



Second Sunday of Advent  
Concordia Lutheran Church  
Sunday, December 10, 2023



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## Prelude

**Welcome to Concordia!**

**Pastor Robert Sorensen**

**Opening Hymn**

*"Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel"*

**Red Hymnal # 62**

## 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: Restore us, O God;

**C: make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.**

P: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock;

**C: you who sit enthroned between the cherubim.**

P: You brought a vine out of Egypt;

**C: and it took root and filled the land.**

P: Restore us, O God;

**C: make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.**

**The Gloria Patri**

**Red Hymnal pg 16**

**Kyrie**

**Red Hymnal pg 17**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Red Hymnal pg 17-19**

**The Salutation and Collect**

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son that at his second coming we may worship him with purity; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**The First Reading is taken from the fortieth chapter of Isaiah:**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah,

“Behold your God!” Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40:1-11

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gradual

Revelation 7:14; Psalm 84:5

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C: **Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!**

P: See, your King comes to you,

C: **righteous and having salvation.**

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

## The Epistle Reading is from the third chapter of Second Peter:

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

2 Peter 3:8-14

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Triple Hallelujah

Red Hymnal pg 20

## The Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter:

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “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 1:1-8

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**      *"On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry"*      **Red Hymnal # 63**

**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**      *"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"*      **Red Hymnal # 61**

**Nunc Dimittis**      **Red Hymnal pg 29**

**Thanksgiving**      **Red Hymnal pg 30**

**P:**      O, 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**

**Red Hymnal pg 31**

**Closing Hymn**     *"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"*

**Red Hymnal # 47**