



*And amazement seized them all, and they  
glorified God and were filled with awe, saying,  
"We have seen extraordinary things today."  
Luke 5:26*

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER**

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

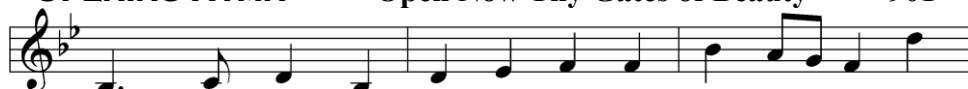
## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

### OPENING HYMN

### "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

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1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
 3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
 un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
 du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
 gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;  
 done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
 Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing  
 While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
 en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
 hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.  
 foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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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 30:10; 43:3; Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 2:5b*

P Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!

**C O LORD, be my helper.**

P Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

**C let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

P The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,

**C which shines brighter and brighter until full day. Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us now make confession of our sins. 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 Assured of God's great mercy, let us confess together that we, by our darkened, sinful nature, are estranged from God, and by our thoughts, words, and deeds have sinned and deserve His condemnation now and eternally.

**C Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. Although we deserve Your just punishment, we ask for Your unmerited blessing. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be made bright by Your presence in our lives, joyfully serving You in time and through 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.**

**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P O Lord, You bless the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the persecuted. Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people when they call upon You, and give us faith to believe Your kingdom belongs to the humble of heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 17:5-8

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible pg. 819

**C Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

“There Is a Redeemer”

arr. Benjamin Harlan

There is a Redeemer—Jesus, God’s own Son;

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,

And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;

There I’ll serve my King forever In that holy place.

**EPISTLE READING**

1 Corinthians 15:1-20

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible pg. 1222

**C Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## ALLELUIA & VERSE



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that  
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

Pew Bible pg. 1096

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

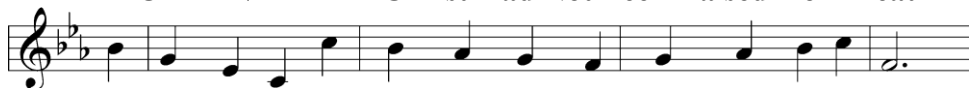
*After the Gospel is read:*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*We sit.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY “If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death” 486



- 1 If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,
- 2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb Then death would be the end,
- 3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised His Church would live a lie;



Our preach - ing but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.  
And we should face our fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.  
His name should nev - er - more be praised, His words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed; He rules in earth and heav'n:  
But now the Sav-ior is raised up, So when a Chris-tian dies  
But now our great Re-deem-er lives; Through Him we are re - stored;



His Gos - pel meets a world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.  
We mourn, yet look to God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise!  
His Word en-dures, His Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

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## SERMON

“It’s No Disney Movie”

Pastor Michael Geml

*We stand.*

## CREEDAL STATEMENT

*The Second Article*

P Let us now confess the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed, and speak together the section of Luther’s Small Catechism that tells of the redemption we receive from our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.

## **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 Lord. We thank You for the powerful Word and the Means of Grace through which You come among us to bless us. Grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day 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 increase throughout our lives until at last 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**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*We sit.*

## **DISTRIBUTION “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” 411**

*We stand.*

## **DISMISSAL**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **CLOSING HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” 643**

- 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## **POSTLUDE**