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Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Sunday mornings:

10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

The restroom is located in the gym; exit the sanctuary through the left door behind the altar and follow the hallway down the stairs.

Concordia Church continues to follow Chicago Department of Health and CDC guidelines to ensure appropriate protocols are in place for the health and safety of our worshippers, leaders, and staff. Please visit www.concordiafaith.org for the latest updates.

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Prelude "*Reflection*" by Michael Helman

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C: Merciful God, we praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us in the gifts and promises of baptism, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all who have been baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

**C: We rejoice in the gift of our baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

P: May Almighty God,
who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
forgive us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Opening Hymn ELW #631 "*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*"



P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen



God needs your faith in action. Stir up the embers of faith with the bellows of the gospel! Let God kindle the fires that can warm the hearts of others!

—Historical quote from February 8, 1953

Hymn of Praise

Setting 3



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Hymn of Praise con't...



First Reading Exodus 24:12-18

12 The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and
I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I
have written for their instruction.” 13 So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua,
and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 14 To the elders he had said, “Wait
here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you;
whoever has a dispute may go to them.”
15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.
16 The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six
days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. 17 Now the
appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the
mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. 18 Moses entered the cloud, and
went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty
nights.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2



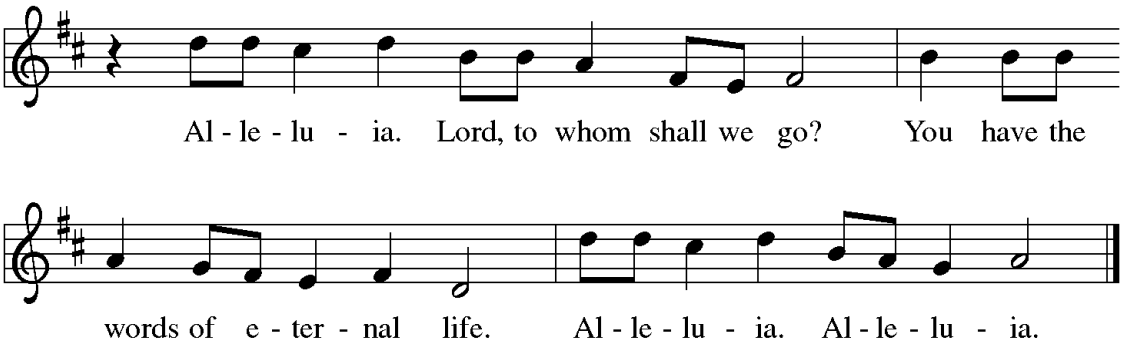
Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the
power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his
majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice
was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice come from
heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.
19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to
be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and
the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 First of all you must understand this, that
no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 because no
prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy
Spirit spoke from God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"*



P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel — Matthew 17:1-9

[1]Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. [2]And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. [3]Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. [4]Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." [5]While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" [6]When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. [7]But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." [8]And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

[9]As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook

Hymn of the Day ELW #315 "*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*"



In my church

A room of quiet – a temple of peace,
The home of faith – where doubtings cease,
A house of comfort, where hope is given,
A source of strength to make earth heaven
A shrine of worship, a place to pray
I found all these in my church today.

-Historical quote from May 30, 1954

Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of Intercession

A: Remembering the Church, the world, and all those in need, let us offer our prayers to God. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Blessed be God, who gave us the light of the world and who desires that all people should come to know Christ's love and grace. Fill our hearts with your radiance and truth that we might walk as children of light. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord God, through the ministry of your Son we have received grace upon grace. Bring light to those who dwell in darkness, joy to those in sorrow, hope to those in fear and despair. We pray especially for: Lola, Gary, Glen, Lupe, Galen, Mike, Harry, Dennis, Sandie, Gianna, Sandra, Marilyn, Bob, all those diagnosed with COVID-19, and for those we name before you or silently in our hearts *(pause for names]* ...Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Thanks be to God who calls us to witness to Christ's love in our community. We give you thanks for the ministries of our congregation, and the blessings of Concordia Church and Concordia Place. Use our gifts for those you have called us to serve. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: God of light and truth, whose love knows no bounds in your Son, Jesus. Bring us to a deeper understanding of the Gospel, help us to accept the challenge of Christian living, and lead us to the joy of faith in the family of your church. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Lord our God, through Jesus Christ, for your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
C: Amen.



