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY** (Congregation rising)

I Love You, Lord

*(Text projected on screen)*

### **LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER**

**All:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You; for into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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. *(Matt. 6:9-13)*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB Hymn #738

**SILENT MEDITATION** *(Congregation seated)*

### **POSTLUDE**

Lobe den Herrn

- J. G. Walther

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**SUNDAY - 10:45 a.m.**  
Service of Holy Communion

**PRELUDE**

Hyfrydol

- Carl Schalk

**ENTRANCE HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)

LSB **Hymn #700**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. (*A brief time of silence for reflection*)

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.** (*Psalm 124:8*)

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (*Psalm 32:5*)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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** (*sung to the hymn "For All the Saints"*)

Give glory to our God, exalted high, peace to His people, with His grace supplied.

Our God we praise, adore, and glorify. Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God, our Father and our mighty king, to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, we sing,  
And to the Spirit, praises now we bring. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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P: Let us pray. O God, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You pour the gifts of love into the hearts of Your faithful people. Grant Your servants health both of mind and body that they may love You with their whole heart and with their whole strength perform those things which are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
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### ALLELUIA VERSE (Congregation rising)

P: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. (*Isaiah 61:1*)  
C: **“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in Your hearing.” Alleluia.** (*Luke 4:18, 21*)

### GOSPEL

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
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### HYMN OF THE DAY

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### SERMON

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

## OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

I Love You, Lord

- arr. Fred Bock

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn #956)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## †HOLY COMMUNION†

### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them 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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given us Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His 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.** (*Matt. 6:9-13*)

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

### AGNUS DEI (*sung to the hymn "On Jordan's Bank"*)

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, who takes the sin of the world away,

Have mercy on us, grant us peace, and fill us with Your love and grace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
Love in Christ is Strong and Living

LSB Hymn #621  
LSB Hymn #706

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A:** Almighty God, we give thanks to You that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** Lord of All Hopefulness LSB Hymn #738

**SILENT MEDITATION** (*Congregation seated*)

**POSTLUDE** Lobe den Herrn - J. G. Walther

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# VLC NEWS AND NOTES

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM** after the 9:00 a.m. worship service for cake, coffee and fellowship. Thanks to the Maxeiner family for providing the refreshments.

**PRAYER LINE:** Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Joan Bevers, Christine DiGiovanni, Dawn Galloway, Carroll Hanson, Lyn Hartwell, Scott James, David Just, Marcus Khaleel, Madison Klein, Gene Lunog, Janet Lunog, Sylvia Puig, John Rapillo, Phil Roth, Julio Sanchez, Irmgard Schoene. Also keep our shut-in/ homebound members & friends in your prayers. **Names are listed for 3 weeks.**

**PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK:** HIPAA legislation prohibits hospitals from sharing names of those receiving care, even to clergy. If you are hospitalized or learn of a fellow VLC member who is hospitalized, please call the church office at 914-337-0207 x 1003, so a visit can be made.

**BEREAVEMENT PRAYER LINE:** We include in our prayers all those in our community that have recently lost a loved one, especially: The families of all who were killed in the earthquake in Haiti. The family of Frank Liersemann, Sr., grandfather of Sarah Gleason, who passed away on January 15, 2010. The family of Sam Mohr, friend of the Murrer family, who passed away on January 10, 2010. The family of Pat Tween, friend of Robin & James Rockhill, who passed away on January 9, 2010. The family of Elizabeth Losee, aunt of Margaret & Anne Losee, who passed away on January 9, 2010. The family of Dina Epstein, best friend of Kathy & Marc Gerber, who passed away on January 8, 2010. Please share the information on the tear-off sheet in the bulletin or call the church office 337-0207 x1003

**Let us continue** to pray for the soldiers, Marines, airmen, sailors and special forces who put their lives in harm's way, especially Joshua Alvarado AFSOS, Maj. Daniel Cahill, Sgt. Marco Cerbone, Chris Finocchio, Andrew Flink AFSOS, Bill Kavanagh, Chris Lena, Nick Lion, Olivia Lion, Ben Millarch, Dan Miller, Gregory Olsen, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith, Aaron Tiso.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Today a Pastor's Discretionary Fund** Offering is received. The Discretionary Fund allows our Pastors to reach out with the love of Christ in the name of our congregation as needs arise. With the present economy, we have seen a rise in people from our community and our own congregation who need a little assistance to make it through these times. If God has blessed you, won't you consider a gift to the Discretionary Fund? Use the "Love Offering" envelope. Gifts of any size are appreciated and help us to share the Love of Christ.

