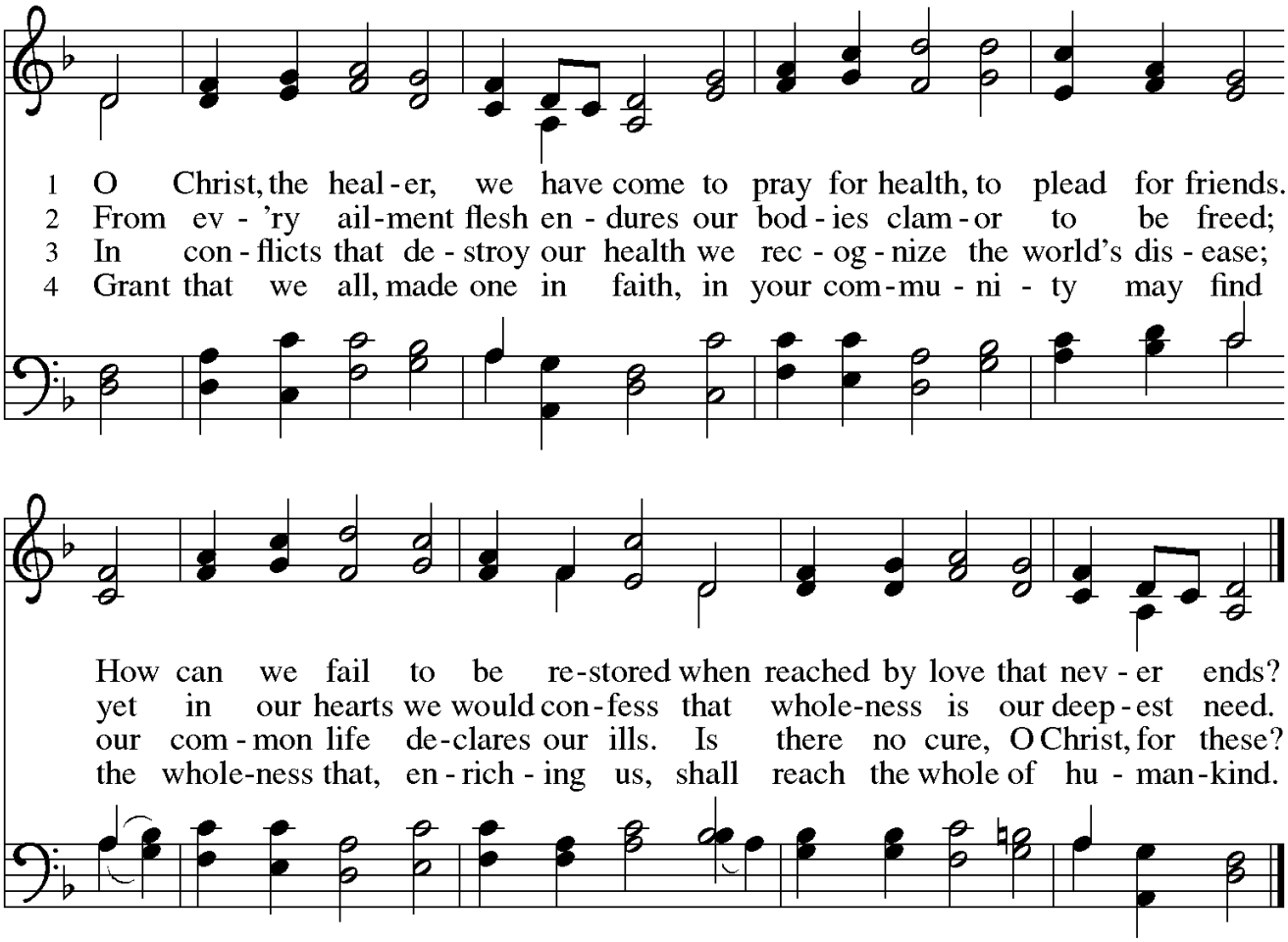
October 15, 2023—St. Luke & Service of Healing

Opening Hymn **ELW #610 "*O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*"**



Prayer of the Day:
Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke the physician to reveal in his Gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your Church the same love and power to heal, to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading **Isaiah 43:8-13**

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!
9 Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true."
10 You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.
11 I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.
12 I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.
13 I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading **2 Timothy 4:5-11**

