



"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

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 (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 **“The Advent of Our King”** **331**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 33:20–22

P Our soul waits for the LORD;
C He is our help and our shield.

P For our heart is glad in Him,
C because we trust in His holy name.

P Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
C even as we hope in You.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

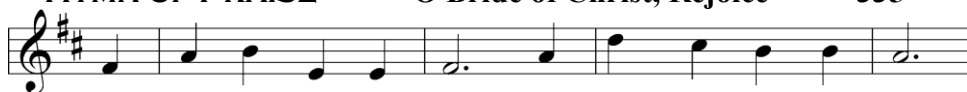
**C Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against
You in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what
we fail to do. Instead of waiting on You and clinging to Your**

promises, we impatiently go our own way. Instead of loving our neighbors as ourselves, we put our wants first and serve our interests instead of Yours, O God. For the sake of our Savior and King, have mercy on us. Forgive us and restore us. Guide us and renew us. Help us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P “You are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:7–8). Our faithful God hears our prayers and answers them, taking away our guilt and giving us His righteousness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, our Savior and King, 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 **“O Bride of Christ, Rejoice”** **335**



1 O bride of Christ, re - joice; Ex - ul - tant raise thy voice
 2 Let shouts of glad - ness rise Tri - um - phant to the skies.
 3 A hum - ble beast He rides, Yet as a King pre - sides;
 4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He is and kind;
 5 Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;



To hail the day of glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Now comes the King most glo - rious To reign o'er all vic - to - rious.
 Though not ar - rayed in splen - dor, He makes the grave sur - ren - der.
 To them He gives a trea - sure Of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.
 Thy gar - ments spread be - fore Him And hon - or and a - dore Him.

Refrain



Ho - san - na, praise, and glo - ry! Our King, we bow be - fore 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, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Bethlehem Wind”

Joseph A. Martin

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA & VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th 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 “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” 350

SERMON “A Less Than Triumphal Entry” 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, O Lord our God, for the mercy You show us in Jesus Christ, Your Son and our King. As we remember His death and resurrection and await His final coming, prepare our hearts to receive the redemption He provides through His body that is given and His blood that is shed for the forgiveness of sins.

P For our heart is glad in Him,
C because we trust in His holy name.

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

“Come, Let Us Eat”

626

Lectern side – leader; Pulpit side - all

“Jerusalem the Golden” 672

“Once He Came in Blessing” 333

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” 341

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

Isaiah 64:8

