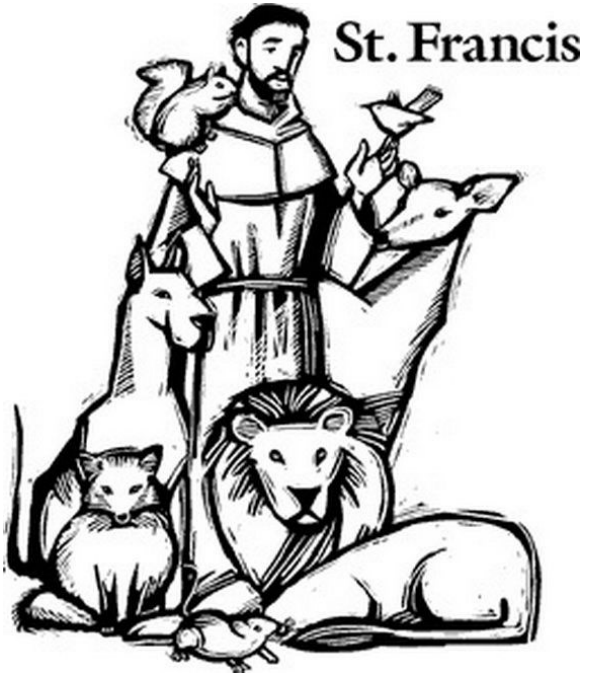
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St. Francis of Assisi

October 6, 2024

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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.

Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall; exit the sanctuary through the back and follow the stairwell downstairs.

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St. Francis of Assisi

By the time of his death on October 4, 1226, Francis was already regarded as a "second Christ," so exemplary was his life to the teachings and humility of our Lord. Renouncing his family's wealth at the age of 27, Francis chose to live by a rule of poverty, humility, and service. He sought to live as faithfully as he could the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes. Followers adopted his lifestyle, and committed their lives to live in poverty, preaching, and service to the sick and suffering. The Order of Franciscan Friars was formed in 1210, and today continues the work of the order throughout the world.

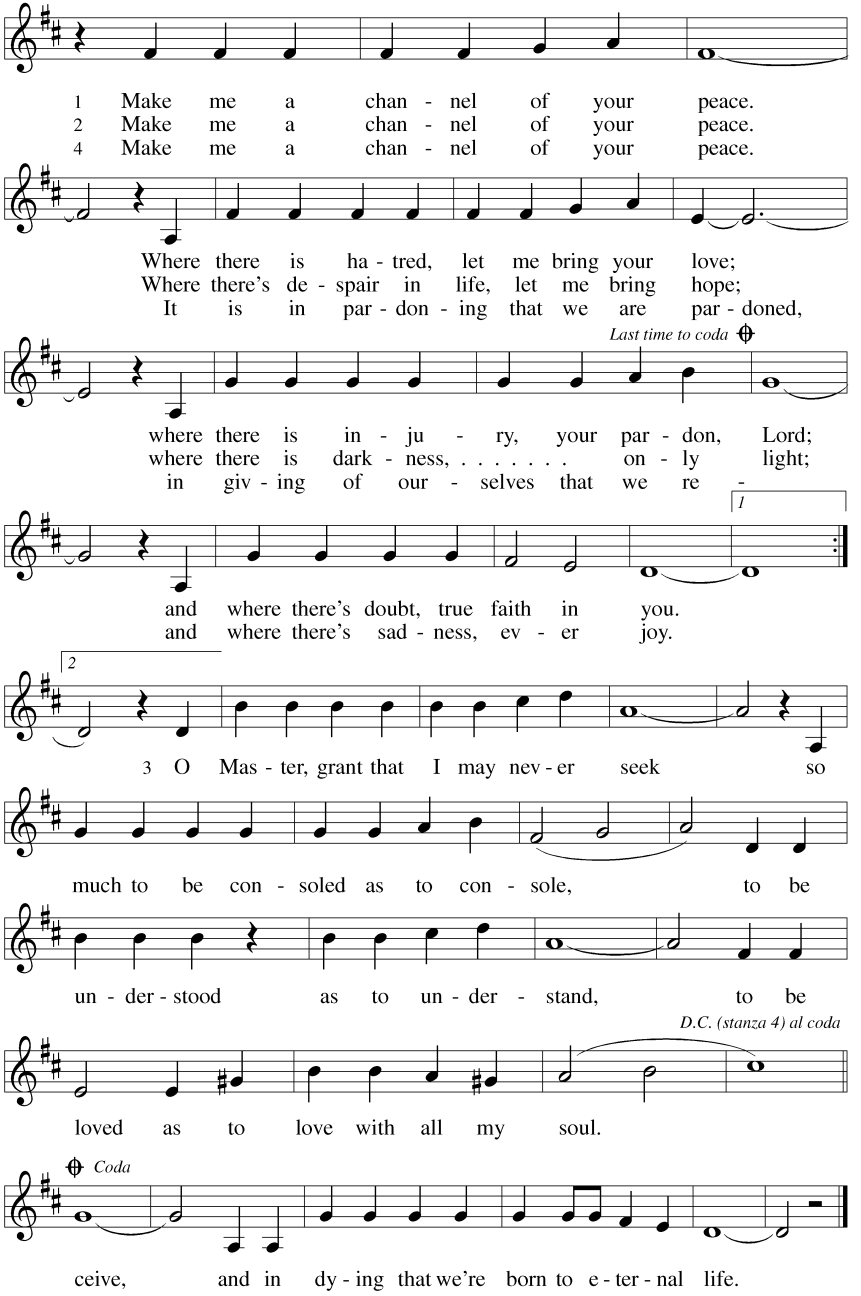
Francis demonstrated a love of God's creation; it is attributed that he even preached to the animals of the forest. The hymn "*All Creatures Worship God Most High*" was composed by him as a song of praise to God for creation. The blessing of pets is one of the ways Francis is commemorated on this day.