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.
6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.
7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
9 Do your best to come to me soon,
10 for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.
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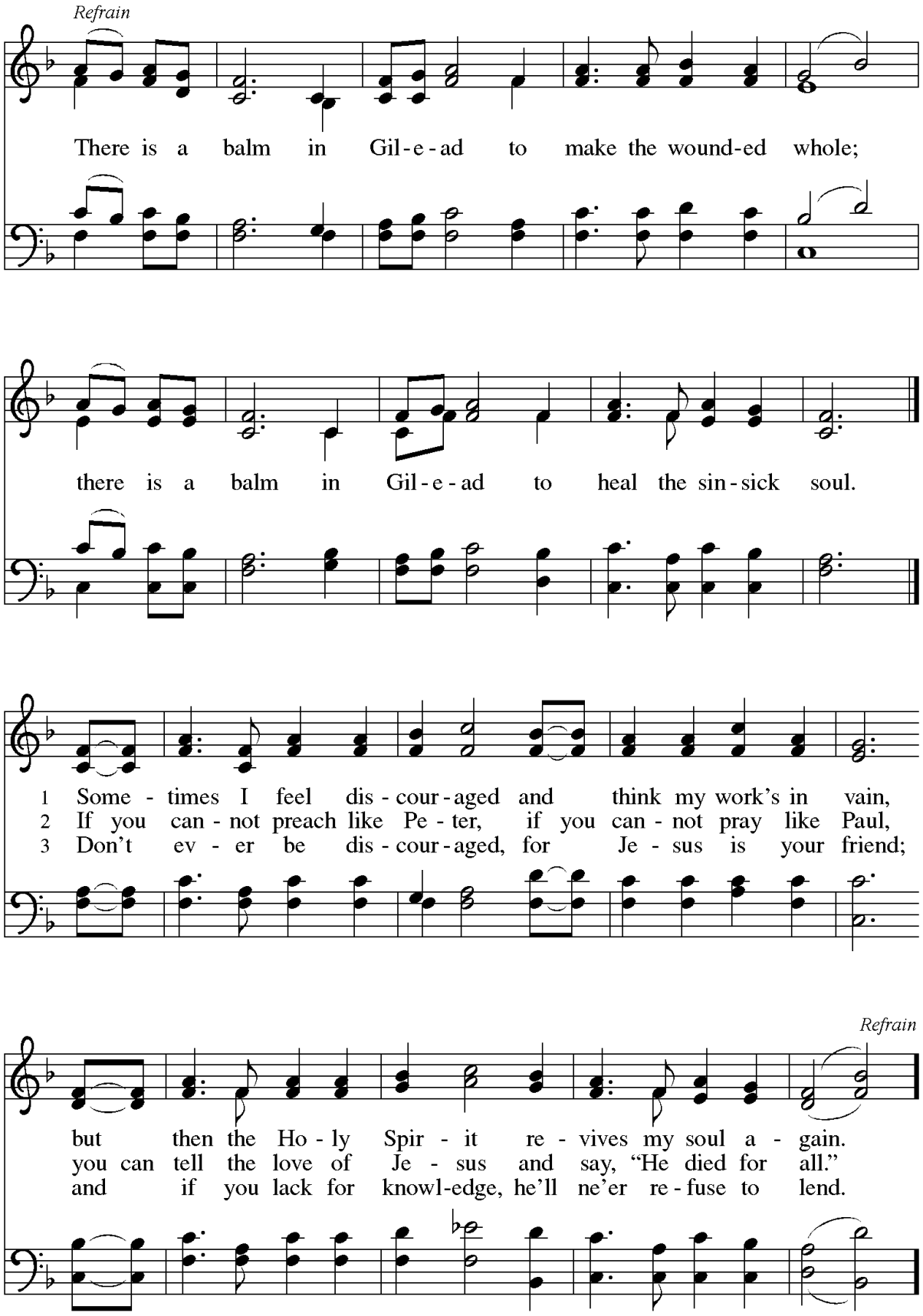
Gospel **Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53**

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been
fulfilled among us, 2just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were
eyewitnesses and servants of the word, 3I too decided, after investigating everything carefully
from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4so that you
may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.
24:44[Before he ascended, Jesus said to the disciples and their companions:] “These are my words
that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of
Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” 45Then he opened their minds to
understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer
and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be
proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these
things. 49And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until
you have been clothed with power from on high.” 50Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and,
lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and
was carried up into heaven. 52And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;
53and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day **ELW #614 "*There is a Balm in Gilead*"**



Bringing Healing Into Our Community

P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

In this Service of Healing, we give our prayer embodiment - the personal laying on of hands and embrace of our community in Christ, and the anointing with oil. Anointing with oil recalls our baptismal relationship with God, when we were anointed with oil with the cross of Christ forever. Oil gives visible sign to our prayer and our right as God's children to approach our Father with our needs.

