

**Every good gift and
every
Perfect
gift is from above,
coming down from the
Father of lights, with
whom there is no
variation or shadow
due to change.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

11:00A

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 (1 Cor 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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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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

P It was in this triune name of God that we were baptized—
C the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P As we begin our Lenten journey, we remember our Baptism.
C We remember we were washed and forgiven.

P We remember we were made members of God's family.
C We remember we were united with Jesus.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Though we are baptized and united with Jesus, we often act as if we were separated from Jesus. There are times when we fall prey to Satan and his temptations. There are times when sin reigns within us. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in repentance, asking for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C we have ignored Your help in resisting Satan and His temptations. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. Yet our entire lives are lives of repentance. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, and lead us in righteousness, on account of Jesus. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to endure temptation, suffering, and death for us and our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. We are forgiven. We are baptized into Christ.

KYRIE

“Your Hear, O God, Is Grieved”

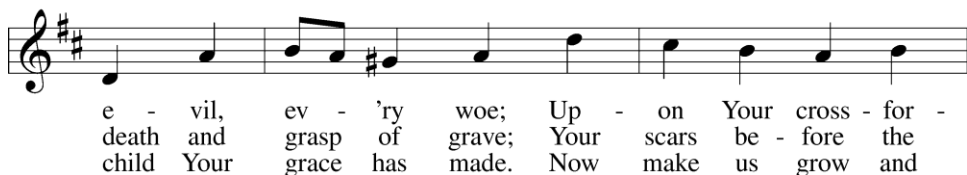
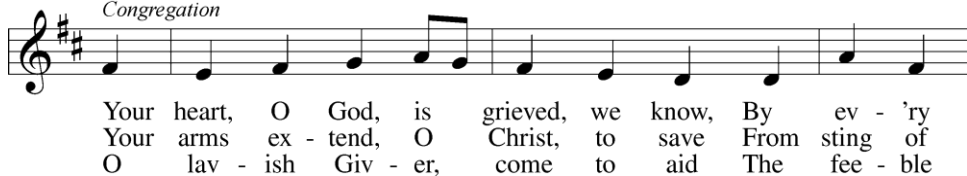
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Choir: 1. O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

2. O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

3. O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.

Congregation



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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-18

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Behold the Lamb”

Dana Mengel

EPISTLE READING

James 1:12-18

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

VERSE FOR LENT



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” 657

We sit.

SERMON “Free From Sin – Flee From Sin” Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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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, 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. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing” 421

“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord” 634

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days” 418

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

In
Your
Word
my God,
I put
my
trust

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