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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.

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Prelude

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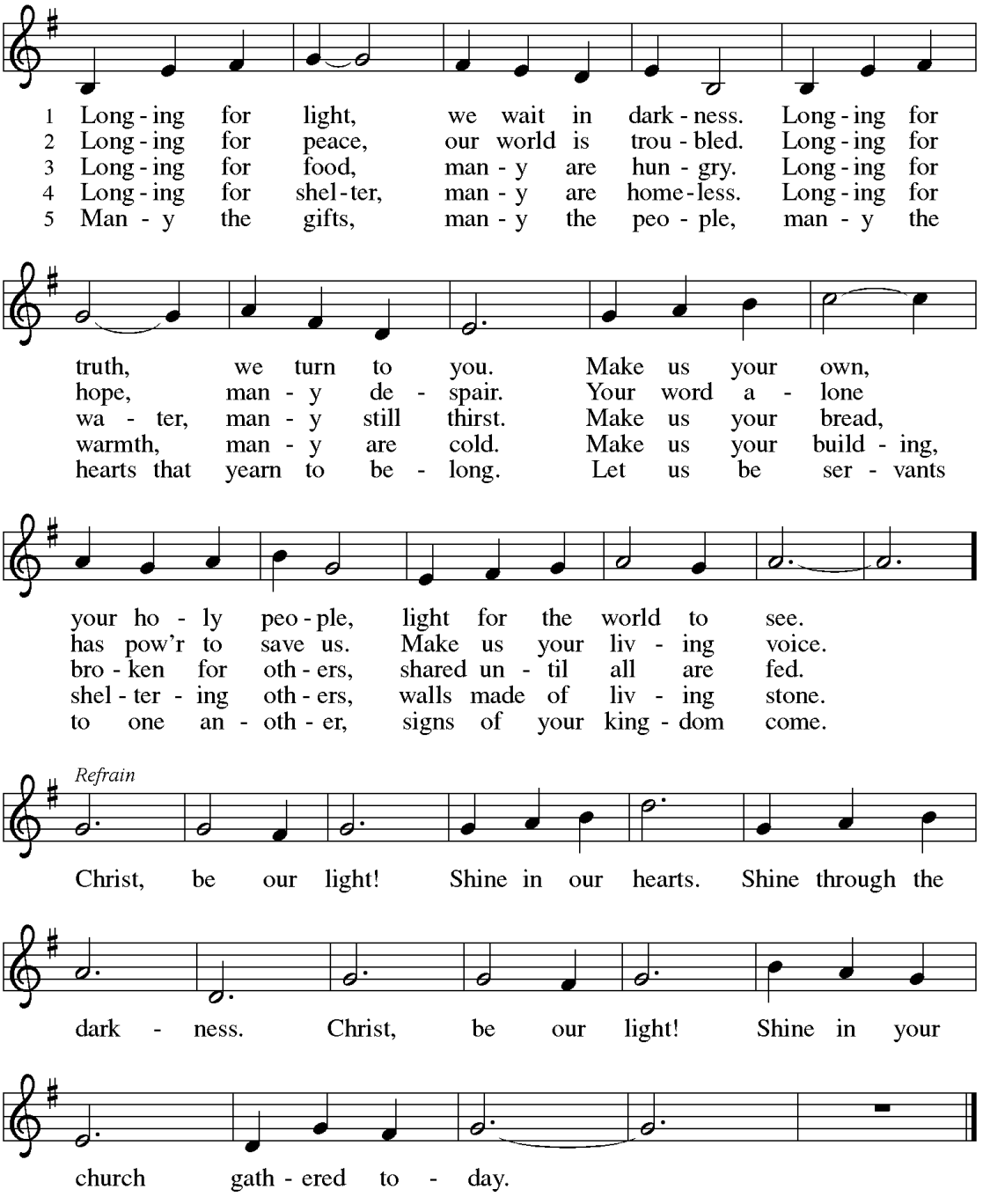
**C: We rejoice in the gift of our baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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 #715 "*Christ Be Our Light*"

verses 1. 2. 5



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: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen

First Reading 2 Kings 1-12

[1]Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind,
Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. [2]Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here;
for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives,
and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. [3]The
company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him,
"Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And
he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."
[4]Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But
he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they
came to Jericho. [5]The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to
Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master
away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."
[6]Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But
he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the
two of them went on. [7]Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and
stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.
[8]Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was
parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry
ground.

