



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

Luke 2:39-40

**Second Sunday after Christmas
January 3, 2020**

11:00pm

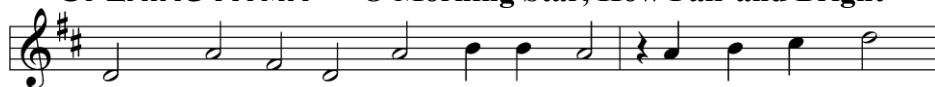
**Concordia Lutheran Church
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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when
6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
not yet be - gun; Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him
He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, Trans - port us to



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.
that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing
A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!
We are yearn - ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

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INVOCATION & OPENING VERSES

Hebrews 8:10–12; Psalm 122:1

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

C Amen.

P “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:

C I will put My laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

P And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest.

C For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”

P I was glad when they said to me,

C “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious and heavenly Father.

C Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people.

We have transgressed Your Law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not always been wise in our thinking and our speaking and our actions. Our motives and thoughts have not always been pure. We deserve Your punishment now and for eternity. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You, through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct all that we do by Your Holy Spirit that in the year now beginning we joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your Commandments as Your redeemed people.

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

C Thanks be to God. Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C and also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 3:4-15

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:40-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

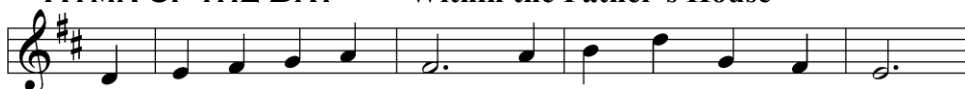
After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Within the Father’s House”



1 With - in the Fa - ther's house The Son has found His home,
2 The doc - tors of the Law Gaze on the won - drous child
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,
4 The se - cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.
And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis - dom un - de - filed.
To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car - nate God be - low.
And faith - ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls
And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself
With loving awe to trace

D 6 Till we behold Thy face
And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Coequal Three in One.

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SERMON

“Don’t Be a Wiseguy”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

**C 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.**

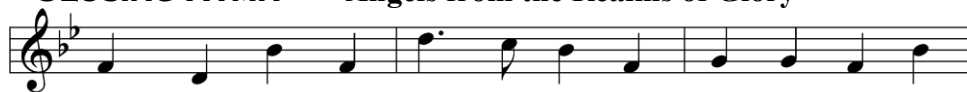
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Angels from the Realms of Glory”



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.

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POSTLUDE