The Prayer of St. Francis attributed to him expresses well the spirit of this 13th century saint whose influence is still strongly present today.



Prelude & Welcome — "*Allegretto*" by Florence B. Price
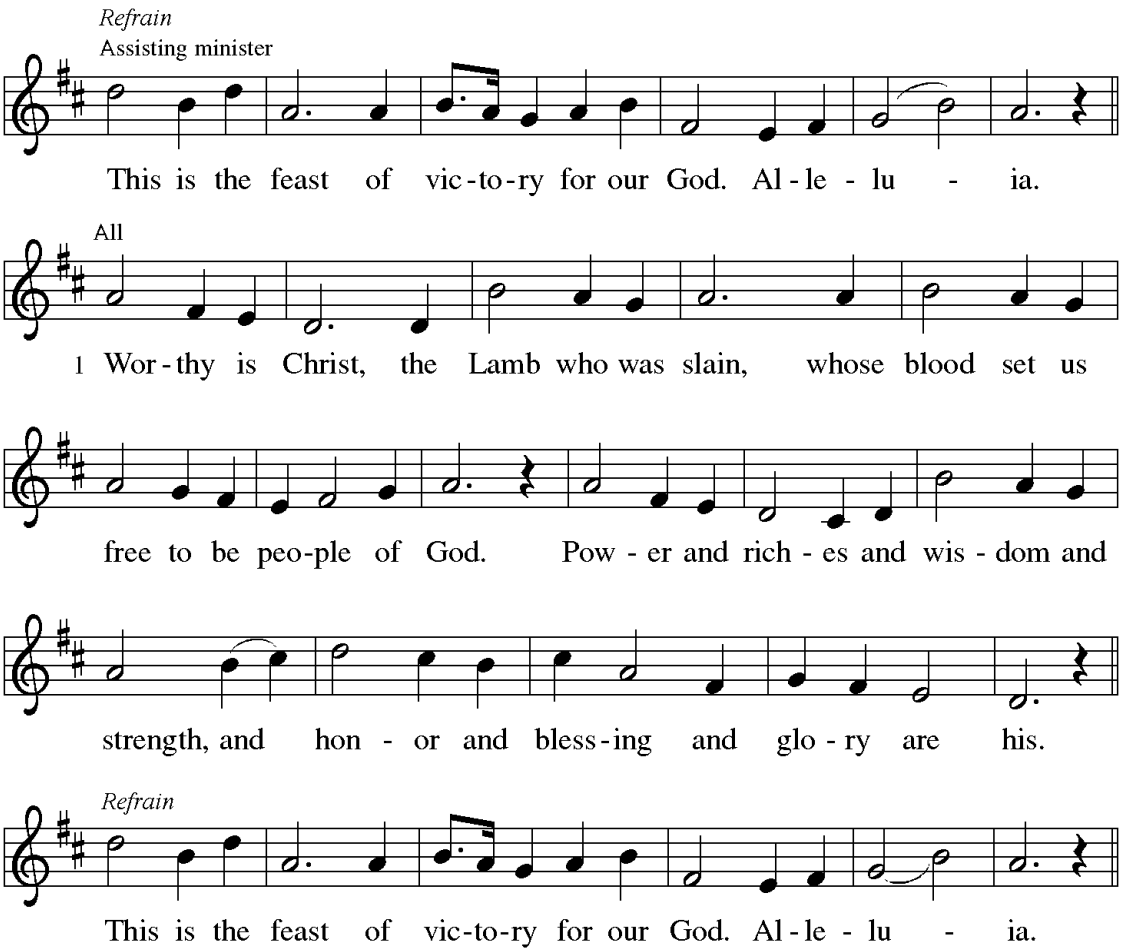
Opening Hymn — W&P #95 "*Make Me Channel of Your Peace*"



