

**A** ATTITUDE  
**C** CHANGES  
**T** THINGS

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Jonah 3:10

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 21, 2024**

**11:00A**

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

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**

*We stand.*

### **OPENING HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” 411**

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** *Jonah 3:2, 10; 1 Cor. 7:29, 31; Mark 1:15, 17*

P Hearing the Word of God, we are called to confess our sin,  
trusting in the one true God who is faithful and just and who  
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for meditation.*

P Though Jonah was reluctant when the Lord spoke to him the first time, He spoke to Jonah a second time and told him, “go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.”

**C As You, O Lord, have given us the message of the Gospel, we have been reluctant to go bring Your truth and grace to all people. For this we seek Your forgiveness.**

P Paul reminds the people of God, “The appointed time has grown very short. . . . The present form of this world is passing away.”

**C As You, O Lord, have given us each day and hold all time in Your hands, we have not used our time wisely. For this we seek Your forgiveness.**

P In today’s Gospel, Jesus called to Simon and Andrew, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him.

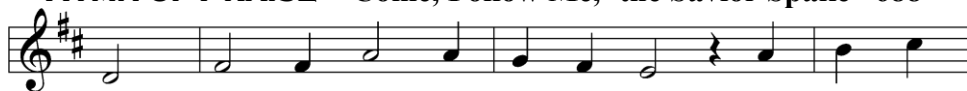
**C As You, O Lord, have called us to follow You, we have instead sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For this we seek Your forgiveness.**

P Even to the evil Ninevites, God showed His mercy upon their repentance. “When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.” Jesus proclaimed to the people, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Though we deserve His present and eternal punishment, God has relented by sending His Son to bear our sin and to be our Savior. Christ has taken our punishment on the cross, paid the price of our sins through His perfect life and sacrificial death, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I 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 “‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake” 688



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My  
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 READING

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

“Go Into the World”

Natalie Sleeth

**EPISTLE READING**

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

**ALLELUIA & VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:14-20**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

*After the Gospel is read:*

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

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

*We sit.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” 856**

**SERMON**

“It’s a Write Off”

Pastor Michael Geml

*We stand.*

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **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.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created, and out of perfect love sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. As You turned Your wrath away from the people of Nineveh through their repentance, You have turned Your wrath away from us through the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. 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.

## **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.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*We sit.*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

<b>“Have No Fear, Little Flock”</b>	<b>735</b>
<b>“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”</b>	<b>839</b>

*We stand.*

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

## **BENEDICTION**

<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	<b>“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”</b>	<b>685</b>
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## **POSTLUDE**



## Sermon Notes



REPENT  
&  
BELIEVE