The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem "*O Lord of Light, Who Made the Stars*"

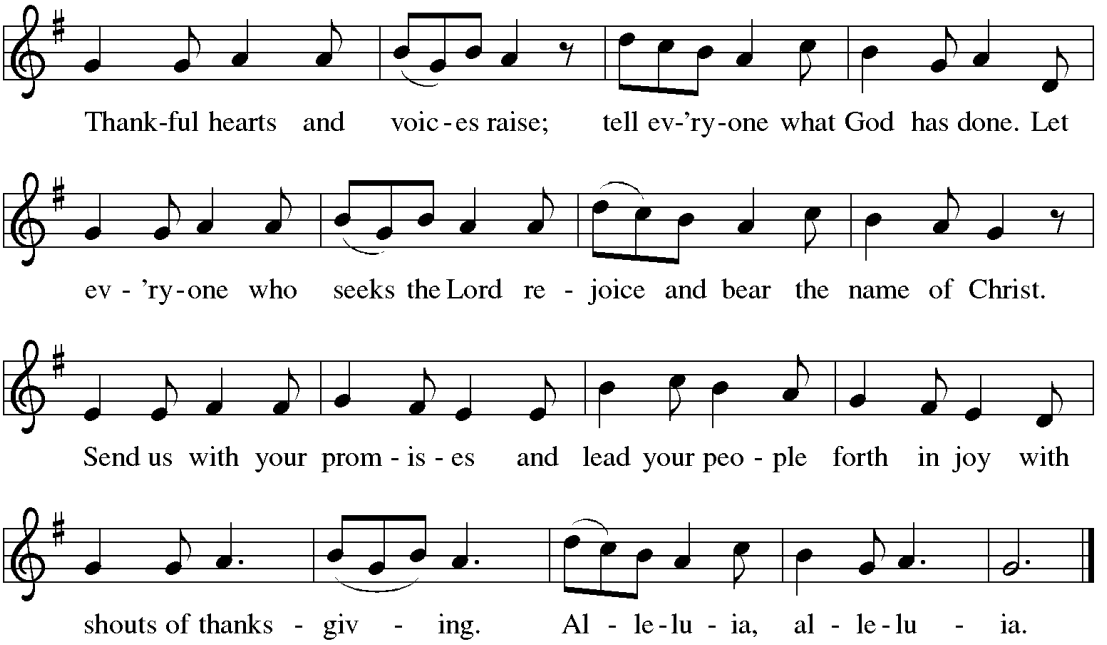
Offertory Prayer

A: God of wisdom,
C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of all creation and from whom all good gifts come. You have blessed us with the gifts of ourselves, our time and all that we possess. For your abundant grace we give you thanks and praise. May these gifts be signs of your love as we use them in serving others, we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

Thought for the week: Experience is a hard teacher; she gives the test first and the lesson afterwards.

—Historical quote from May 3, 1953

Offertory Hymn ELW #207 "*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"*



Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ,
your beloved Son,
whom you sent
in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us
and to proclaim to us your will.
He is your Word,
inseparable from you.
Through him
you created all things,
and in him you take delight.
He is your Word,
sent from heaven
to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature
and our lot and
was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit
and of the virgin Mary.
It is he, our Lord Jesus,
who fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands
in suffering
in order to free from suffering
those who trust you.
It is he who,
handed over to a death
he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death,
to break the bonds
of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot,
to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant
and to show forth
the resurrection,
taking bread and
giving thanks to you, said:
Take and eat;
this is my body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
In the same way he took the cup,
gave thanks, and
gave it for all to drink, saying:
This is my blood
poured out for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, then,
his death and resurrection,
we lift this bread and cup
before you,
giving you thanks that
you have made us worthy
to stand before you
and to serve you
as your priestly people.
And we ask you:
Send your spirit
upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one
all who share
this bread and wine;
fill us with your holy spirit
to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise
and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through him
all glory and honor are yours,
Almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church
both now and forever.

C: Amen

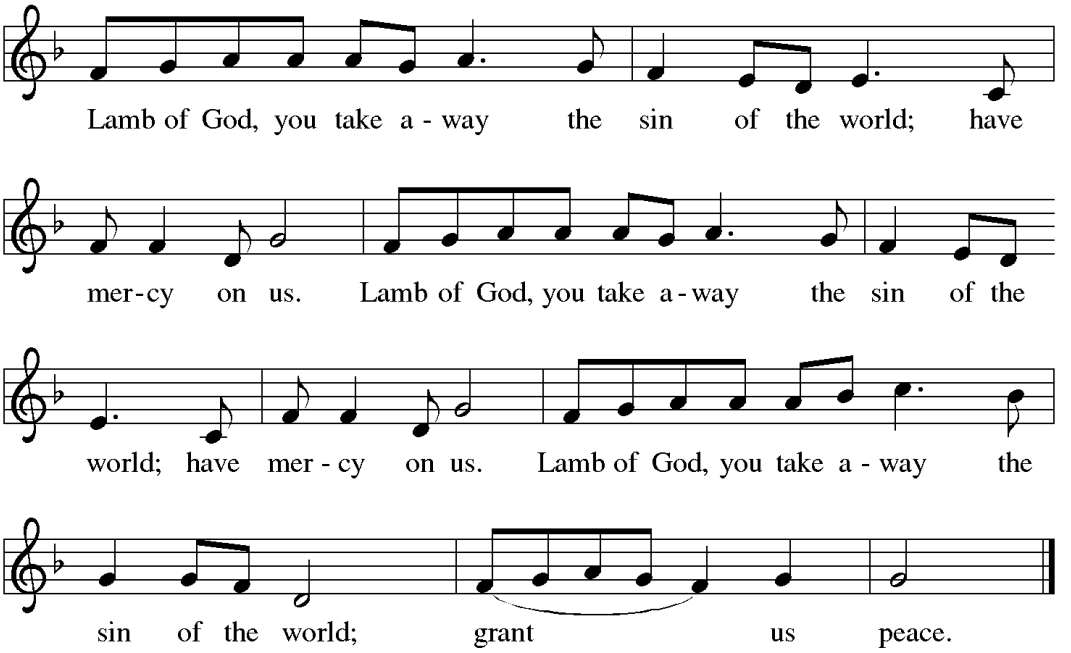
C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