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First Reading continued…

[9]When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” [10]He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” [11]As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. [12]Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6
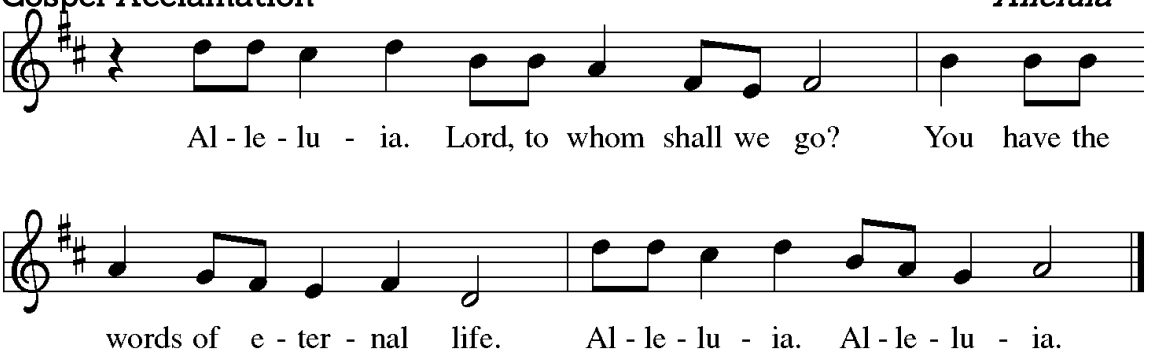
Second Reading **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

[3]Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. [4]In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. [5]For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. [6]For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **“*Alleluia*”**



