



And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2023

10:00A

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 (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 “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” 350

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 37:7a, 34a; Isaiah 30:18*

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him.

C Wait for the LORD and keep His way.

P The LORD waits to be gracious to you.

C He exalts Himself to show mercy to you.

P For the LORD is a God of justice;

C blessed are all those who wait for Him.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P So that we may experience the peace of sins forgiven, let us come before our Lord with humble hearts as we confess together:

C Gracious Father, we all have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. By what we have done and by what we have failed to

do, we have broken Your commands and have not accomplished Your plans for our lives.

P Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, You alone give us the redemption and the restoration, the absolution and the ability to follow Your Word. Through the work of Jesus, the Word made flesh, do for us what is impossible apart from You.

C Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may follow Your plan for our lives and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of our gracious Father, Jesus came into this world, journeying from the crib to the cross, from the tomb and to His throne of glory in order to secure our forgiveness according to God's plan of salvation. Receive His assurance of pardon this day as we celebrate Jesus' coming to save 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" 900



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid-en moth - er told,
3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
Kneel - ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.
For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."
When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.
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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, and come and help us by Your
might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted
by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the
Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 89:1-5

L I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

**C with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all
generations.**

L For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;

C in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

L You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I
have sworn to David my servant:

**C 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your
throne for all generations.'"**

L Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
C your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

EPISTLE READING

Romans 16:25-27

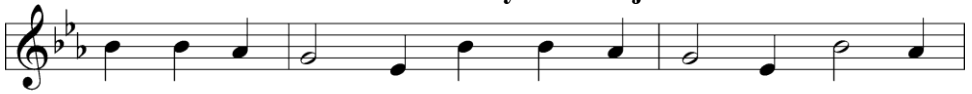
L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

“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



bles - sing, 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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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, 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 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” 357
Sts. 1–4

SERMON

“Tap the Breaks”

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 In Your great mercy, O Father, You sent the angel Gabriel to bring Your Word to the virgin Mary, revealing to her Your plan of salvation.

C **With grateful hearts, we receive Your Word again this day. Favor us with Your grace that we would know Your plan of salvation, offered to us in the body and blood of our Savior.**

P Hear us as we pray in His holy name and in the words He has taught us:

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” 357

St. 5-7

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” 356

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Hark the Glad Sound”

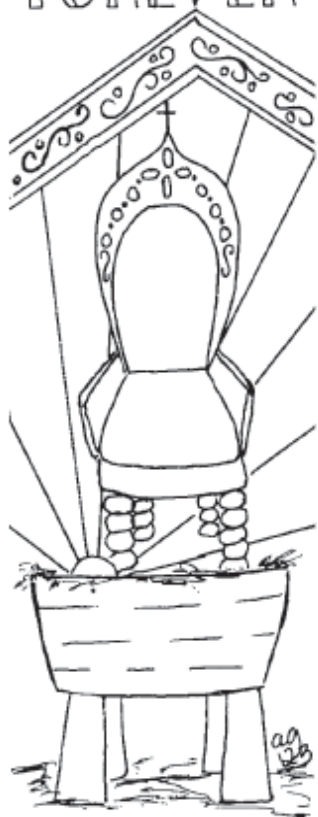
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POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

YOUR
THRONE
WILL BE
Established
FOREVER



2 SAMUEL 7:16