Communion Hymn "*Lamb of God*"



P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: God of glory, in this sacrament you unite us in the body of your Son. May we who have been guests at this table grow in love for one another, that through us your light may shine in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn ELW #318 *"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"*



Announcements

Burial of the Alleluia and Burning of the Palms

Congregation is invited to assemble outside

The Lesson — Joel 2:12-13

Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

The Prayer

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin. Grant that we who are reborn to new life in Him may live in righteousness and holiness all our days, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Farewell to Alleluia

P: Alleluia
C: Enclose and seal up the word, Alleluia

P: Let it remain in the secret of your heart
C: Alleluia, until the appointed time

P: You shall say it with great joy when that day comes
C: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

P: Let us bless the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

P: The Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us everlasting life
C: Amen.

P: Depart in peace.
All is now in readiness.
The fast begins.



Mardi Gras Luncheon TODAY in the gym

Lent is a time of reflection and subdued fasting in preparation for Easter. We symbolize that with a farewell to singing the joyous "Alleluia" and giving up a favorite treat during Lent. Join us TODAY for a Mardi Gras Luncheon! A light luncheon of sandwiches, salad, and desserts will be provided. Head over to the gym following worship for this time of fellowship!

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook	*Organist:* Paul Dykstra
Deacon: Jennifer Phillips	*Song leaders:* Ariel Andrew & Benjamin Burney
Lector: Wilma Stevens	
Usher: Kim Baratta	

Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 22nd at 7:00pm and will include the imposition of ashes. Pastor Zook will also be offering imposition of ashes that morning in the Seeley sanctuary from 7:00-9:00am for anyone who would like to receive the rite earlier in the day.

Lenten services follow each Sunday at 10am from February 26th through March 26th.

Support the **ministries of Concordia Church** through your offerings. There are multiple ways for you to give:

1) Mobile: Text 'Concordia' to 73256 and follow the link or scan the QR code here
2) Online: Visit www.onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give
3) Via cash or check left in the offering plate or mailed to the church at:

   3855 N Seeley Ave
   Chicago, IL 60618

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invites all types of smarty-pants to our FUNdraiser



Friday, March 3

7pm @ 3855 N. Seeley Gym

$15/Person OR $100/Team of 8

Individual Players will be matched up to form teams

Pre-registration required by Feb. 26th
concordiafaith.org/trivia

BYOB—Light snacks provided or bring your own

All proceeds benefit the Common Pantry &
'The Cupboard' Food Pantry at Swedish Covenant Hospital

Free Childcare

50/50 RAFFLE

Want to join in the fun and support another way?
Our 50/50 raffle is live!

$5 for 5 tickets $10 for 15 tickets

Best value! $25 for 50 tickets

Register for Trivia and buy raffle tickets at concordiafaith.org/trivia

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You are invited to "Let's Get Together"



Build the art of connection!
Enjoy friendship, food, and fun!

Wednesdays, March 1 - April 5
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.
Concordia Place
3300 N. Whipple, Pavilion Entrance, Chicago
Each 90-minute session begins with lunch.

If you would like to participate in this program, or if you have questions, contact:
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Below is a list of all the songs that we are using in today's liturgy with their copy right information located with them.

Prelude

Opening Hymn ELW #631 "*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Hymn of Praise Setting 3

Gospel Acclamation "*Alleluia*" Setting 3

Hymn of the Day ELW #315 "*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*"

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.
Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

Offertory Hymn ELW #207 "*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*"

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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Communion Hymn "*Lamb of God*" Setting 3

Closing Hymn ELW #318 "*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*"

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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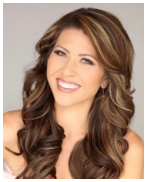
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