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

Gospel — Mark 9:2-9

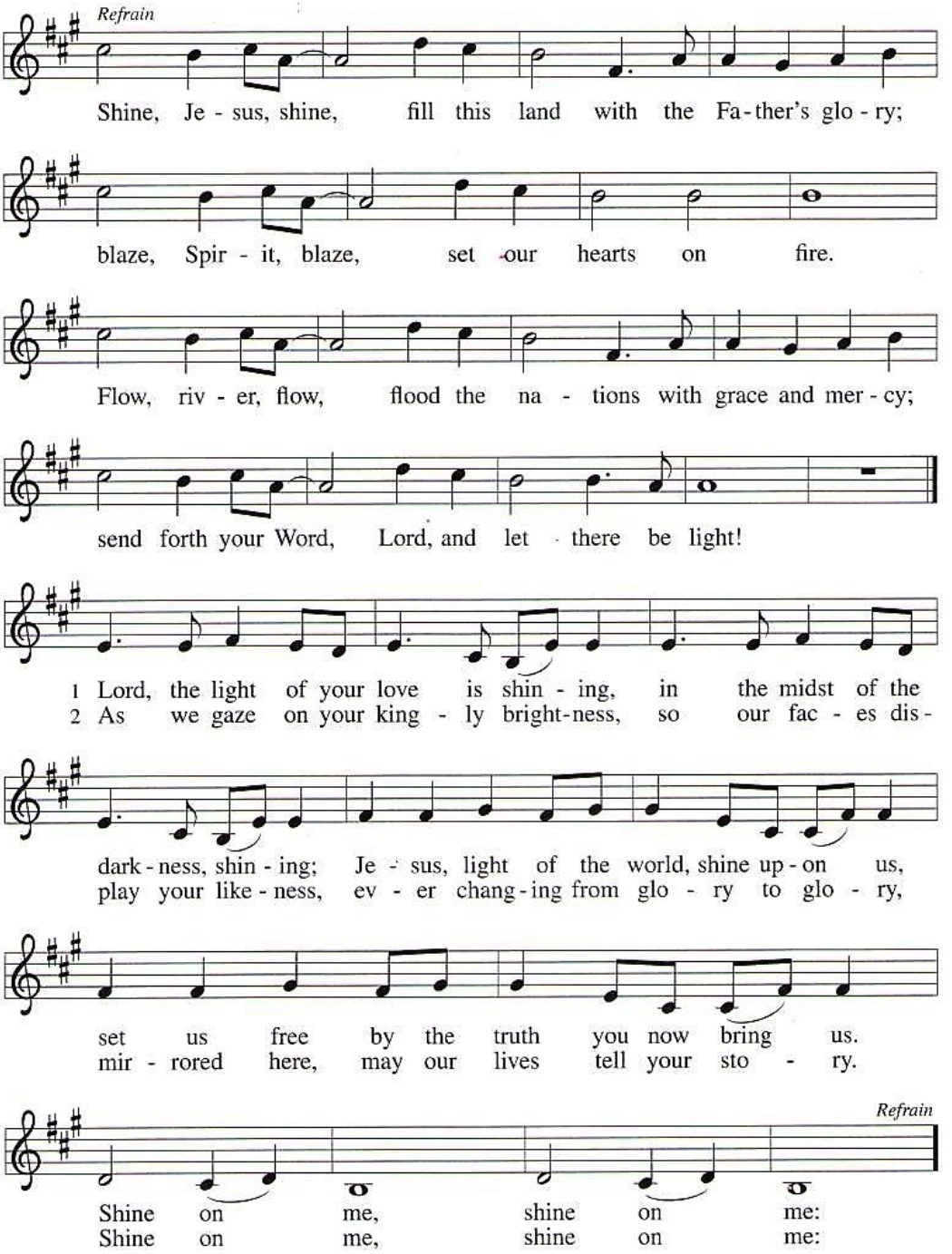
[29]As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house
of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. [30]Now Simon's mother-in-law was
in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. [31]He came and took her
by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve
them.
[32]That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed
with demons. [33]And the whole city was gathered around the door. [34]And he
cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons;
and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.
[35]In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a
deserted place, and there he prayed. [36]And Simon and his companions hunted
for him. [37]When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for
you." [38]He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may
proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." [39]And he
went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and
casting out demons.
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 #671 "*Shine, Jesus, Shine*"



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: Praise to you, almighty God and Father, you proclaimed Christ your Son at his baptism in the waters of the Jordan. Make your church holy that we who have been born again by the power of the Holy Spirit may live as witnesses to your grace and love for all people. 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: Bonnie, Glen, Lupe, Galen, Mike, Sandie, Julie, Sandy, Dave, 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,

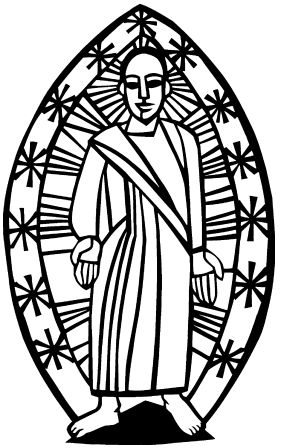
C: Hear our prayer.

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.