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

Children's Message
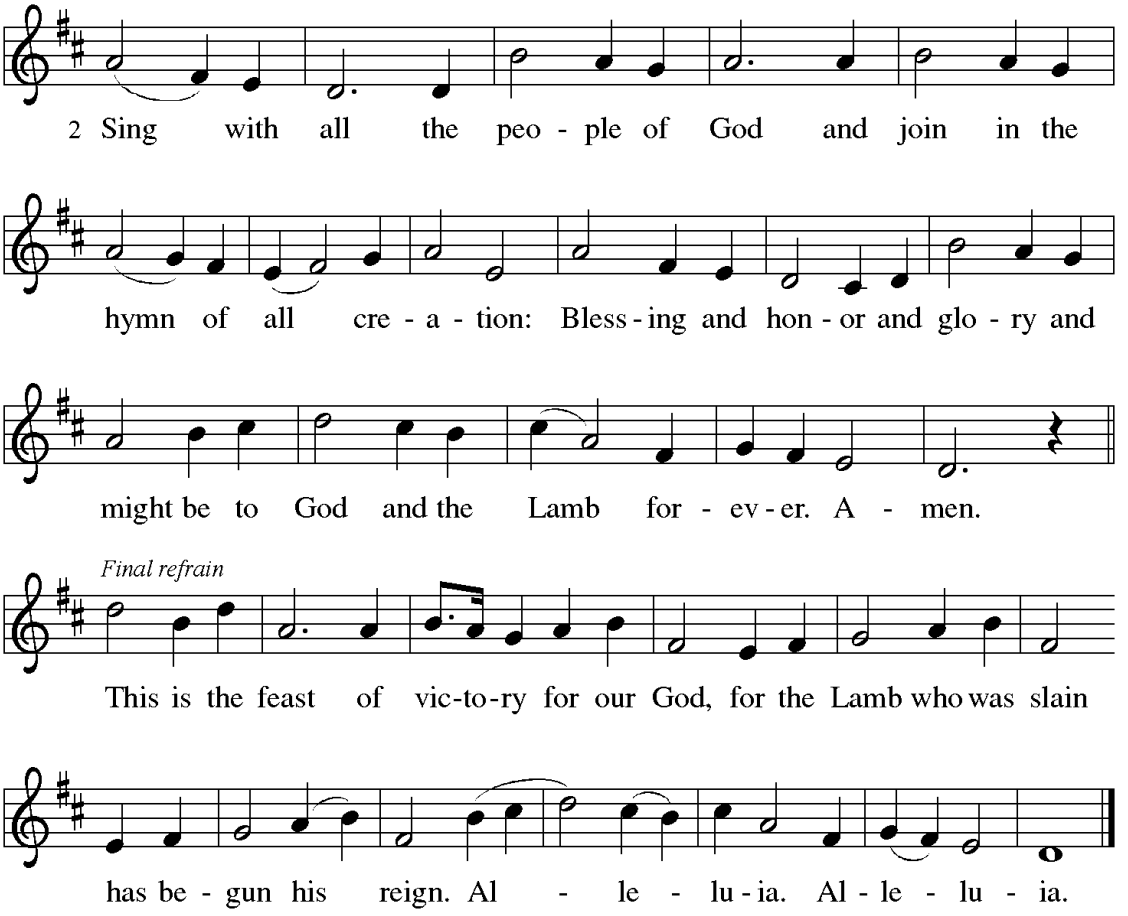
Hymn of Praise "*This is the Feast*"

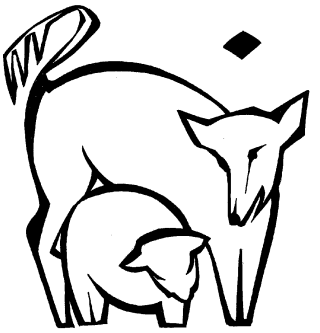


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Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"





Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, we praise you for your servant Francis, whom you sent to call the Church to its tasks and renew its life. Raise up in our own day teachers and prophets inspired by your Spirit, whose voices will give strength to your Church and proclaim the reality of your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading — Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148:1-4, 7-13

Read responsively by lector; congregation reads bolded text
Choir sings antiphon indicated by 'R'

Antiphon (R)

[1]Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.
[2]**Praise the LORD, | all you angels**
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.
[3]Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
[4]**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,**
and you waters a- | bove the heavens. R

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Psalm 148 continued…

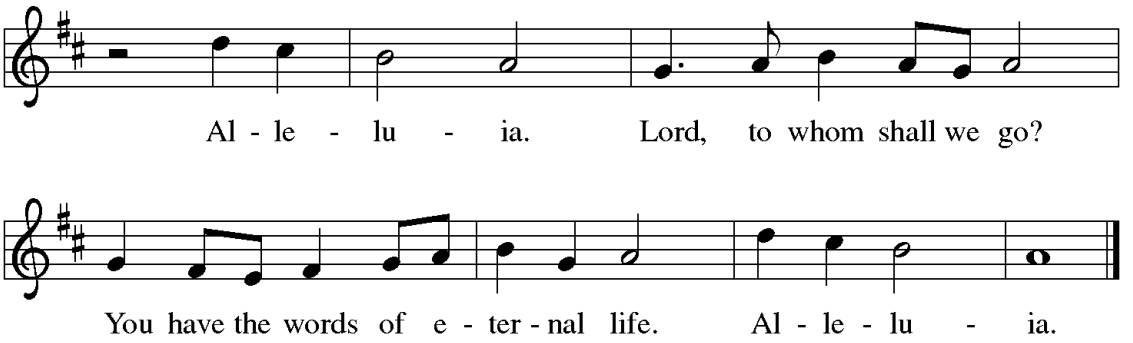
7 Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
8 **fire and hail, | snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;
9 mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
10 **wild beasts | and all cattle,**
creeping things and | flying birds; R
11 sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
12 **young | men and maidens,**
old and | young together.
13 Let them praise the name | of the LORD.
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven. **R**