**VLC MUSIC MINISTRY:** **Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, Feb. 4, and sing at 9:00am on Sunday, Feb. 7; **Youth Choir** will rehearse at 7:00pm on Thursday, Feb. 4, and at 8:30am on Sunday, Feb. 7; **High School Choir** will rehearse today at 10:15am and at 8:30am on Sunday, Feb. 7; **Village Brass** will rehearsals will move to Wednesdays at 7:00pm; **Village Bells** will rehearse at 7:15pm on Wednesday, Feb. 3; **FaithWalk** will take a break until after Easter. Watch for further updates.

**HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF - How You Can Help:** Our church and school community is working with Lutheran World Relief to collect items for personal Health Kits to be shipped to Haiti. You and your family and friends can donate specific items or assemble a complete kit. **For a complete description of the items and kit assembly, please see the flyer enclosed with the bulletin or on the tract rack.** The items/kits may be dropped off at the Reception Desk at any time and will be sent out as soon as possible. Monetary donations will also be accepted and sent to Lutheran World Relief. Be sure to mark them "Haiti Relief."

**The annual Winter Voters' Meeting will be held TODAY, Sunday, January 31, at 12 noon, in the MPR.** New Trustees will be elected. A pizza lunch will be provided at the meeting. Biographies of candidates for the Trustee election are on page 18 of the bulletin.

**Wednesday morning Bible Study** will meet on **February 3** at 10:45 a.m. to conclude chapter 42 of Isaiah.

**Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting:** Yes, it's time to start planning for this summer's VBS program. I look forward to working with both those who have helped in the past, as well as new volunteers, who have heard how much fun we have at VBS. Our first meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room.** This is an important meeting, as we need to establish committees to begin work and decide the format for the week. Youth entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade in September and up are also strongly encouraged to attend. Please contact Deacon Ann Terenzio at 914- 337-0207 x1112 or [ATERENZIO@thechapelschool.org](mailto:ATERENZIO@thechapelschool.org)

**LWML Zone Prayer Service, next Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 60 Mulberry St., Yonkers, NY 10701. All are welcome to attend! Please join us for a time of worship and to hear about convention plans.

**Altar Guild Luncheon and Meeting:** Our faithful Altar Guild volunteers, plus anyone who is interested in joining the altar Guild, are invited to a luncheon on **Sunday, February 7, at noon in the MPR.** Please bring a potluck dish to share; dessert and beverages will be provided. Dishes may be dropped off early in the kitchen and kept warm if needed. Deacon Ann Terenzio will be contacting current members to coordinate the luncheon. For more info, contact her at 914-337-0207, x1112 or [Aterenzio@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:Aterenzio@TheChapelSchool.org).

**Join us for monthly worship** at Sprain Brook Manor Rehabilitation in Scarsdale. Services are normally held at 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Future service: **February 9.**

The Village Lutheran Church will host the **Good News Christian Coffee House on Saturday, February 13, 2010** with a special Valentine's Day concert by Diane McKoy. The Coffee House opens at 7 p.m. with gourmet coffee and pastries, and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5/Adult, Seniors, Students. Children \$2 (ages 5-12). A love offering will be taken to offset expenses.

**LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17** - We will have one full service with ashes and Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. VLC members and friends are also welcome to attend a brief service with ashes and Holy Communion led by Pastor Hartwell in the Concordia chapel at 11:00 a.m.

**Are you currently working on a prayer shawl and would love to stitch in the company of others? Are you thinking of trying to make a prayer shawl, but are not sure how to knit or crochet?** On **Saturday, February 20, 2010, from 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon**, you are welcome to attend a Prayer Shawl Gathering in the library of the school. We will be stitching together, and also teaching how to knit and crochet. So please consider joining us. Prayer Shawl brochures are located in the tract rack and explain all the materials needed.

**PRAYER SERVICES** are held regularly on the last Saturday of the month. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. (following the regular Saturday service), these brief moments for meditation & prayer offer personal prayers at the altar and the ancient tradition of anointing with oil. **The next service is Sat., February 27, at 6:30 p.m.**

**LISTEN TO WORSHIP WHILE TENDING TO CHILDREN** - The Care Room is now equipped with remote speakers so that children and caretakers can hear what's going on in the service. There are also speakers in the Friendship Room for families who need to take upset children out for a break.

**GATHERING OF FRIENDS X - Save the date & get involved! Friday, March 12, 2010.** Gala Dinner and Auction benefitting Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School. For more information or to get involved, please contact: Ellen Bryceland, Event Chair at 914-439-2911 / e-mail [eobb46@gmail.com](mailto:eobb46@gmail.com), or Jeanette Van Duyne, Development Assistant at 914-337-0207 x 1040 / e-mail [jvandyne@vlc-ny.org](mailto:jvandyne@vlc-ny.org).