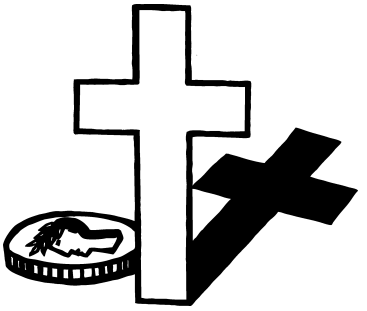
The Offering

We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.
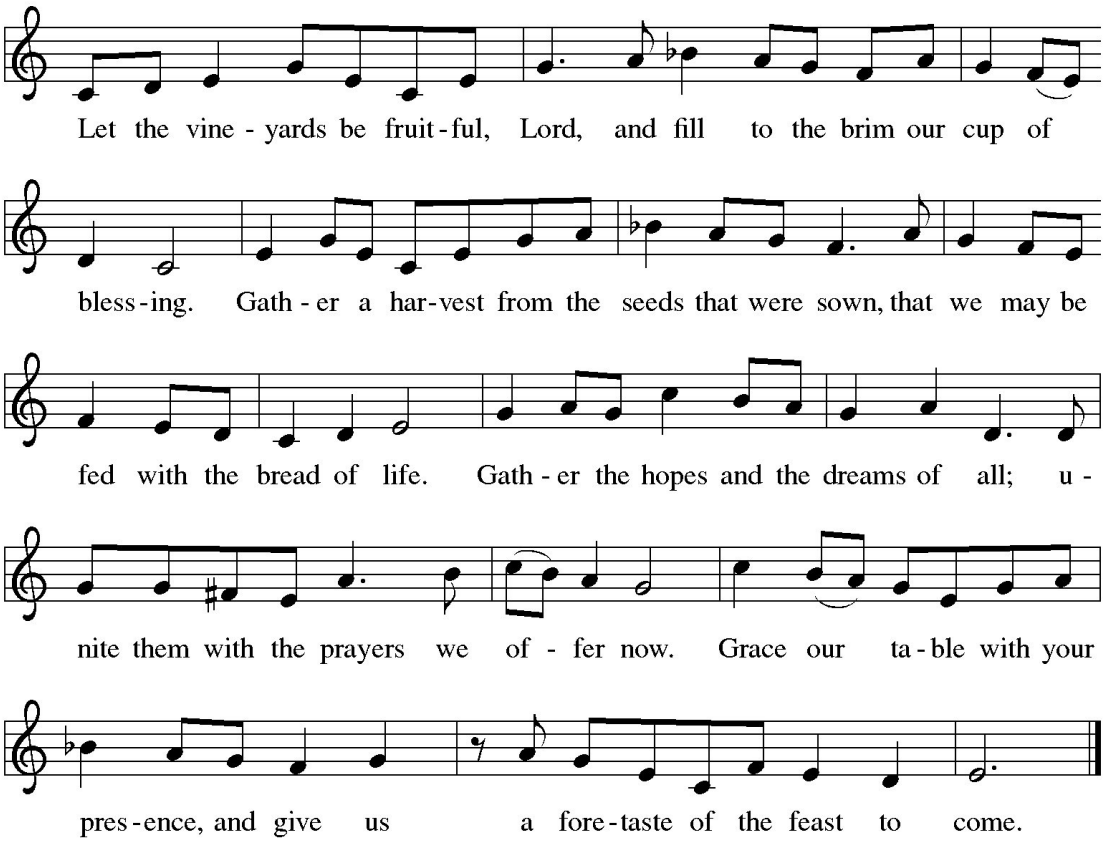
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Offertory Anthem

"*Balm in Gilead*"



Offertory Hymn ELW #182 "*Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*"



Offertory Prayer

A: God of wisdom,
C: As the magi offered gifts to the Christ child, receive the treasures of ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body that we may be a light to all nations; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

