



“After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 1:7-8

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

11:00A

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

AS WE GATHER

Advent is the season of waiting! As we await Christ's coming again in power and glory, we know that the time we are given before that great Day is due to the Lord's patience. "The Lord . . . is patient toward you," says Peter (2 Peter 3:9). Why? More time before Christ's return as King and Judge means more opportunities for us to share the life-giving Gospel with all the world. As people hear the message of Christ, repenting of their sin and turning to Him in faith, more souls will be brought into God's eternal kingdom. And because He is working His wonders of salvation, we rejoice in Him and receive from Him all He seeks to give!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN **"Prepare the Royal Highway"** **343**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 27:13–14; 130:5

P I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the **LORD** in the land of the living!

C Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

P I wait for the **LORD**, my soul waits,

C and in His word I hope.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Based on Psalm 130

P With hope in the Lord’s promises of renewal by His Word and Spirit, let us together confess our sins to Him.

C Out of the depths I cry to You, Lord!

P Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to my pleas for mercy!

C If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, I would have no hope.

P But with You there is forgiveness, therefore we place our trust in You.

C Restore us, Lord God, and set us free from our sins.

P Renew us in Your hope, that we may wait for Your salvation.

C Because of Your steadfast love for us in Christ, redeem us from all our iniquities. Amen.

P As we wait for Jesus’ final coming, we place our hope and our confidence in the promises of His Word and find our home in the presence of His Spirit. Confessing our sins and turning away from them through lives of repentance, we are assured again this day of the Lord’s steadfast love and plentiful redemption for us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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

“My Soul Rejoices”

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1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the

great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He

fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion

bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the

ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the

sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring

Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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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.

Stir up Your power, 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Sing a Song of Advent”

Hal Hopson

EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL CANTICLE “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding” 345



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! “Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near,” we hear it say. “Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!”
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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.

We sit.

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

SERMON

“All I Want”

Pastor Michael Geml

ANTHEM “Seek a Sign, the Prophet Counseled” arr. Scott Soper

St. 1 - Solo,

St. 2 - Choir,

St. 3 - Choir and Congregation,

St 4 - Choir,

St 5 - Choir and Congregation

1. Seek a sign,” the prophet counseled,

“Deep as earth or high as sky.

Seek a sign to bolster courage

When faith falters or hope dies.

Know that God will come to meet us

And within our midst will dwell:

God with us, Emmanuel”.

2. When we long had walked in darkness,

God appeared in glimm’ring light.

When we long had sat in silence,

God’s Word echoed in the night.

Now our God has come to meet us

And within our midst will dwell;

God with us, Emmanuel.

3. God’s great sign at last is given

For all those with eyes to see:

**Not as lightning rending heaven
But a child on mother's knee.
Here our God has come to meet us
And within our midst to dwell;
God with us, Emmanuel.**

4. Yet this sign today confronts us
With God's presence to our race
In the child, the poor, the needy
All who bear a human face.
Here our God still comes to meet us
And within our midst does dwell;
God with us, Emmanuel.

**5. Praise the God who lives as Parent.
Praise the God who comes as Child.
Praise the God who, Holy Spirit,
Our own spirits has beguiled.
Praise the God who comes to meet us
And within our hearts will dwell;
God with us, Emmanuel.**

We stand.

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LORD'S PRAYER

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CLOSING HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" 338

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

Comfort,
comfort
my people

ISAIAH 40:1

