

December 27, 2020  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

**Welcome to Village Lutheran Church!** We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Golden would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

**The Lord’s Supper** We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such. If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

### **In Our Prayers:**

**Strength and healing** Alison (friend of Charlotte), Allan, Barbara (friend of Scott & Cheryl), Barbara, Betty, Bruce (father of Jonathan), Dan, David, Dick, Elizabeth, Fred, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), Jim, John (friend of Charlotte), John (friend of Sharon), Judy, Leslie, London (friend of Linn), Luke, Maggie (friend of Stephanie), Paul (nephew of Kathy), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Steve, Tammy (friend of Linn), Tom, Valerie (wife of Jack); **Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn; For those in the military**, especially Tom and Aaron; **For those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith**, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah; **Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families; All Seminary students and Washington University students** that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ; **All missionaries**, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (LCMS-Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); **For the community in which we live**, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; **Those who are unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic.**

### **Serving Us Today**

Celebrant: Pastor Kevin Golden, PhD

Sermon: Vicar Michael Stainbrook

Assistant: Pastor Frederic Baue, PhD (10:45)

Organist: Phillip Magness

Altar Guild: Merle Millar

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Karen Bogad in remembrance of her sister Barb.

Pastor's Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10*

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

**The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\***

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\***

**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

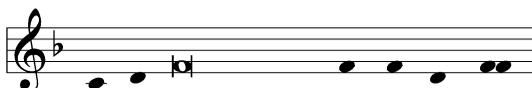
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



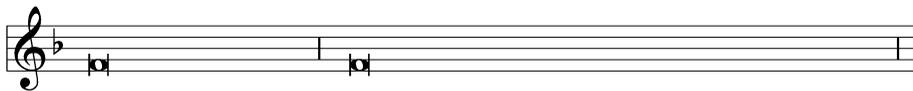
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



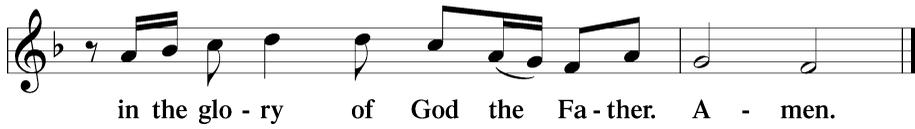
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 61:10—62:3*

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM OF THE DAY

“All the Ends of the Earth”

Ps. 98:1-6

ANTIPHON

Bob Hurd

All the ends of the earth have seen sal - va - tion.  
All the ends of the earth have seen the sav - ing  
pow - er of God, the sav - ing pow - er of God.

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**A:** *antiphon*

**C:** **antiphon**

**A:** *Let us sing a new song for the wondrous deeds of the Lord,  
whose holy arm has prevailed, bringing salvation and victory.*

**C:** **antiphon**

**A:** *All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.  
Ring out your joy, break into song; all you lands sing praise!*

**C:** **antiphon**

**A:** *Sing the praises of God; with the harp and song give praise.  
O trumpets sound! Joyfully sing; sing to the ruler of all.*

**C:** **antiphon**

## Epistle

*Galatians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Let Our Gladness Have No End

LSB 381



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!



For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!  
God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!

*Refrain*



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

### Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation  
<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
 and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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



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

### Let Our Gladness Have No End

LSB 381



3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!



From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!  
 He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!  
*Refrain*



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Luke 2:22-40*

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer (& explanation from Luther's Small Catechism)

**Lead us not into temptation.**

*What does this mean?*

**God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

### Prayer of the Church

**A** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 160



**P** The Lord be with you.



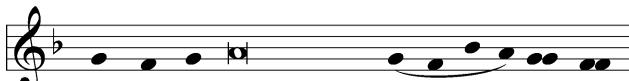
**C** And al - so with you.



**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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

*LSB 161*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

### Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

LSB 374

1 Gen-tle Mar-y laid her child Low-ly in a man-ger;  
 2 An-gels sang a-bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
 3 Gen-tle Mar-y laid her child Low-ly in a man-ger;

There He lay, the Un-de-filed, To the world a strang-er.  
 Heav-en's star shone bright-ly forth Glo-ry all a-round Him.  
 He is still the Un-de-filed But no more a strang-er.

Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav-ior?  
 Shep-herds saw the won-drous sight, Heard the an-gels sing-ing;  
 Son of God of hum-ble birth, Beau-ti-ful the sto-ry;

Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa-vor.  
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring-ing.  
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo-ry!