Second Reading — Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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



The Gospel — Matthew 11:25-30

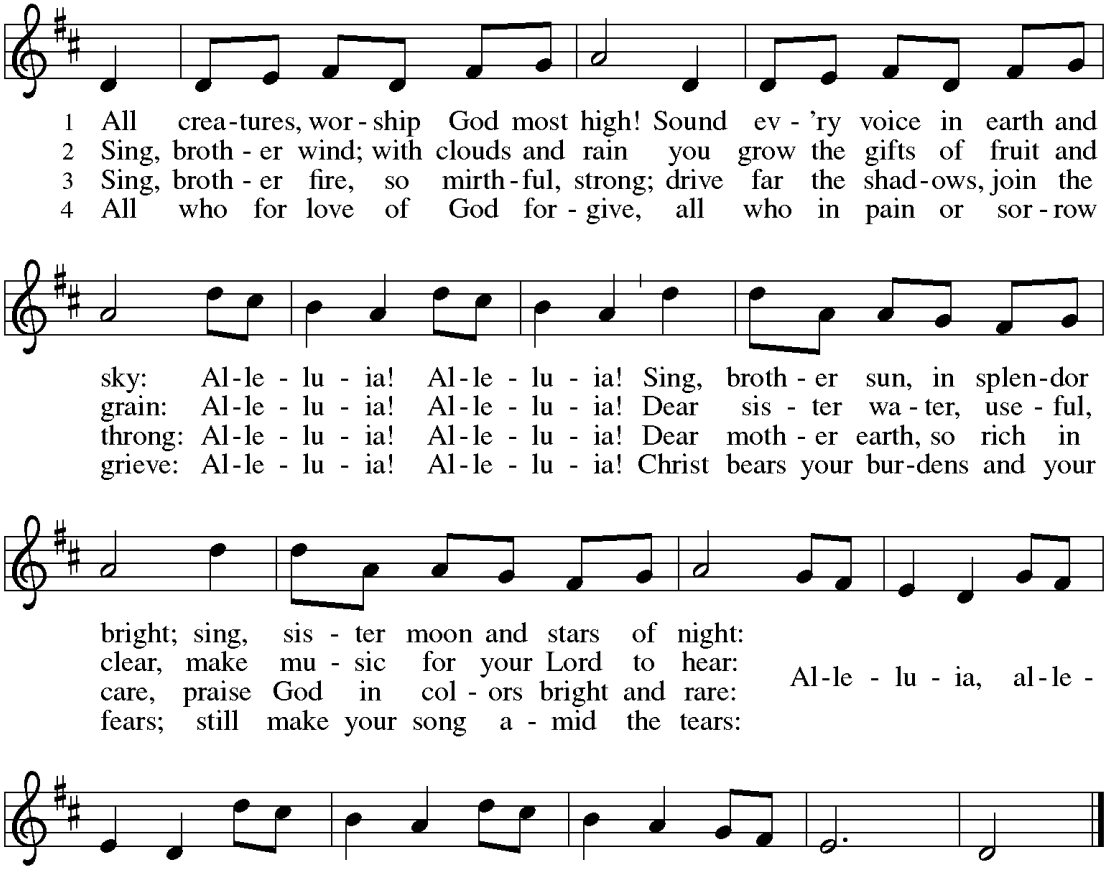
At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon — Rev. Linnea Wilson

Hymn of the Day ELW #835 "*All Creatures Worship God Most High*"

verses 1-3



5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

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: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you call forth your church by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Renew your church by your spirit that it may bear witness to your grace and love. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. We especially pray for the people of Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, and Venezuela. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially Lupe, Raymond, Bonnie, Bob, Melanie, Roz, Lena, Tom, Rachel, Sandy, and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [*pause for names*] ...Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we give thanks to you for the animals that live in our homes, on farms, in the wild, and in havens of refuge. Make us ever aware of the responsibility to these, your creatures. Help us to be faithful in caring for them, through the one in whom all creation is made new, Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Hear our prayers, O God, for our friends, the animals — especially for animals that are suffering; for all that are frightened or lost, or deserted or hungry. We ask for them your providing care; and for those who deal with them, we ask a heart of compassion, gentle hands, and kind words. Help us to be true friends to animals, that through us they may know the blessing of the merciful; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

The Prayer of St. Francis

C: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where this hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.
C: Amen.



