

So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPHIPHANY

JANUARY 15, 2023

11:00AM

Concordia Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**                      **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**                      **809**

## **INVOCATION**

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

**C Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**                      *Psalm 40:1, 3a; Isaiah 49:6*

**P** I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

**C He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

**P** It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . . .

**C I will make You as a light for the nations.**

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**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.**

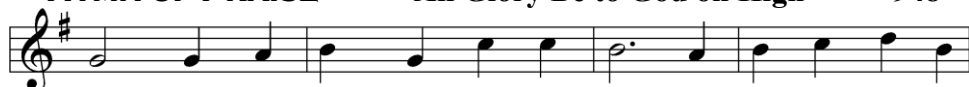
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

# **HYMN OF PRAISE**

## **“All Glory Be to God on High”**

**948**



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the  
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in  
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -  
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,  
 5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And  
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The  
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord  
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O  
 Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His  
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry  
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -  
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your  
 and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.  
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.  
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.  
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.  
 more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

**SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

L This is the Word of our Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

Pew Bible pg. 774

**ANTHEM**

“Rise, Shine”

Dale Wood

**EPISTLE LESSON**

L This is the Word of our Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Pew Bible pg. 1210

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL CANTICLE “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate” 540**



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing, To the Fa - ther's  
Δ 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first-born

A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,  
from the dead, Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,

Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor  
Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: Praise and thanks and

shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us  
ad - o - ra - tion And un - end - ing wor - ship be To the

path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
to Your heav'n - ly man - sions, There to share Your wed - ding feast.  
Fa - ther and the Spir - it And to You e - ter - nal - ly.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 1:29-42a**

Pew Bible pg. 10128

℣ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

℣ This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

*We sit.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Lamb of God”**

**550**

## SERMON

Pastor Paul Nielson  
Lutheran Heritage Foundation

*We stand.*

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### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Psalm 136*

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for by calling us to faith in Your only-begotten Son, who takes away the sin of the world, You have met our deepest needs in time and eternity. Grant that we receive His body and blood in true faith in this Sacrament, a foretaste of the feast to come, when our faith will turn to sight and we shall join the eternal praises in heaven. 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.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into

heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*We sit.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

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*We stand.*

**DISMISSAL**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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