



"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!"

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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

We stand.

OPENING HYMN

“The Advent of Our King”

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 25:1–2a, 4–5, 21; Proverbs 3:5–6*

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

C Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

P Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

C May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.

P Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

C In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

C Almighty God, we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity.

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.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star" 872

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible page 722

ANTHEM “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” M. Larkin

EPISTLE READING

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Romans 13:8-14

Pew Bible page 1206

ALLELUIA & VERSE



Choir: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.



HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

Matthew 21:1-11

Pew Bible page 1049

SERMON “Can I See Some Identification?” Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

CREED

The First Article

P As we begin a new Church Year and reflect on how Jesus’ coming fulfilled the Father’s plan for our salvation, we speak the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed and its meaning. It relates the loving work of God the Father for us. He has created and still preserves us, and in His grace, He has brought us to the beginning of a new Church Year.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

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.

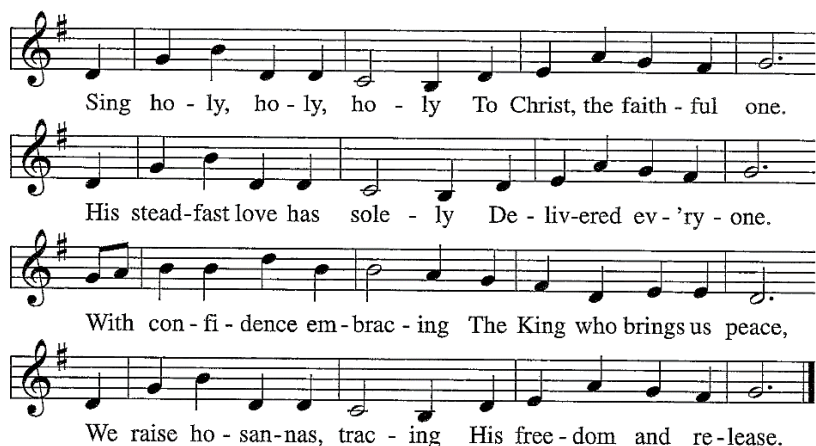
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises.

SANCTUS



Sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly To Christ, the faith - ful one.

His stead-fast love has sole - ly De - liv-ered ev - 'ry - one.

With con - fi - dence em-brac - ing The King who brings us peace,

We raise ho - san-nas, trac - ing His free-dom and re-lease.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our advent Savior. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day here in this house of the Lord be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we receive this blessed food and are strengthened and sustained by it, grant that our faith toward You and our fervent love for one another grow until that longed-for time to come when we are

granted our place with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

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:

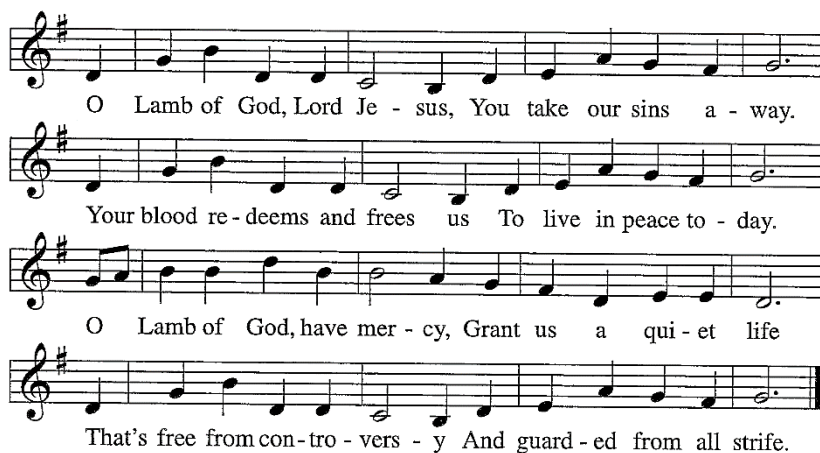
LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus, You take our sins a - way.
 Your blood re - deems and frees us To live in peace to - day.
 O Lamb of God, have mer - cy, Grant us a qui - et life
 That's free from con - tro - vers - y And guard - ed from all strife.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”	515
“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”	516

We stand.

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN	“When Morning Gilds the Skies”	807
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POSTLUDE