SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 2, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 383 A Great and Mighty Wonder

1 A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure: The virgin bears the infant With virgin honor pure!

Refrain Proclaim the Savior's birth: "To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth!"

- The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high, And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky. *Refrain*
- While thus they sing your Monarch, Those bright angelic bands, Rejoice, O vales and mountains, And oceans, clap your hands. *Refrain*.

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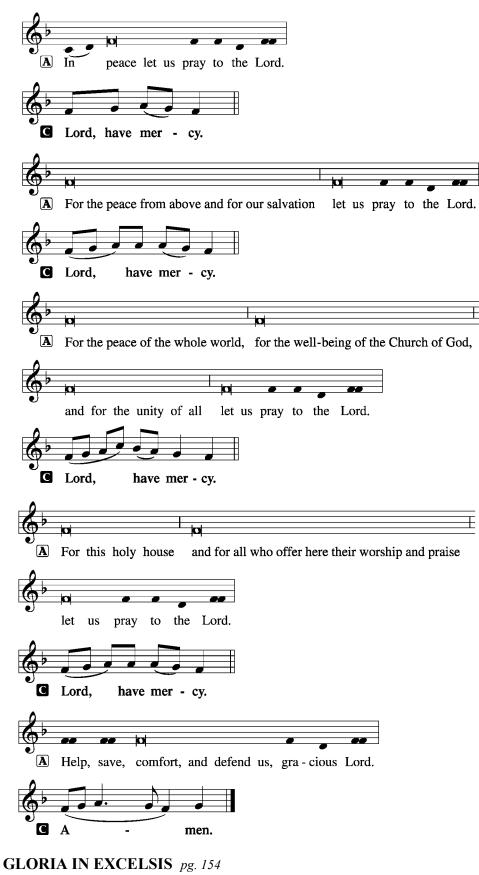
+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

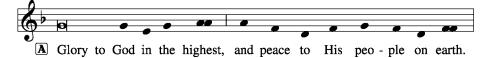
Stand

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.







SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 3: 4-15 (ESV pg. 282)

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thou-

sand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his serv-

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119: 97-104 (ESV pg. 514, spoken responsively)

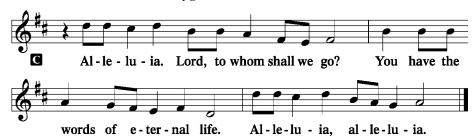
- P Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.
- Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.
- P I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.
- **C** I understand more than the agèd, for I keep your precepts.
- **P** I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.
- I do not turn aside from your just decrees, for you have taught me.
- P How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE Ephesians 1: 3-14 (ESV pg. 976)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter. (vs. 40-52 ESV pg. 858)



And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

HYMN OF THE DAY 410 Within the Father's House

- Within the Father's house The Son has found His home, And to His temple suddenly The Lord of life has come.
- 2 The doctors of the Law Gaze on the wondrous child And marvel at His gracious words Of wisdom undefiled.
- 3 Yet not to them is giv'n The mighty truth to know, To lift the earthly veil that hides Incarnate God below.
- 4 The secret of the Lord Escapes each human eye, And faithful pond'ring hearts await The full epiphany.
- 5 Lord, visit Thou our souls And teach us by Thy grace Each dim revealing of Thyself With loving awe to trace
- 6 Till we behold Thy face And know as we are known Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Coequal Three in One.

SERMON

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS

(All elected officers and board members please come to the front of the church)

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: You have been nominated and elected in a regular meeting of this congregation to serve as the officers and board members of Concordia for the term which began January 1st. As such, you are to be associated with myself the called minister of the Word, in the work of guiding, strengthening, and building up the kingdom of God among us.

You are to see that the services in God's house are held regularly and conducted decently and in order; that the Gospel is preached in all truth and the whole Christian faith is proclaimed; that the necessary provisions are made for the instruction and spiritual education of both young and old; and the Christian discipline is maintained.

You are to administer the temporal affairs of the congregation, keep its property in good repair, and provide for the support and encouragement of your pastor and staff members and the work to which you have called them. You are to assist them in the care of the sick and the needy, the lonely and the dying, and those who are becoming weak in the faith; you are to help cultivate peace, harmony and love among the members of the congregation and promote the general welfare of the congregation so that Christ's Church may continue to grow here and around the world so that God's name may continue to be glorified.

In order that the congregation may be assured of your willingness to serve in the respective area to which you have been nominated and elected, I ask you, in the presence of God our Father and this congregation: "Will you diligently and faithfully carry out the duties and responsibilities of your office or board according to the spirit of Christ and the direction of God's Word, the Lutheran Confessions of our Synod, and the constitution of this congregation, according to the ability which God continues to give you? Then answer-

Officers & Board Members: Yes with the help of God

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as Officers and Board Members of Concordia Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OFFERTORY pg 159 What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

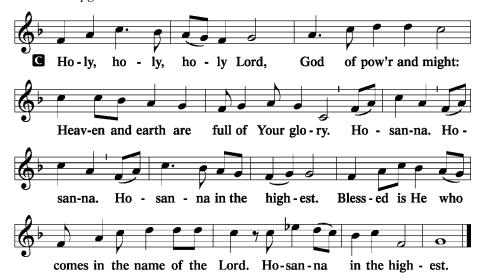
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH





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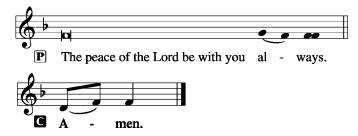


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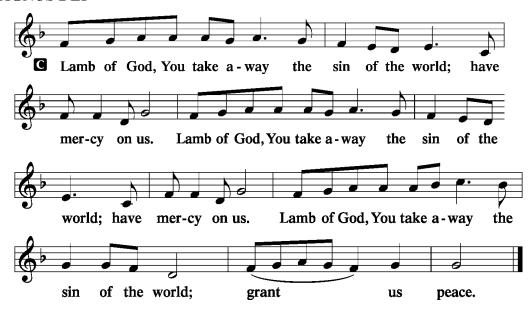
LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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AGNUS DEI



DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 385 From East to West

- From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev'ry heart awake and sing The holy child whom Mary bore, The Christ, the everlasting king.
- 2 Behold, the world's creator wears The form and fashion of a slave; Our very flesh our maker shares, His fallen creatures all to save.
- For this how wondrously He wrought! A maiden, in her lowly place, Became, in ways beyond all thought, The chosen vessel of His grace.
- 4 And while the angels in the sky Sang praise above the silent field, To shepherds poor the Lord Most High, The one great Shepherd, was revealed.
- 5 All glory for this blessèd morn To God the Father ever be; All praise to You, O Virgin-born, And Holy Ghost eternally.

392 God Loves Me Dearly

1 God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation, God loves me dearly, Loves even me. *Refrain*

Refrain Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

- 2 I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness; God's love was working To make me free. *Refrain*
- 3 He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer, He sent forth Jesus And set me free. *Refrain*
- 4 Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer; Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. *Refrain*
- 5 Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal; Now I will praise You All my life long. *Refrain*

Stand

DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life ever-lasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

THANK THE LORD pg 164





Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN 383 A Great and Mighty Wonder

4 Since all He comes to ransom, By all be He adored, The infant born in Bethl'em, The Savior and the Lord. *Refrain*.

Refrain Proclaim the Savior's birth: "To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth!"

5 All idols then shall perish And Satan's lying cease, And Christ shall raise His scepter, Decreeing endless peace. *Refrain*.

SILENT PRAYER

Next Week's Lessons

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm 72: 1-15

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

Acknowledgments