**Spring Alpha returns in April!** Come join us on **Wednesday, April 7:** Celebration, Cocktails and Dinner. We will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room from **6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** What is it? An opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian Faith. Low Key, Friendly, Fun! Bring a Friend!

**LWML News!** As you know our church helps support the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We are finished with Mission Grant #11 (Beautiful Feet) and Mission Grant #12 (North Country Mission Project) and are now working on Mission Grant #13 (He Lives). Thanks to everyone who picks up the Mite Boxes and fills them with their loose change. May it always continue. Have a great, happy, healthy New Year and may God Bless.

**The women of VLC have started a PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY.** A Prayer Shawl is knitted or crocheted and given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a crisis. The shawl is intended to provide warmth, comfort, a "hug", and to be a reminder of God's embracing arms, which are always around us. When the prayer shawl is completed, it will be turned into the church office, blessed with special prayer and delivered by the Pastors or Deacons to someone in need. Anyone that can participate by knitting or crocheting a shawl or to assist in this endeavor, please contact Shawl Coordinator, Erika Doherty, at 914-337-1080. For more information, see the pamphlets in the Tract Rack, in the Narthex of the church.

**Did you know?** Pastor Hartwell is teaching at Concordia College this semester in the Education Department as an Adjunct Professor. EDU 343 Home, School, Church and Community Relations is a course that helps teacher candidates understand the unique relationships teachers have with parents, administrators, communities and churches and to begin thinking about building bridges with these important constituency groups as they educate children. A Professional Development School relationship (PDS), called "Concord of Excellence," between Concordia College and The Chapel School seeks to empower both institutions via shared resources and sharing of knowledge and expertise. Please pray for our PDS relationships as Concordia and The Chapel School seek "to know, live and share the love of Christ," especially to children and families.

### **SENIOR NEWS**

**Upcoming Seniors' Luncheons** - Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch begins at 12 noon. All VLC Seniors, Loehman Village Residents and community members welcome!

**February 9** - BINGO and Chinese Banquet.

**March 9** - Rich O'Donnell, Appraiser for Eastchester shares tax issues for seniors.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

**Today in Sunday School, the lesson was about Jesus healing many people (Luke 4:31-44).** Through many miracles, Jesus shows us His power over sin. Ask your children to tell you who Jesus healed. What were some of the sicknesses the people had? Talk about sin - yours, theirs, the world's and how Satan holds the world in bondage, causing sickness and death. Assure them that Jesus is the Holy One of God, who defeats Satan and frees us from his hold, granting us eternal life in paradise. Emphasize that Jesus has power over sin and sickness, saving the lost by His death and resurrection.

**Special children's bulletins** called "Kids Celebrate" are available each week to reinforce the Bible lessons read in church, using puzzles, questions and other activities. Use them in church or at home!

From *Life's Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, www.barbourbooks.com). This week, remind that special child in your life: **When someone hurts your feelings, forgive him. It will make God happy.**

### **FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

**ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?** Join us for VLC's annual Super Bowl party on **Sunday, February 7**. We will begin the pot-luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. with games and trivia before kickoff on the big screen TV. Whether your team is in it or out of it, and even if you don't know a flea-flicker from a nose tackle, you can check out the crazy ads and the half-time entertainment. Bring a dish to share and join us for an exciting night of fun and fellowship! Use the sign-up sheet in the bulletin to RSVP.

### **STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

It is said that what a person does with his money tells a great deal about that person. If a person hoards his money, we call him tight or cheap. If someone wastes money, we can call him a fool or a spendthrift. A Christian manages his money wisely and gives it generously. The story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) illustrates how the use of money can readily tell us about a person. Before Jesus changed his heart, Zacchaeus loved and hoarded his money. As a believer, Zacchaeus surrendered his life to Jesus, enabling him to give away half of his money to the poor. How are you using your money?

**The Simply Giving Program** - Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Village Lutheran Church relies upon your regular contributions. Village Lutheran Church deeply appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year. To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions: This program is offered by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Contact Jeanette Van Duyne (914) 337-0207, x1040.

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS**

The **Blessing Basket** collection will continue under the piano in the Friendship Room. Non-perishable items will be taken to ECAP.

### **PARISH HEALTH NEWS**

**Health tip from your Parish Health Practitioner Joy Elwell** - Make it a point to get some fresh air everyday. The easiest way is to park far away from your destination and also walk during your lunch break. Plan a weekend event outdoors instead of hibernating inside. Sunlight is important for Vitamin D production. Recent research suggests that many individuals residing in the United States, even in the southernmost states, have sub-optimal Vitamin D status. Discuss this with your healthcare provider.