The Peace

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

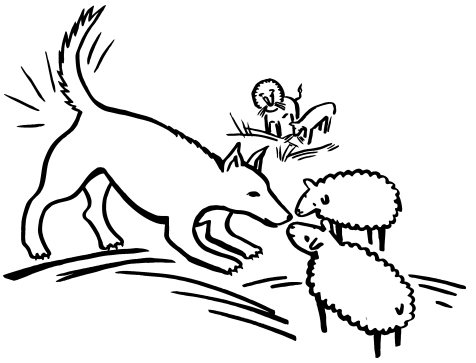
You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

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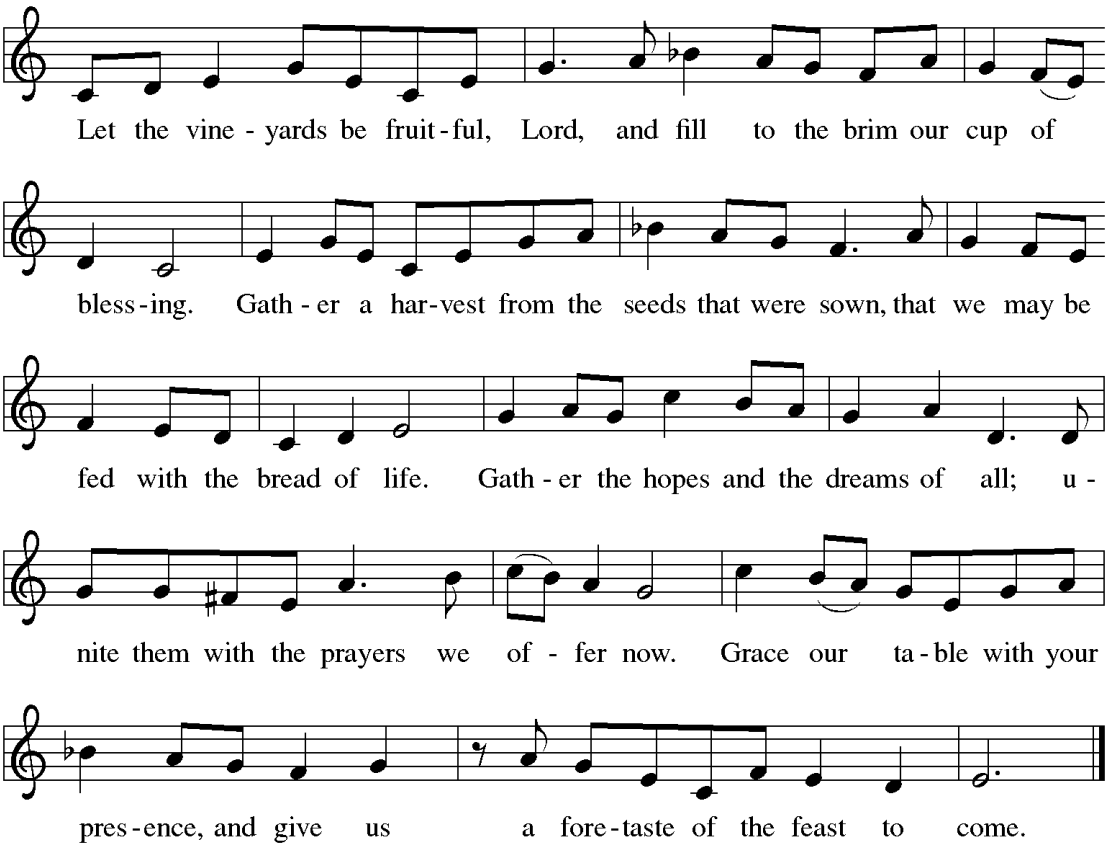
We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

The Offering

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



Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

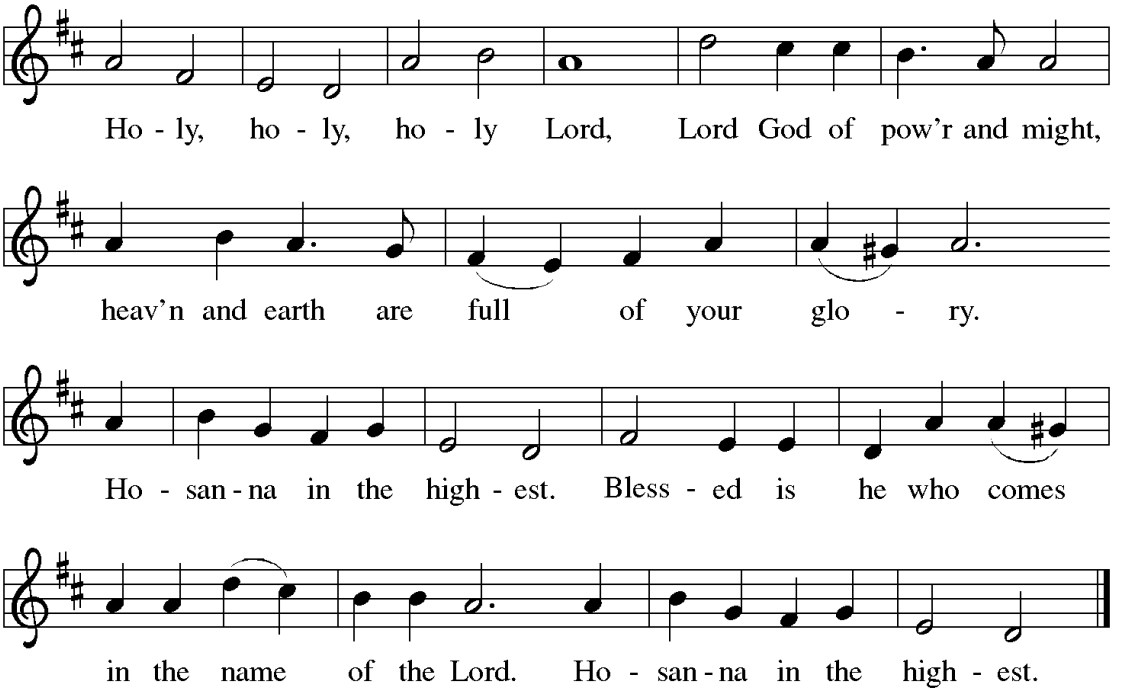
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times……. we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus