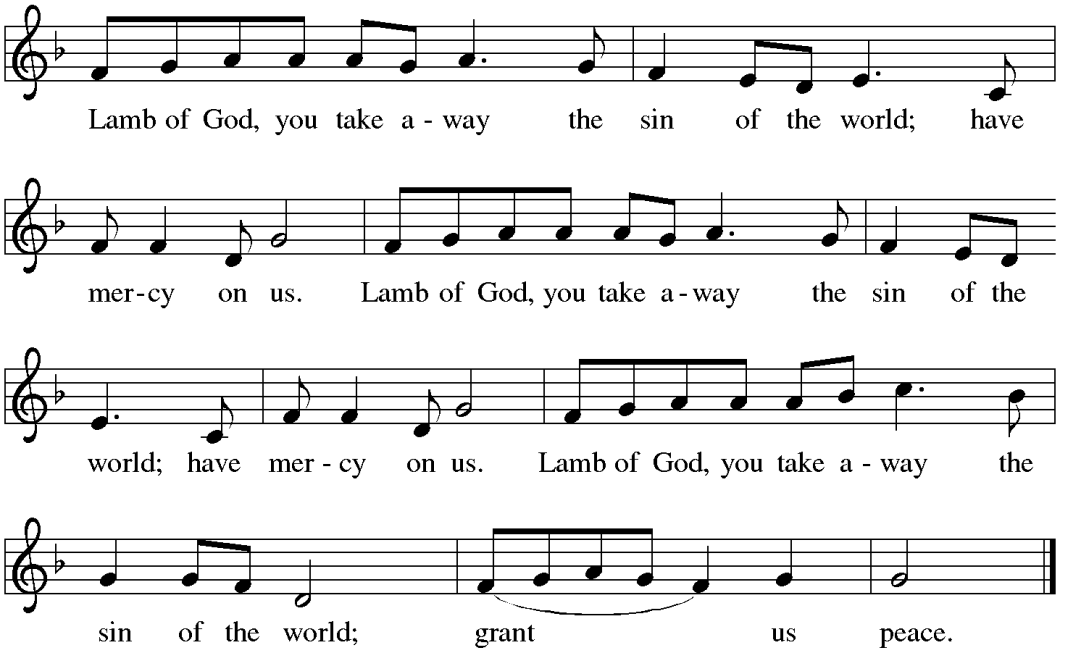
Communion Invitation

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.



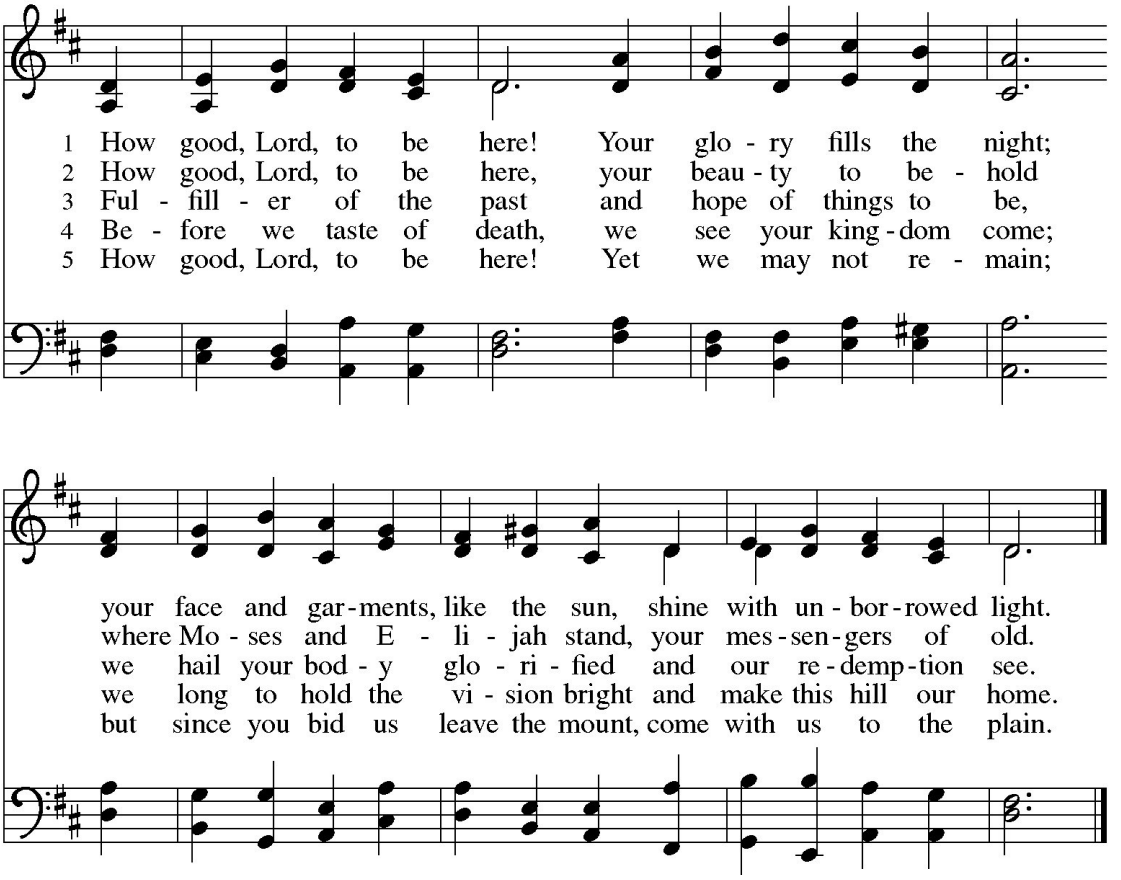
Communion Hymn "*Lamb of God*"



