

 **CONCORDIA**
Lutheran Church
GREENWOOD, IN



Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 18th, 2022 – 9:30 AM

Prelude

Ringing of the Bells

Announcements

CHORAL ANTHEM: *Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?*

DIVINE SERVICE - SETTING III pg. 184

Confession & Absolution

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C 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.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 18: 15-19 (pg. 161)

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Hear the Prophet Calling

EPISTLE Philippians 4: 4-7 (ESV pg. 982)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE pg. 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St John, the first chapter. (vs. 19-28 ESV pg. 886)



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY 357 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Choir: 2. *O Wisdom, proceeding from the Mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.*

Choir: 3. *O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave us the Law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.*

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Refrain

Choir: 5. *O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close, You close and no one can open: Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death*

Choir: 6. *O Dayspring, splendor of light ever Lasting: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.*

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

SERMON

Stand

OFFERTORY pg. 192

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & OFFERINGS

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS pg. 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI pg. 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A - men.

AGNUS DEI pg. 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

350 *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*
686 *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*

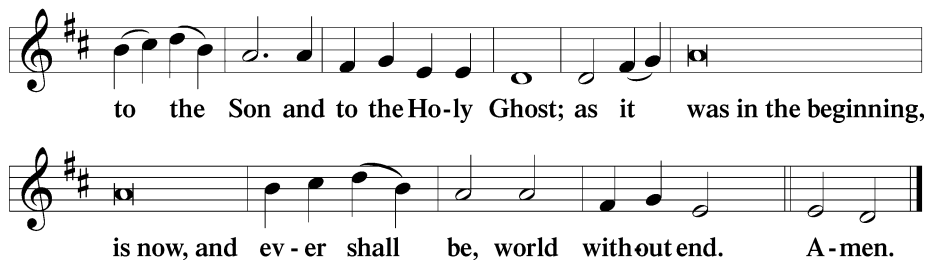
Stand

DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

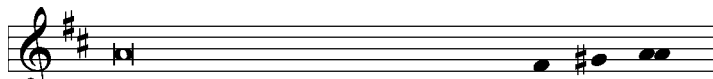
NUNC DIMITTIS pg. 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

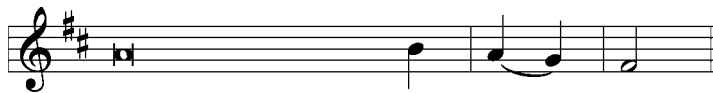


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING pg. 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray,

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS pg. 201



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

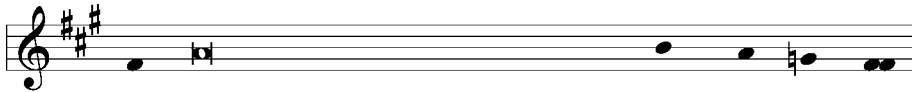
BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

HYMN TO DEPART: 349 *Hark the Glad Sound*

Postlude

Next Week's Lessons
The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Day
Exodus 40: 17-21, 34-38
Psalm 2
Titus 3: 4-7
John 1: 1-18

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Holiday Worship Services

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services
4:30 p & 6:00 p with 11 p Holy Communion

December 25 - Christmas Sunday Divine Worship @ 9:30 a
No Sunday School

December 31 - 7 p New Years Eve service with Holy Communion

January 6, 2023 - 6:30 p Epiphany Service and Celebration

This week at Concordia

Dec 19	Monday	6:30 p	Worship Service
Dec 22	Thurs.	6:00 p	Early Bird Bible Study
Dec 23	Friday		
Dec 24	Sat.	4:30 p	Candle Light Service
		6:00 p	Candle Light Service
		11:00 p	Candle Light Service with Holy Communion
Dec 25	Sunday		No Sunday School

Recovering: Craig Smith

Testing or Treatments: Tommy Ragsdale, Phillis Infante, Dianne Beam-Garland

NOTE: See complete listing for prayers and addresses of military or home bound see listing in *THE MESSENGER* newsletter posted on the church web site.

Flowers given in honor of Diana Sullivan's Wedding Anniversary and in thanksgiving by Diane Conrad.

Birthdays:

Forster, Chris	12/19
Tinsley, Adele	12/24

Anniversaries:

Response in Worship and Love to our Lord for Dec 11, 2022
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Worship: Sunday Monday	9:30 AM - 92 6:30 PM - 8		Total - 92 Total - 8
	<i>12/11//22 unified Budget Offering \$ 6,384.00</i>	<i>YTD Unified Budget Offerings \$ 315,449.42</i>	<i>2022 Annual Budget \$ 336,760.00</i>

December 18, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

NOTE: Dec 25, Sunday school hour is cancelled.

Dec. 26, Monday 6:30 pm Worship is cancelled.

Calendar - You can find a new online & updated calendar on our website. Our staff is committed to keeping this updated regarding events, times, and any changes. For those using Google Calendar, there is an option on the website to add this calendar to your personal calendar.

Advent Party - Today after service (10:30) join us as we celebrate our Lord's coming! Enjoy cookies, Christmas ornament crafts, music, and/or a presentation by Pastor on Christian symbols. All ages welcome.

Epiphany Service & Party - Friday, January 6th with a service at 6:30 PM and a party afterwards. Come be a part of our church's continued Christmas celebration!

Indy Fuel Game January 22 at 3pm. All are welcome to join our church and others at the game. Tickets are \$20 per person and there is a chance to skate with the team after the game. Tickets are available through this link: <https://fuel.isportstix.com/order/group/ConcordiaLutheran/>

Revelation Bible Study Videos - Can't make it to Sunday Bible Study? You can watch the recordings on our YouTube Channel: Revelation Study

Portals of Prayer and Faith-filled Living devotions are available for Jan - Mar 2023.

Help yourself - Free copy of the Southside Times (Noah Room), or 2023 calendars.