



First Sunday of Advent
Concordia Lutheran Church
Sunday, December 3, 2023



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Prelude

Welcome to Concordia!

Pastor Robert Sorensen

Opening Hymn

"Savior of the Nations Come"

**Red Hymnal # 95
verses 1-5**

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

Zechariah 9:9b; Psalm 25:1-3

P: See, your King comes to you,

C: righteous and having salvation.

P: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

C: in you I trust, O my God.

P: Do not let me be put to shame,

C: nor let my enemies triumph over me.

P: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame,

C: but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

P: See, your King comes to you,

C: righteous and having salvation.

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: Stir up, we implore you, your power, O Lord, and come that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The First Reading is taken from the sixty-fourth chapter of Isaiah:

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Isaiah 64:1-9

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 first chapter of First Corinthians:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any 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. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Corinthians 1:3-9

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. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter:

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

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Matthew 13:24-37

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 *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"* Red Hymnal # 73

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 *"Holy Ghost , with Light Divine"* Red Hymnal # 234

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

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Closing Hymn *"Hosanna to the Living Lord"*

Red Hymnal # 70