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

Post Communion Prayer
A: 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 #315 "*How Good, Lord to Be Here*"



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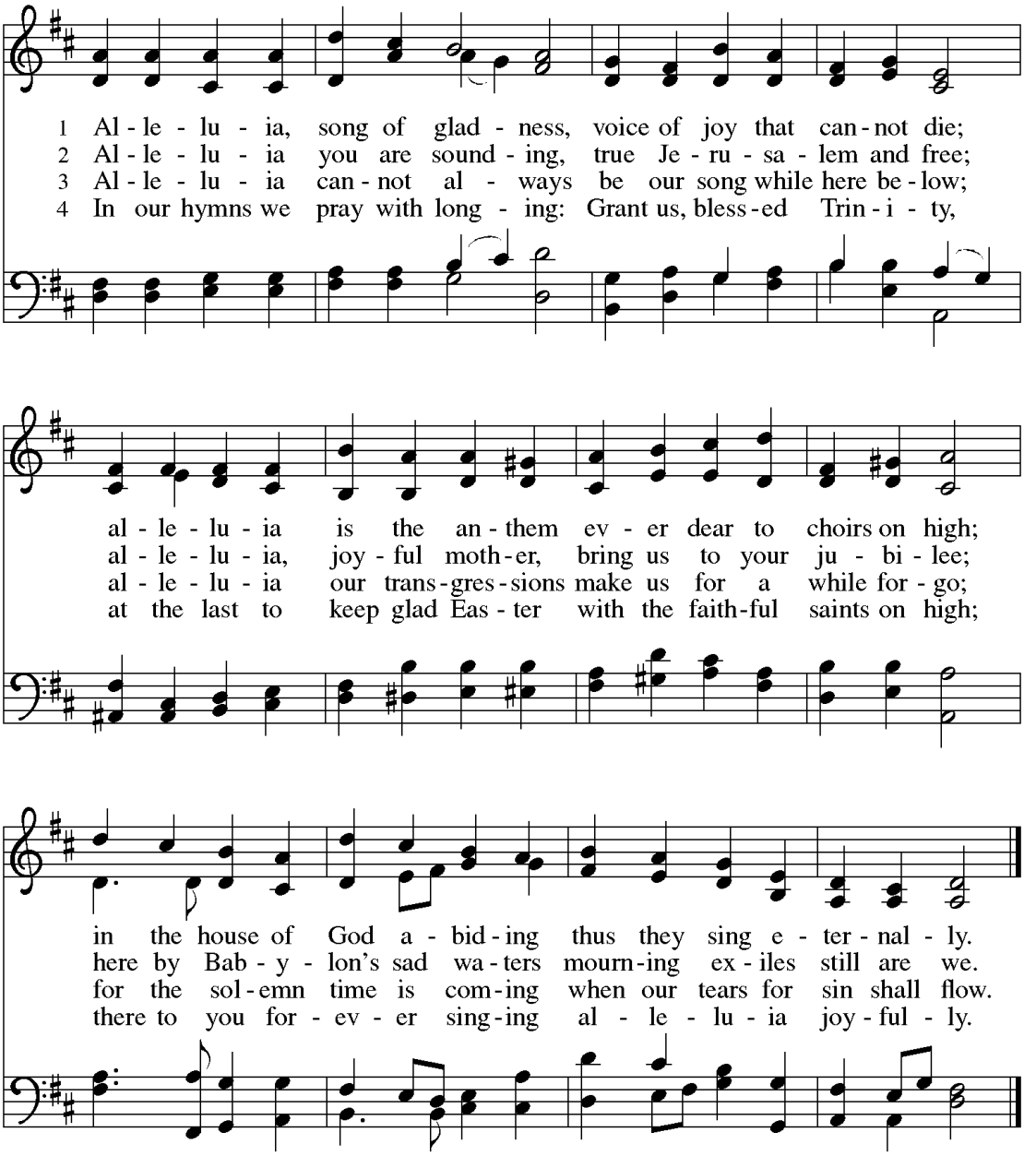
Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