**Yoga** is held on **Mondays at 7 p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Rm. Cost \$10. If you need more information call Faith Forliano 725-8035. No pre-registration required.

**St. Monica's Circle:** St. Monica (b.333, d.387), the mother of St. Augustine, is a patron saint of mothers. A caring initiative for families growing through childbirth and adoption, St. Monica's Circle will provide 5 meals to benefit the growing family.

**If you are expecting a child through pregnancy or adoption**, please notify the church office at 337-0207 when your child is expected to come home, so that we may coordinate volunteers.

**AED:** Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School have three **Automated External Defibrillators** (AED) located on each level of our campus: by the lunchroom, outside the gym and outside the sanctuary (in the closet marked AED) in the Friendship Room. These life saving devices are easy to use in the event that someone on our campus experiences distress and their heart stops beating.

**Lutheran Counseling Center** provides caring, Christian professional counseling right on our campus. Under LCC's Membership Assistance Program (MAP), VLC members & friends can access these services at the rate of only \$25 per session (for up to 4 sessions). Major health care insurance companies reimburse for LCC services and LCC uses a sliding scale. Call Pastor Hartwell at 337-0207 (1022).

### **CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS**

The next **Chapel School Open House** will take place on **Friday, February 5**, with a presentation for Grades K-8 at 9:00 a.m. and a Preschool presentation at 1:15 p.m. Invite families with young or elementary school-aged children to see how much The Chapel School has to offer!

### **YOUTH NEWS**

**Voyagers (3rd-6th)** - Meetings are held in the Multi-Purpose Room 6 - 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The next meeting will be held on **Feb. 4, 2010**. Questions, call Erika (914)395-1954 or e-mail [tyandbash@aol.com](mailto:tyandbash@aol.com).

**Lifers (7th-8th)** - Meet on Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. for Confirmation. Please visit our VLC website under the youth section for more information or contact Pastor Taylor at (914)337-0207 (1021) or e-mail to [Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org](mailto:Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org).

**Crusaders (9th-12th)** - Pray for the chaperones and youth signed up for the Crusader H.S. Youth Gathering Trip this summer (July 17-21, 2010) to New Orleans. Mrs. Warnken, Pastor Hartwell, Rachel, Josh, Tom, Hannah, Ian, Alex, Max and Rachel. There is still time for youth to sign up to attend. Call Pastor Hartwell at 914-337-0207 (1022) or 914-329-9182 or e-mail [PastorH@vlc-ny.org](mailto:PastorH@vlc-ny.org). **Upcoming Crusader Youth**

**Activities: St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper Fundraiser**, Wednesday, March 17 from 5 - 7 p.m., **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children, Saturday, April 3 at 11 a.m. (Lifers and Crusaders arrive at 9:30 a.m. to set-up), **Tag Sale** (Collection/set up days: April 29-30). Saturday, May 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For questions/concerns about our Crusader Youth, please contact Pastor Taylor at (914)337-0207 (1021) or e-mail [Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org](mailto:Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org).

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**The Bronxville Career Network presents:** Judy Rosemarin, "Humaway Story Telling" on **Wednesday, February 3, 2010 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.** at The Reformed Church of Bronxville, 180 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY 10708. For more information, email Pat Drew at [pat@patdrew.org](mailto:pat@patdrew.org) or call 914-588-8243. There is no admission and is open to all!

**In Celebration** of Black History Month, Dina Foster-Osbourne (former VLC Development Office Assistant) performs 30 minutes of organ and piano works by African-American composers at The Interchurch Center Chapel, 475 Riverside Drive, corner of 120<sup>th</sup> St., **Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 12 p.m.** Free Admission.

**Village Lutheran Church members and the Chapel School families are invited to BE TRANSFORMED, at the 2010 Festival of Workshops hosted by The Atlantic District on Saturday, March 6, at Concordia College, Bronxville.** The District joyfully offers this yearly day of resources in the hope that lay leaders and church workers will "BE TRANSFORMED" and re-ignited in their mission and ministry. The District's Task Forces initiated the Festival of Workshops in 2002 to provide ongoing training, resources and opportunities for networking to church members. Workshops are led by noted teachers, lecturers and recognized experts, as well as District congregational leaders who share their expertise in a broad range of ministries. The keynote speaker this year will be Mary E. Hilgendorf, Ph.D., Professor of Education, Concordia University, Wisconsin.