P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
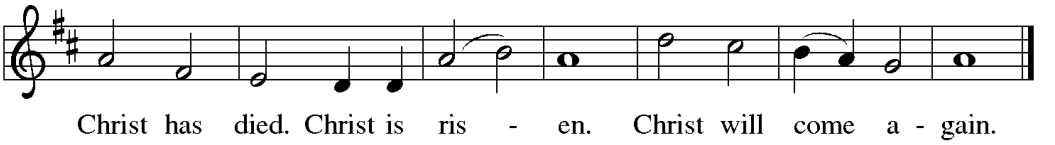
P: You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life.
We give you thanks for his sacrifice, who on the cross he opened his arms to all.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

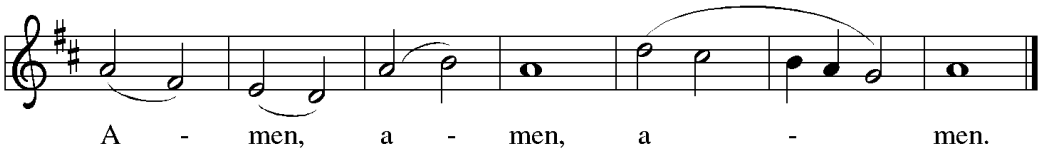
C:



P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C: 

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

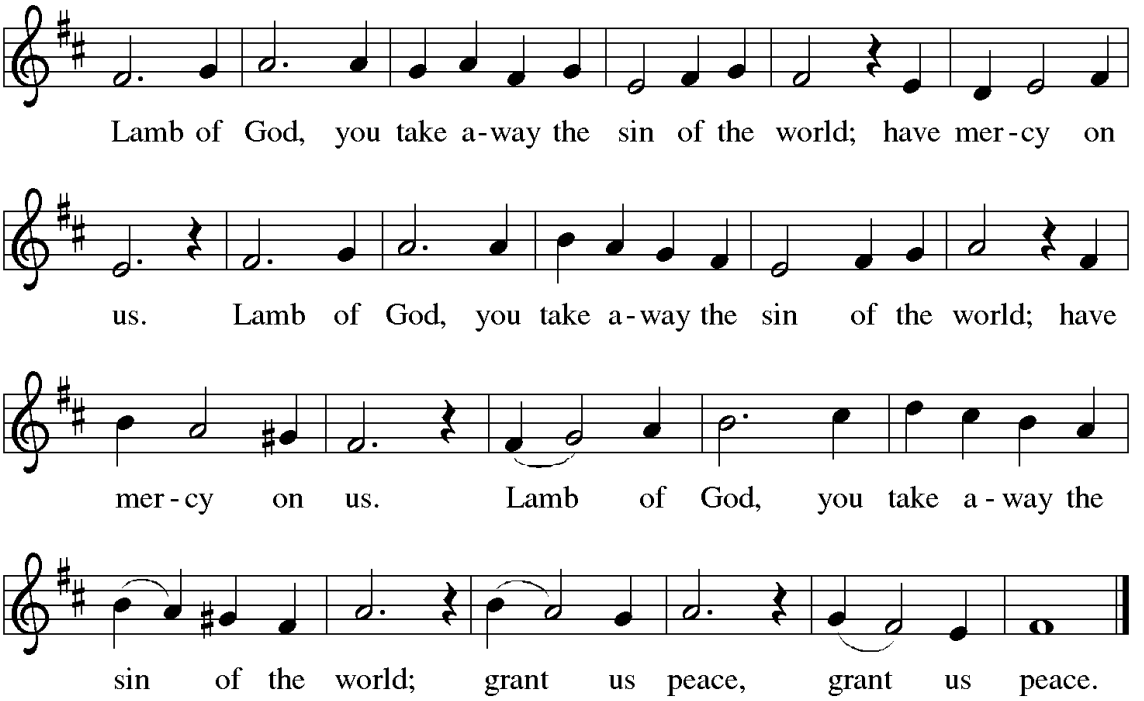
C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are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