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



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



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.



Announcements

Mardi Gras Potluck—TODAY!

Indulge before lent begins with a special Mardi Gras themed potluck following worship today! Join us in the fellowship hall for this lunch together as we prepare for the season of Lent.

We'll have a special craft for the kiddos in attendance.

Stay and judge the cookies in today's bake-off. The winner will receive a special prize!

Second Sundays concert—TODAY!

Our next Second Sundays concert is today at 12pm following the potluck. The concert is free and will be a celebration of Black History Month. You'll recognize our special performers today—vocalists Benjamin Burney, Ariel Andrew, and Jade Dasha. Join us for this special and meaningful concert.

Important Dates to note:

- **February 11th**: Potluck at 11am and Second Sundays concert at 12pm (FREE for all!)
- **February 14th**: Ash Wednesday service at 7pm
- **February 18th**: Sunday School during 10am worship
- **February 28th:** Council meeting following worship

Cookbooks available for purchase!

If you did not purchase a Concordia Church 125th anniversary cookbook, there are still some cookbooks available! Cookbooks are $20 apiece. If you would like one, please connect with Desirae (dcontreras@concordiafaith.org) or 772-281-1225.

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5 Week Lenten Book Study

February 18th – March 17th
Sundays 9:00-9:45 AM
with Zoom Option

We will host a 5 week Lenten Book discussion of "Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times" by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. We live in a changing climate of polarizing politics and opposing value systems. Rabbi Sacks examines the underlying roots of divisiveness in our global culture and its impact on the loss of a shared perspective of the common good. The impact of social media, wealth and personal over communal goals erodes relationships of mutual care and respect. Looking to a pathway toward the common good, Rabbi Sacks focuses on rediscovering our most important aspects of our human identity.

Our 5 week study will take up a chapter a week:

February 18th The Solitary Self

February 25th Consequences: The Market & The State

March 3rd Can We Still Reason Together?

March 10th Being Human

March 17th The Way Forward

We will meet in the church office Sundays in Lent starting at 9 AM. For those who want to join via Zoom, a link will be available. A copy of the book can be purchased on Amazon for $14.33. Please let Pastor Zook know if you would like the Zoom link.

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Bring a dish to share!





Kid's seasonal activity + cookie bake-off

Ash Wednesday
February 14th

Worship Service 7:00pm
Includes Imposition of Ashes



Adult Book Study
February 18th—March 17th
9:00am in church office

"*Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Modern Times*"
by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Zoom option available
Reach out to Pastor Zook for more details or to get involved.



Sunday Lenten Services
February 18th—March 17th
at 10:00am

All services available in-person, via livestream, or by recorded viewing on our YouTube channel: Concordia Church Chicago

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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 #182 "*Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*"**

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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Communion Hymn — **"*Lamb of God*" Setting 3**

Closing Hymn — **ELW #671 "*Shine, Jesus, Shine*"**

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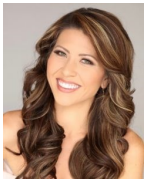
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