



Christmas Day
Concordia Lutheran Church
Monday, December 25, 2023



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Prelude

Welcome to Concordia!

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Opening Hymn *"Joy to the World, the Lord is Come"* **Red Hymnal # 87**

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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.

P: 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.**

All: **O almighty God, merciful Father, 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: 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit

Psalm 80:3; Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b

P: The Lord has made his salvation known

C: and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

P: Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: for he has done marvelous things.

P: He has remembered his love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

C: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth;

C: burst into jubilant song with music;

P: with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—

C: shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

P: The Lord has made his salvation known

C: and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

The Gloria Patri

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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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The Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Grant, almighty God, that the birth of your only-begotten son in human flesh may set us free, who through sin are held in bondage; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The First Reading is taken from the fifty-second chapter of Isaiah:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52:7-10

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

Revelation 7:14; Psalm 84:5

R: To us a child is born, to us a son is given,

C: **and the government will be upon his shoulders.**

R: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

C: **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

R: Sing to the Lord a new song
C: **for he has done marvelous things.**

The Epistle Reading is from the first chapter of Hebrews:

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”?

Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
“Let all God's angels worship him.”

Hebrews 1:1-6

R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Triple Hallelujah

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The Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter:
C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him

was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:1-6

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* **Red Hymnal # 98**

Sermon

The Sharing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory **Red Hymnal pg 22-23**

Prayers of the Church

The Order of Holy Communion **Red Hymnal pg 24-28**

Distribution Hymn *"Savior of the Nations, Come"* **Red Hymnal # 95**

Nunc Dimittis **Red Hymnal pg 29**

Thanksgiving **Red Hymnal pg 30**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good

C: **And His mercy endures forever.**

Post-Communion Collect

C: Amen

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

The Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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Closing Hymn

"Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"

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