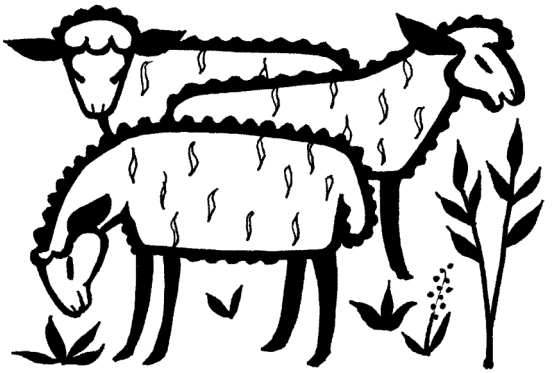
Communion Invitation

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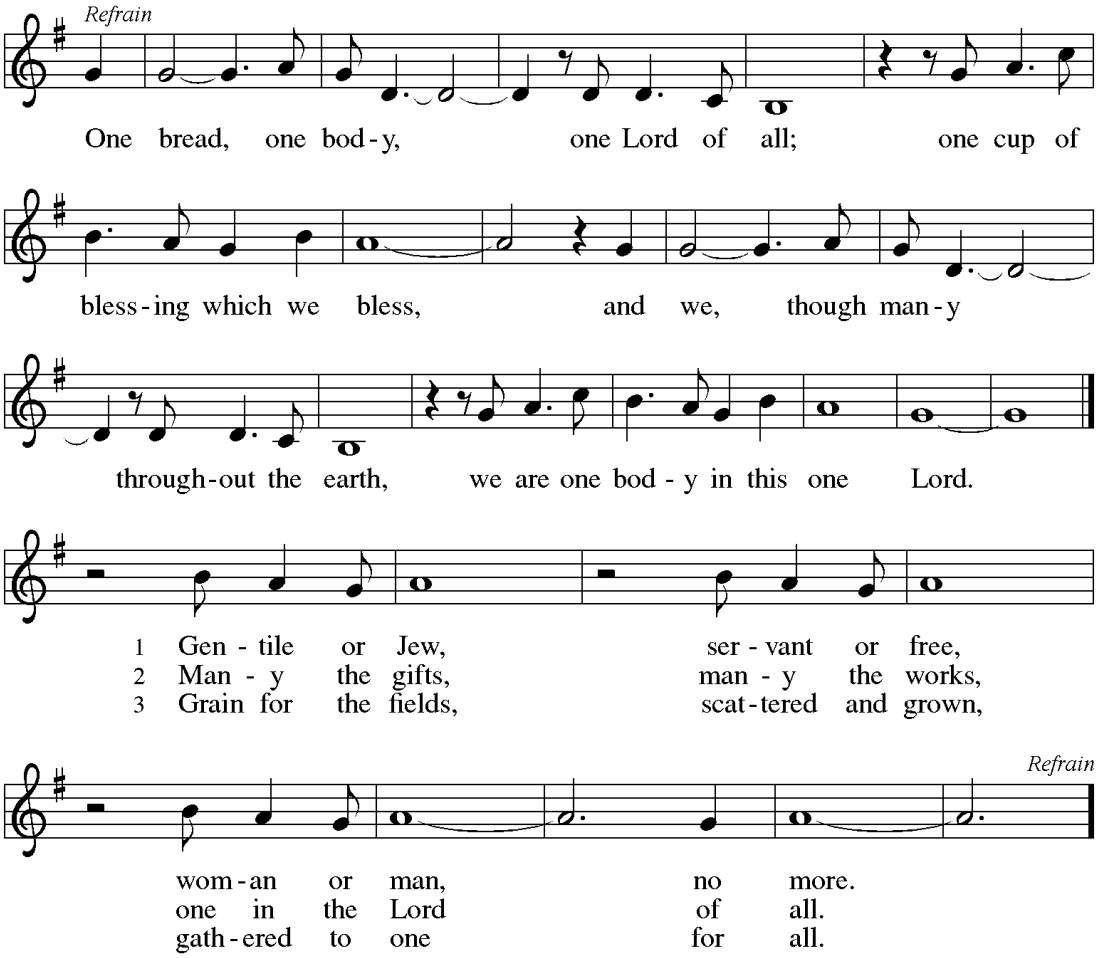
Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

"*Lamb of God*"


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Communion Hymn ELW #496 "*One Bread, One Body*"



Post Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
C: Amen.

Pet Blessing of Animals

P: The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea.
They share in the fortunes of human existence and have a part in human life.
God, who confers gifts on all living things, has often used the service of animals or made them reminders of the gifts of salvation. Animals were saved from the flood and afterwards made a part of the covenant with Noah.

P: We ask God's blessings on our pets. As we do, let us praise the Creator and thank God for setting us as stewards over all the creatures of the earth.



Closing Hymn ELW #835 "*All Creatures Worship God Most High*"

verses 4-6

4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
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and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Prayer Petitions

A: Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe, you create the animals and give us the ability to train them to help us in our work.
C: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

A: Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe, you care for us even as you care for the birds of the air.
C: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

A: Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe, for the sake of our comfort you give us domestic animals as companions.
C: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

Prayer of Blessing

P: Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.
You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land.
You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters.
We ask you to bless our companions we share our lives with in your creation.
By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan.
May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.
Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.



