



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPHIPHANY

FEBRUARY 12, 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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” 686

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P These are the words of your Baptism. What is Baptism?

C Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

P What does such baptizing with water indicate?

C It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new person should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P As God's baptized people, therefore, let us confess our sins.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

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.

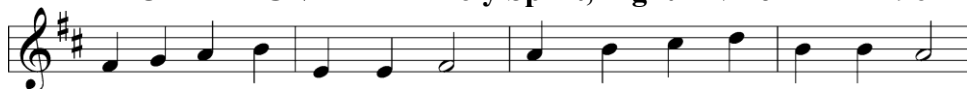
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

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1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
 2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
 Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
 In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
 Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
 Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Unverfehrt

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

L This is the Word of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Pew Bible pg. 218

EPISTLE LESSON

L This is the Word of our Lord.

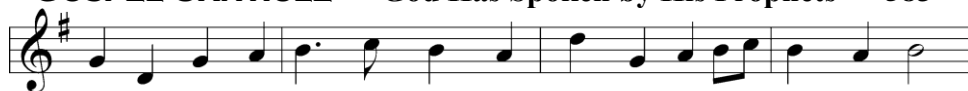
C Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Pew Bible pg. 1212

We stand.

GOSPEL CANTICLE “God Has Spoken by His Prophets” 583



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.
God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37

Pew Bible pg. 1029

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

℟ Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

℟ This is the Gospel of our Lord.

℟ Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” 394

SERMON

“Don’t Grow Up”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

℟ The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

℟ And also with you.

℟ Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

℟ We lift them to the Lord.

℟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136

℟ 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 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

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

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

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“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts’ Desire”	553
“Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star”	872

We stand.

DISMISSAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” 707

POSTLUDE