A complete list of workshops and registration information is available on the home page of the District's website, [www.ad-lcms.org](http://www.ad-lcms.org). Several workshops will be offered twice during the day to give people the opportunity to attend a variety of programs that interest them. Registration is \$25 per person if received by February 19th; the fee is \$30 per person thereafter. Morning hospitality and lunch are included. Please contact Carol Mittelstaedt at [carolmittel@aol.com](mailto:carolmittel@aol.com) or 914-337-5700, x 6.

**The Senior Center at Lake Isle is planning a 3-day trip to Washington, D.C., March 28-30, 2010,** featuring a special exhibit from China called "Terra Cotta Warriors." Cost for 3 days and 4 meals is \$445/person double occupancy, \$568/single occupancy or \$416/triple occupancy. For a detailed itinerary and further information, contact Norah Rossi Monday thru Friday, 9am-3pm, at 337-0390.

**The Baltimore Lutheran H.S. Choir** will be touring New York from **April 16-18, 2010**, and will be in need of some housing for the evenings of April 16 and 17. Please contact Randy Gast at Concordia College if you are able to help. Randy can be reached at 914-337-9300 x. 2106 or e-mail [randal.gast@concordia-ny.edu](mailto:randal.gast@concordia-ny.edu).

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## **Candidates for Trustee Election at Voters' Meeting TODAY, Sunday, January 31 at 12 Noon.**

**Mary Gleason Akerfelds** (Incumbent up for election for 2nd full term) - Mary and her husband Andis have two children, Dana and Aleksa. They have lived in Bronxville since 1991. Mary is the chairperson of the Blue Ribbon Foundation and was the auction chairperson for our 1st Gathering of Friends Benefit 10 years ago. Mary works in the fashion industry in New York City.

**George Heath** (Incumbent up for election for 2nd full term) - George is currently the Cantor/Youth Choir Director/Teen Choir/Village Brass Director for the Village Lutheran Church and music teacher in grades 1-8 for The Chapel School. He received a B.S. in music education from Concordia College (Bronxville) and is currently pursuing an M.A. in vocal performance from Hunter College, NYC. George resides in Tuckahoe, NY with his wife Amy and daughters (Chapel School students) Lorelei and Audrey.

**Christine Koenig Price** (Incumbent up for election for 3rd term) - Christine has been a member of the VLC since 1986. She was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church in the Bronx, the borough where she grew up. Chris was married at the VLC and has a wonderful son T.J. who was both baptized and confirmed at VLC. He attended The Chapel School from 3 yr. old Nursery through 1st grade. Chris works for Citigroup as a Vice President and Financial Controller for the S & B Operations area at 388 Greenwich Street, in NYC.

**Arthur Maggiola** (Running for 1st Term) Arthur, a native of Yonkers, is a resident of New Fairfield, Ct and a Partner at the accounting firm, Maggiola & Gemborowski in New Rochelle (Chester Heights). He is married to Faye and has three children (two which attended Chapel School) and five grandchildren. Art is a Vietnam War Veteran in the US Army and has served on numerous local Boards including the St. Joseph's Hospital Board of Directors and Board Member of Big/Brothers Big Sisters off Yonkers.

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES**

Assisting Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Morris Mayer
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Intern Faith Forliano
	10:45 a.m.	George Heath
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Deborah Reiss
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	Peter Kollmann
	10:45 a.m.	Charles Eisenberg
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath, Kristofer De Palermo
	10:45 a.m.	Charles Eisenberg
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Casey McGinnis
	9:00 a.m.	Wendy Snyder
	10:45 a.m.	Volunteer
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Frank McGinnis, Sarah McGinnis
	9:00 a.m.	Volunteers
	10:45 a.m.	Mickie Hover, Carol Raff, Ralph Schoene, Skip Hansen
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
	10:45 a.m.	Joan Deery
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Jennifer Pinto
Sextons:		Hannah Geiling

**NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP**

SAT., Feb. 6, 2010 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service  
SUN., Feb. 7, 2010 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion

SERMON: "From Empty Nets to Full Lives"  
Dr. Robert Hartwell, preaching

LESSONS: Isaiah 6:1-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

**Stewardship Update**

Amount received last week: \$3,264  
Amount received to date: \$198,694  
Amount needed to date: \$199,050  
\$6,635 average weekly need to meet our 09-10 commitment

## **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>“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.” <sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But 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, <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

<sup>9</sup>Then 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. <sup>10</sup>See, 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.**

## **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And 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. <sup>3</sup>If 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. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love 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. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes,

the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When 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. <sup>12</sup>For 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.

<sup>13</sup>And 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.**

## **Luke 4:21-30**

<sup>21</sup>Then [Jesus] began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>He 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.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>But 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; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They 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. <sup>30</sup>But 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.**