



In those days John the Baptist came
preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is
at hand.” Matthew 3:1-2

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 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

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P O God, our Father, You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

C Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. We acknowledge our sinful nature and confess our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P 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. Go in **T** peace.

C Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 11:1-10

Pew Bible page 732

EPISTLE READING

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Romans 15:4-13

Pew Bible page 1207

We stand.

GRADUAL & VERSE *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.; Luke 3:4b, 6*

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Women: *Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.*

Men: *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You.*

C Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

Pew Bible page 1027

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 3rd 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist Cry” 344

SERMON

“An Uneasy Feeling”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

CREED

The Second Article

P In the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed, echoing the proclamation of John the Baptist, we confess Jesus to be the Savior, the One who fulfills God’s promises.

C I believe 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.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. 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.

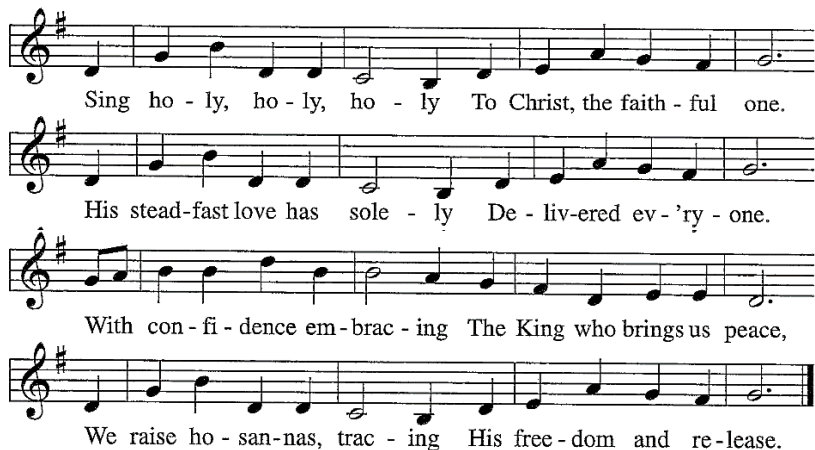
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have established Your kingdom of peace among us and have brought to us the joy of Your salvation in our lives. Above all, we bless You and give thanks for the limitless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son as the fulfillment of Your great promises. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your supporting presence, Lord, now and forever. Together with angels and archangels and with all who rejoice in the courts of heaven we praise Your glorious name:

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 of heaven and earth. We bless You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to give Himself as a perfect sacrifice for us so that our lives may know true peace and endless joy. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table with thankful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we may continue as the people of Your kingdom of peace, awaiting the eternal feast in glory everlasting.

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:

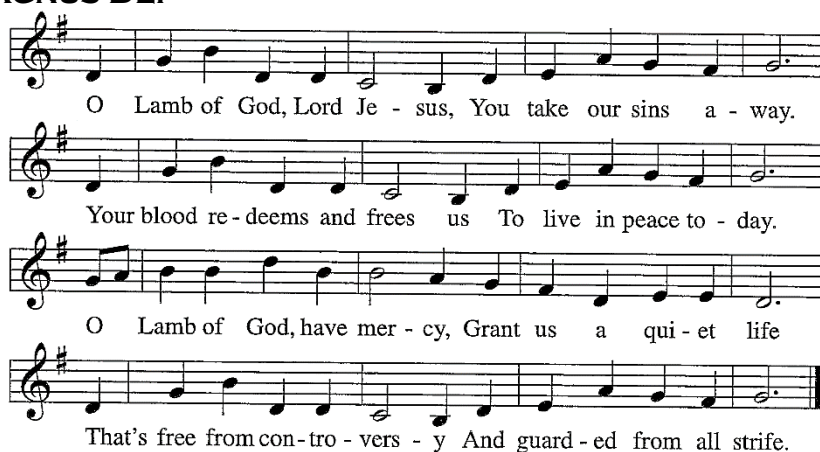
LORD'S PRAYER

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

"Once He Came in Blessing"	333
"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"	508

We stand.

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” 348

POSTLUDE