Announcements

Blessing

P: May God, who created the animals of this earth, continue to protect and sustain us all, now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "*Prelude in a dur*" by Johann Sebastian Bach

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Linnea Wilson
Deacon: Christina Formeller
Lector: Marne Turner
Greeter: TBD
Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit, Benjamin Burney
Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra



Date: Saturday, October 19

Time: 4pm to 6pm, doors open at 3:30pm

Attire: Cocktail Casual

Location: Swartz Pavilion, Concordia Place (3300 N Whipple St Chicago, IL 60618)

Join us in celebrating lifelong dedication with a fireside chat and cocktail hour!

On October 19, we'll honor three remarkable milestones: Heather Gunter and Sarah Spraker's 20th employment anniversaries, and Kiki Collias's 40th anniversary.

These incredible achievements will be celebrated with community, food provided by our Teen Leadership participants, a welcome by Rev. Stephen Bouman, and a fireside chat on the impact of early childhood professionals in our society. This chat will feature our own Grace Araya, President and CEO, and Dr. Mariana Souto-Manning, President of the Erikson Institute.

Tickets for this event are available on a sliding scale just like our tuition because, at Concordia Place, we believe every child deserves a world-class education, regardless of financial circumstances. By purchasing a ticket at a price that works for you, you directly support our mission and help provide education for every child in our community.

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Second Sundays

Free Community concert on the second Sunday of each month at noon!





Anita Graef, cello
Louise Chan, piano

Performing works by Kapustin, Beach, Pärt, and Brahms

Sunday
October 13th
12pm

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Bringing our neighbors together to experience God's love through inspiring music.

Choir Rehearsals

Join the choir! Rehearsals are each Sunday morning at 9am in the sanctuary prior to the worship service. Anyone is welcome to join the choir. Interested in learning more? Connect with Paul (sdnorthsider@gmail.com) or Marisa (mbuchheit@concordiafaith.org).

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Sunday School

This week, children are invited to the altar for a message about St. Francis and how he loved nature and animals. Following the message, children will go downstairs for Sunday School. The lesson will focus on St. Francis and how he encouraged people to love their neighbors and car for animals, pets, and nature.

On Sunday School weeks, following the children's message at the beginning of the service, children will accompany their teachers downstairs to the preschool room for their lesson. The lesson will include the story, a craft activity, and discussion. Sunday School is free and open to children ages 4-11 years. There are two different classes (upper and lower) based on children's ages. If you have questions about Sunday School, please connect with either Pastor Zook (nzook@concordiafaith.org) or Desirae (dcontreras@concordiafaith.org).

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Adult Study

Adult Study is being held each Sunday at 9am in the church office. The group is being held both in-person and virtually. Pastor Zook is leading the study, and the topic of these classes are focused on the topic of Prayer. A Zoom link is available for those unable to attend in person. Please connect with Pastor Zook (nzook@concordiafaith.org) for the materials and any additional information.



It's Flu Season!



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

October 13, 2024
9:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Scan QR code to register

For your convenience, the Concordia Health and Wellness Team has invited Jewel Osco to administer flu shots and COVID boosters in the Church office. Immunizations will be available the morning of **October 13th** to individuals 18 years of age or older. It is important to sign up in advance to provide an estimated count to the pharmacist.

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.

Pre-registration is 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.

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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Concordia Concerts 2024–25 Season



Church Holidays

Free to the community

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve concert

April 20 – Easter Sunday concert



Second Sundays

Free Community concert on the 2nd Sunday of each month at noon!

Sept. 8 – Avery Sujkowski, baritone
Oct. 13 – Anita Graef, cello & Louise Chan, piano
Nov. 10 – Paul Dykstra & Dana Brown, pianos
Jan. 12 – David Nakozono, trumpet
Feb. 9 – Jordan Thomas, harp
March 11 – Andrew Marlin, bassoon
May 11 – Celebrate Concordia musicians!

Gala series

Ticketed evening events

Dec. 13 – Lakeshore Brass & friends Christmas spectacular!

Feb. 15 – "Love Your Neighbor" St. Valentine's Day Gala Concert

Lakeshore Brass residency

A special evening series featuring our resident brass quintet. Ticketed event

Sept. 20 – The Sound of Musicals

Nov. 1 – Going West!

March 28 – Chicago

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  Sunday School: St. Francis/Pets
- October 13th: Vaccination clinic in the gym at 11am (Flu & Covid shots)
  'Second Sundays' concert at 12pm with Anita Graef, cello and Louise Chan, piano
- October 19th 12-4pm: Monster Mash Bash for kids ages 4-11 years old
- October 19th 4-6pm: Concordia Place milestone anniversary celebration at Swartz Pavilion, 3300 N Whipple St.
- October 20th: Sunday School: Jesus is Baptized
- October 27th: Reformation Sunday
  Council Meeting
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Text: Sebastian Temple
Music: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS, Sebastian Temple

Hymn of the Day — **ELW #835 "*All Creatures Worship God Most High*"**

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 — **ELW #496 "*One Bread, One Body*"**

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939
Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ
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Closing Hymn — **ELW #835 "*All Creatures Worship God Most High*"**

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