October 8, 2023—19th Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Hymn **ELW #343 "*My Song is Love Unknown*"**

verses 1, 2, 5, 6



5 In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

Prayer of the Day:
Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading **Isaiah 5:1-7**

1 Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a
watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but
it yielded wild grapes. 3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between
me and my vineyard. 4 What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5 And now I will tell you what I
will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make it a waste; t shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be
overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his
pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading **Philippians 43:4b-14**

[Paul writes:] 4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on
the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of
Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness
under the law, blameless. 7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because
of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as
rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my
own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from
God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of
his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from
the dead.
12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make
it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have
made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to
what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ
Jesus.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

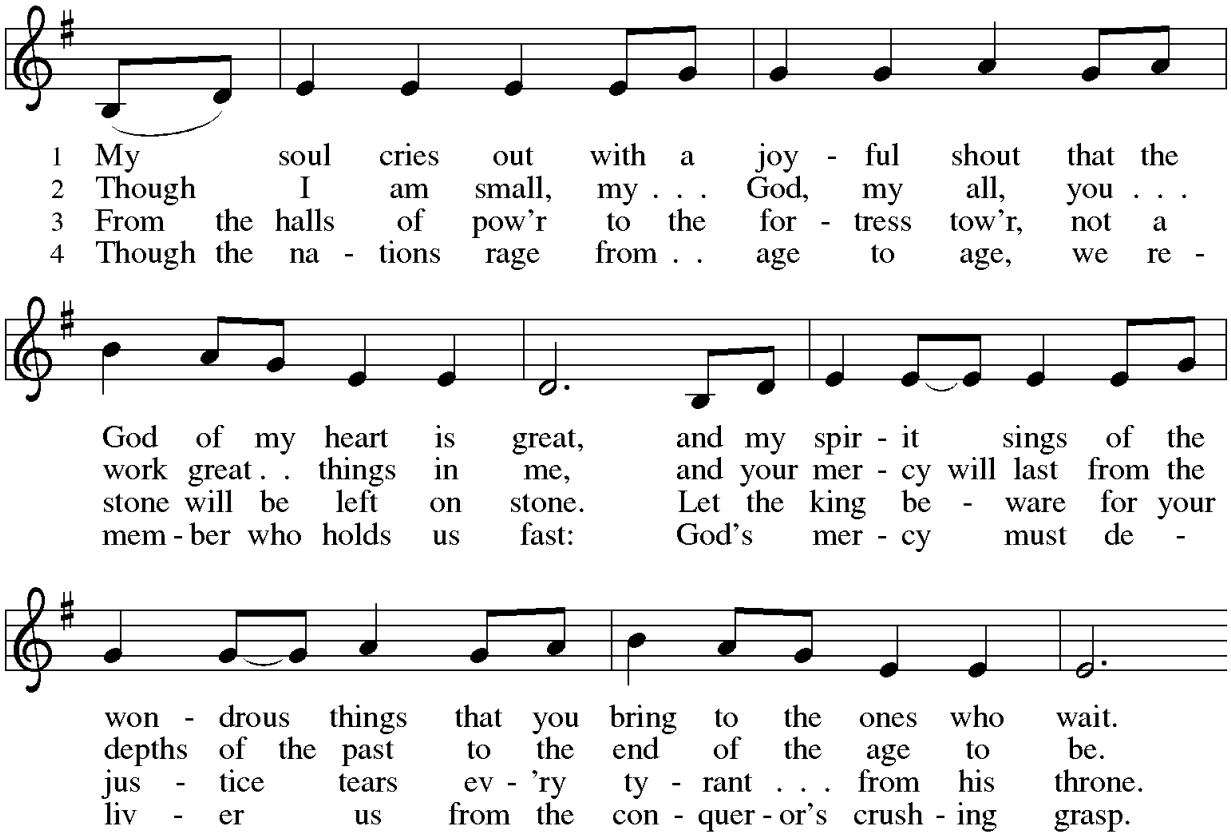
Gospel **Matthew 21:33-46**

[Jesus said to the people:] 33"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' 39So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." 42Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? 43Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." 45When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day **ELW #723 "*Canticle of the Turning*"**




You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be
name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.
Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.
Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Closing Hymn

ELW #728 "*Blest Are They*"

verses 1, 2, 5



Announcements

Stay after worship today for the next installment in our 'Second Sundays' concert series. Today, hear jazz vocalist Livia Gazzalo and guitarist Reynaldo Certain as they delight the audience with a program of bossa nova tunes. The program is free! Fellowship is provided in the gym between worship and the concert.





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.



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.

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President/CEO Announcement



We are delighted to share the exciting news that Grace Araya has been selected by the Concordia Place Board of Directors to serve as the next President/CEO at Concordia Place. She will step into her new role later this month and she is planning to be at the 125th Anniversary celebration on October 21st. Grace is stepping into very large shoes as we continue to honor Brenda's two decades of service in leadership at Concordia Place. See this week's newsletter to read the press release and learn more about Grace.