Prayer Petitions

A: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon all who call on you for healing; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver us from the power of evil; and preserve us in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Almighty God, source of human knowledge, we pray for all who provide health and medical care. We lift up doctors, nurses, therapists, pastors, visitors to those who are sick and homebound. Pour upon them the gifts of skill, wisdom, and compassion.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Sustaining God, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of all who are suffering. Support and sustain them with your Spirit and fill them with confidence in your never failing love and presence that they may be strengthened in their ministry of care.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Forgiving and grace giving Lord, forgive the sins of all who have failed to live by your love. Heal them of their hurtful spirits, guide them in paths of restoration and healing with those they have harmed, remove the weight of guilt and pain that they may be restored in their relationships to others and to you through the experience of Christ's loving forgiveness.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: O Lord, bring the light of your love and healing to the whole church, to our community, and to others in the world. Strengthen us as we continue the work of our Lord, Jesus, bringing your

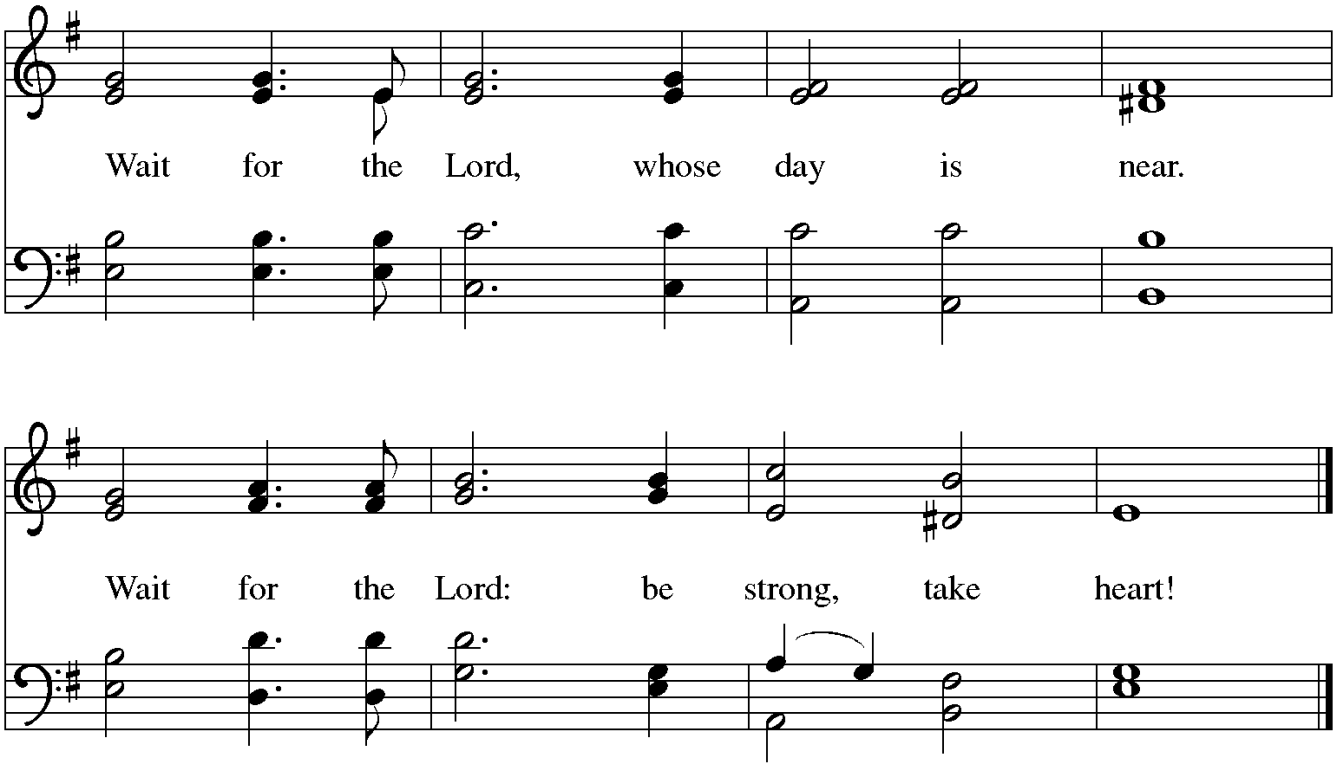
healing word and proclaiming your healing presence to all in need.
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C: hear our prayer.

P: God of great and abundant mercy, with your presence sustain all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