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# We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth

LSB 382



1 We praise You, Je - sus, at Your birth; Clothed in flesh You  
2 Now in the man - ger we may see God's Son from e -  
3 The vir - gin Mar - y's lul - la - by Calms the in - fant  
4 The Light E - ter - nal, break - ing through, Made the world to



came to earth. The vir - gin bears a sin - less boy  
ter - ni - ty, The gift from God's e - ter - nal throne  
Lord Most High. Up - on her lap con - tent is He  
gleam a - new; His beams have pierced the core of night,



And all the an - gels sing for joy. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Here clothed in our poor flesh and bone. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who keeps the earth and sky and sea. Al - le - lu - ia!  
He makes us chil - dren of the light. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 The very Son of God sublime  
Entered into earthly time  
To lead us from this world of cares  
To heaven's courts as blessèd heirs.  
Alleluia!

6 In poverty He came to earth  
Showing mercy by His birth;  
He makes us rich in heav'nly ways  
As we, like angels, sing His praise.  
Alleluia!

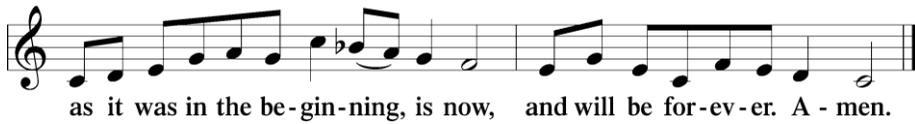
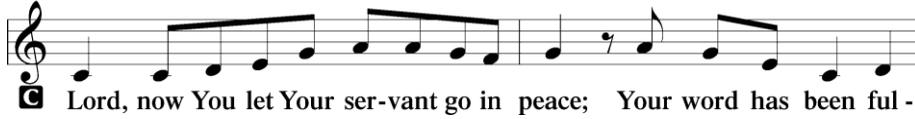
7 All this for us our God has done  
Granting love through His own Son.  
Therefore, all Christendom, rejoice  
And sing His praise with endless voice.  
Alleluia!

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## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, 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.





**Seasonal Insight:** Altar and pulpit are covered in white paraments proclaiming the purity of Christ who is born for our salvation.

**New Year's Eve Service:** Join us on December 31, 5pm as we rejoice in Christ's blessings in 2020 and anticipate His blessings in the New Year.

**The Epiphany of Our Lord** will be celebrated on Monday, January 6, 7pm. Let us rejoice in the Light of the World who comes as the Savior of all.

**Pastor Harrison's Tenth Anniversary:** The Baptism of Our Lord, January 10, 2021 will be the tenth anniversary of Pastor Harrison being installed as assistant pastor at Village. Share your appreciation with him on that day with a card or whatever other means you may desire.

**KFUO:** Village's Sunday 10:45 service will be broadcast on KFUEO December through February. You can sponsor a service in honor of a loved one or anonymously for \$150. Contact the church office to reserve your date.

**Katie Luther League:** Join us January 9, 2021, when we will be assisting with the removal of Christmas decorations at Village. This is in place of our regular monthly business meeting. LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) ladies are invited to gather at 8:55 AM for a prayer before the work begins.

**Untrimming the Church:** Trees, wreaths, the outdoor creche and other holiday adornments will come down on Saturday, January 9 beginning at 9 a.m. Sadly, what goes up must come down. Happily, with a good crew, the work goes very quickly, about an hour.

**Seminary Food Bank:** As always, "all seminarians are very thankful for the support we receive through the Food Bank," as Chad Bolosan, a fourth-year Master of Divinity student from Schaumburg, Ill., who is married with three children says. Village's generosity is appreciated. As far as items on the wish list, they include baking goods, drinks, breakfast foods, condiments, snacks, canned goods, boxed/bagged meals, personal care items, cleaning supplies, paper products and infant/toddler products.

*HIGH NEED ITEMS: cereal, canned chicken, canned tuna, paper towels, toilet paper and diapers (all sizes).*

**The Lutheran Resale Shop** is still open with careful attention to the restrictions because of Covid. We are a very unique thrift shop. We have clothing for the whole family, furniture, craft supplies, including fabric, housewares, jewelry and lots of vintage collectibles. Many of our customers call us "their favorite shop." All of our profits to go Lutheran Family and Children's Service's and Lutheran Senior Services for Breeze Park and Aperia (Hidden Lake). We are all volunteers and we would love to have new volunteers. Of course, donations are always welcome. We are at 6701 W. Florissant, phone 314-389-9970.

**This week on KFUEO AM850 & kfueo.org**, we continue our special Twelve Days of Christmas programming full of sacred music, scripture, prayers, and special talk segments. Listen to this special programming for the Christmas season through January 6!

**Luke 2:39** – "And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord..." The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

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## Sunday, December 27:

8:15 AM Divine Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:45 AM Divine Service

## Thursday, December 31:

5:00 PM New Year's Eve Evening Prayer

## Saturday, January 2:

5:00 PM Divine Service

## Sunday, January 3:

8:15 AM Divine Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:45 AM Divine Service

**Listening to Village---**You can listen to Village's 8:15 service with these easy steps:

- 1) Call 1-800-457-9860
- 2) When prompted, enter passcode, 8109865#

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