

# Concordia Lutheran Church & School

*Our Mission: To know Christ and make Him known.*



**Second Sunday in Advent  
December 7, 2024  
5:00 pm**

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## Greeting

**Call to Worship**     *"Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus"*     Praise Singers

*(lyrics for reflection)*

Thou didst leave thy throne, And thy kingly crown  
When thou camest to earth for me,  
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room  
For Thy holy nativity;  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; There is room in my heart for thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang. Proclaiming thy royal degree;  
But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth, and in greatest humility;  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; There is room in my heart for thee.

When the heavens shall ring, and the angel's sing at thy coming to victory,  
Let thy voice call me home, saying, yet, there is room. There is room at my side for thee;  
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus; When thou comest and callest for me.

## Invocation

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**C: Amen**

## Confession of Sins

L: Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires.  
Merciful Father,

**C: we confess that we have too often set our minds on the things of this world and have lived according to our sinful nature. We have turned away from You and each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand.**

L: But those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

**C: We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Through the power of the Holy Spirit set our minds on Your will. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

L: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to him. Therefore, as you repent, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May he keep you in his grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## First Reading

Malachi 3:1–7b, p. 1021

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Philippians 1:2–11, p. 1247

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## *"We'll Call Him Jesus"*

Praise Singers & Congregation

We'll call Him Jesus, the name the angels whispered.  
We'll call Him Jesus, come from heav'n to be our friend.  
We'll call Him Jesus, the sweetest name in all the world.  
We'll call Him Jesus, He'll save us from our sin.

But when your heart is full of joy, you'll call Him "Wonderful."  
And when you've almost lost your way, you'll call Him "Counselor."  
And in the midst of your confusion, whisper "Prince of Peace."  
And when you're all alone, He'll be "Immanuel."

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### **Gospel Reading**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 3:1–20, p. 1091-1092

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Songs of Praise** Praise Singers & Congregation

***"He Who Began a Good Work in You"***

He who began a good work in you, He who began a good work in you  
Will be faithful to complete it, He'll be faithful to complete it;  
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

Repeat

***Hymn #344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry***, v. 1,2,5

**Message** Pastor Doug Croucher

### **Offering**

**Anthem** ***"O Come to Set Us Free"*** by Mary McDonald Praise Singers

Come, O Come, our Savior, Messiah; Come, O come, our Savior, Messiah;  
Come, O come, our Savior, Messiah; Come to set us free, hallelujah!  
Come to set us free.

We await Your holy birth, Jesus, Light of the world;  
King of kings and Lord of Lords, come to set us free, hallelujah!  
Come to set us free.

Prince of Peace, He is God, our Redeemer, Prince of Peace, He is God, our Redeemer;  
The Prince of Peace, He is God, our Redeemer; Come to set us free, hallelujah!  
Come to set us free.

Glory to the Son of God, Light and Life of the world;  
King of kings and Lord of lords, Come to set us free, hallelujah!  
Come to set us free.

O come, O come, Emmanuel! Come, O come, our Savior, Messiah!  
O come, O come, Emmanuel! Come, O come, our Savior, Messiah!  
O come to set us free. Emmanuel! O come to set us free. Emmanuel!

### **Prayers of God's People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen**

#### **Blessing**

**Hymn #342 *What Hope! An Eden Prophesied***

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**Go in peace † Serve the Lord!**



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