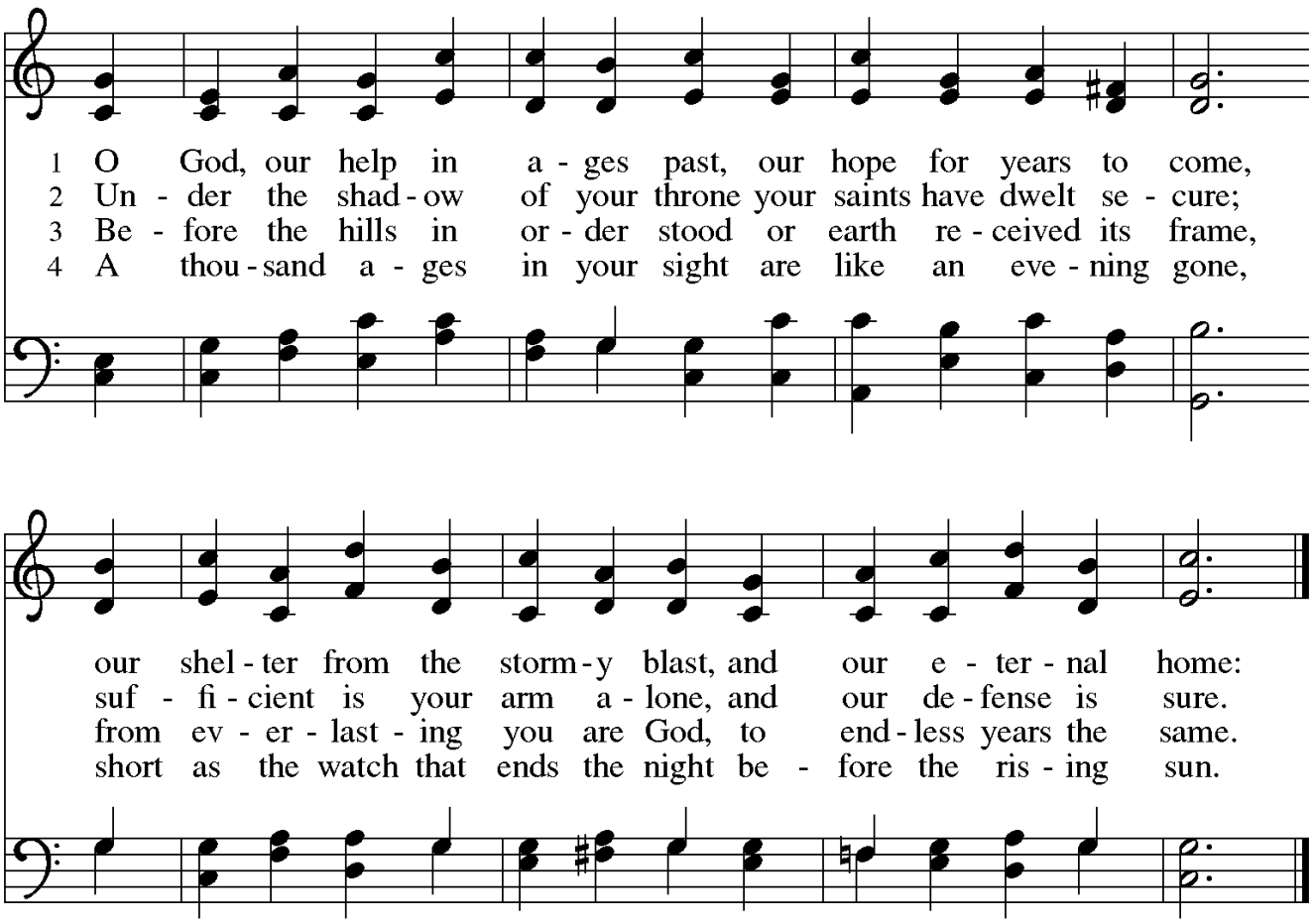
LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: We invite all who seek prayer by laying on of hands and anointing with oil to come to the Alta. May God our Father, whose will for us is ever good, do to us what is best and right in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Anointing Hymn **ELW #262 "*Wait for the Lord*"**



Closing Hymn ELW #632 "*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*"



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Announcements



It's Flu Season! Get Your Jab!



Vaccine Clinic at Concordia Church
3855 N. Seeley, Chicago IL

October 15, 2023
9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Scan QR code to register

For your convenience, the Health and Wellness Team has invited Jewel Osco to administer flu shots and other vaccines in the Church office. Immunizations will be available the morning of **October 15th** to individuals 18 years of age or older. COVID boosters are available, but in short supply. It is important to sign up in advance to provide an estimated count to the pharmacist.

Pre-registration is also encouraged to give Jewel Osco pharmacy personnel time to process insurance information prior to the clinic date. There is no co-payment unless required by your insurance.

Please see Wilma Stevens (773-419-2754) or Mary-Ann Lupa (773-283-5763) to acquire the Informed Consent for Immunization Form and further information. The forms will also be available in the Concordia Church office.

As a thank you, Jewel Osco also offers a coupon for **10% OFF** your next Jewel Osco grocery purchase with any immunization.



All are invited to celebrate the

125th Anniversary of Concordia Church

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023

Time: 3:00 pm Community Worship & Organ Concert

Location: 3855 N Seeley Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

Reception to follow

There is still time to register for the special 125th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, October 21st. See the invitation above for details. Register at www.concordiafaith.org/125th or contact the church office.