

Concordia Lutheran Church & School

Our Mission: To know Christ and make Him known.



**Third Sunday in Advent
December 15, 2024
8:30 am**

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Welcome

Pre Service Music—5/6th grade chimes

Opening Hymns:

Hymn #338 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Hymn #352 *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*, v. 1 & 6

Confession and Absolution

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.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P 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.**

Service of the Word

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C♪ **Amen.**

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

C♪ **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C♪ And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C♪ Amen.

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20, p. 1004

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4–7, p. 1250

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Common Alleluia and Verse

C♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 7:18-35, p. 1098-1099

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed—see screens

Hymn #803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Message

Offering

Anthem *"Night of Silence"* by Daniel Kantor

Adult Choir

Offertory

C♪ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Prayers of God's People

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C♪ And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C♪ We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C♪ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with

angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

**C♯ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Words of Our Lord

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.**

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C♯ Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 163

**C♯ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

"Prepare: An Advent Communion" by Pamela Stewart & Jon Paige

Adult Choir

Hymn #357 O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v. 1,4-7

Hymn #349 Hark the Glad Sound

Post-Communion Canticle LSB 164

**C♯ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

C♯ Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

P 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.

C♯ Amen.

Hymn #700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling