

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 29, 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 **“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”** **904**

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

1 Corinthians 1:18, 30

P The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

C but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,

C whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us go to the throne of God's grace, confessing our sins and asking His mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 We cannot repay God for our offenses, but He has given us His only Son to pay for every sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ 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. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“The Man Is Ever Blessed”

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1 The man is ev - er blessed Who shuns the sin - ners' ways, A -
2 But makes the Law of God His stud - y and de - light A -
3 He like a tree shall thrive, With wa - ters near the root; Fresh



mong their coun - sels nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,
mid the la - bors of the day And watch - es of the night.
as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heav'n - ly fruit.

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SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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.

Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible pg.

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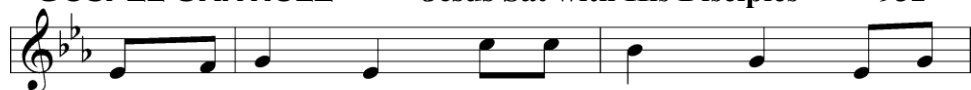
“Blest Are They”

Haas

EPISTLE LESSON**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

L This is the Word of our Lord.

Pew Bible pg.

C Thanks be to God.*We stand.***GOSPEL CANTICLE****“Jesus Sat with His Disciples”****932**

1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a
 2 “Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the
 3 “Bless-ed are God’s sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing



moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo-ple
 earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be
 peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -



gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:
 ho - ly, They are bless’d and will be filled.
 cut - ed, Who for righ - teous - ness lose life;



“Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en’s
 Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy
 Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the



king - dom they will share. Bless-ed are the sad and
 will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are
 king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My



mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.
 bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.
 suf - f’ring And re - joice to know My love.”

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible pg.

℟ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th 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

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

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SERMON

“I’m No Angel”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

℟ The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

℟ Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C We lift them to the Lord.

℟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

¶ 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:

HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

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1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

¶ 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. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. 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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

HYMN

"The Lamb"

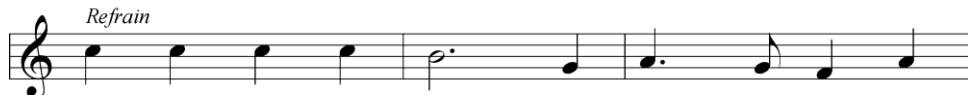
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1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.



Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“How Wide the Love of Christ” **535**

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

We stand.

DISMISSAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” **632**

POSTLUDE