



**“You are the salt of the earth...You
are the light of the world...”**

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPHIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 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 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” 411

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Matthew 5:16

P Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

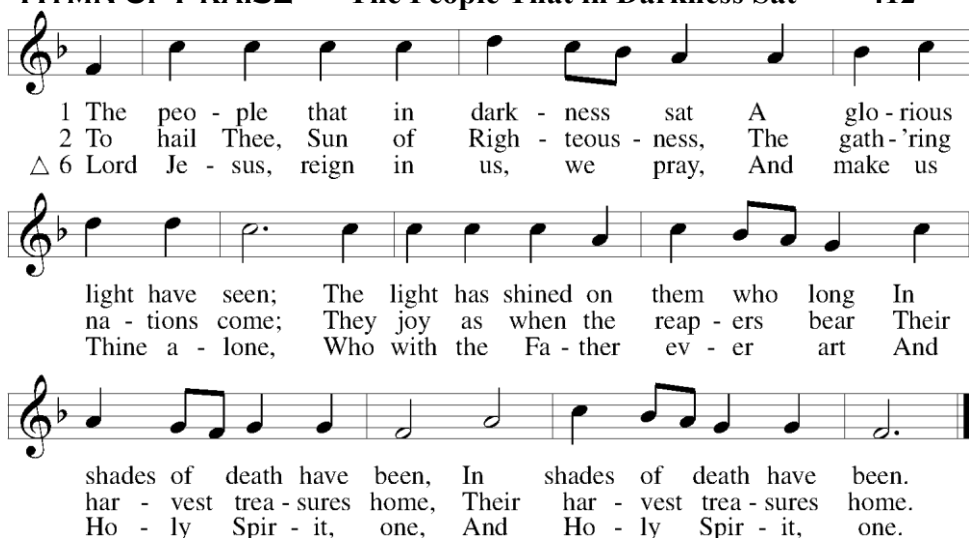
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son,

Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” 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 “The People That in Darkness Sat” 412



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
 △ 6 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us

light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
 Thine a - lone, Who with the Fa - ther ev - er art And

shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, one, And Ho - ly Spir - it, one.

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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, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 LESSON

L This is the Word of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 58:3-9a

Pew Bible pg. 785

ANTHEM

“Let It Shine”

Lloyd Larson

Sunday School children and Sanctuary Choir

EPISTLE LESSON

L This is the Word of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Pew Bible pg. 1211

We stand.

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir:

*Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Refrain, all)*

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

Pew Bible pg. 1029

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

℟ This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thy Strong Word”

578

St. 3 – Treble voices; St. 5 – Lower voices

SERMON

“Increase Your Salt Intake”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

℟ The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

℟ Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C We lift them to the Lord.

℟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

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. 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

“O Word of God Incarnate” 523

“Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling” 630

We stand.

DISMISSAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill” 698

POSTLUDE