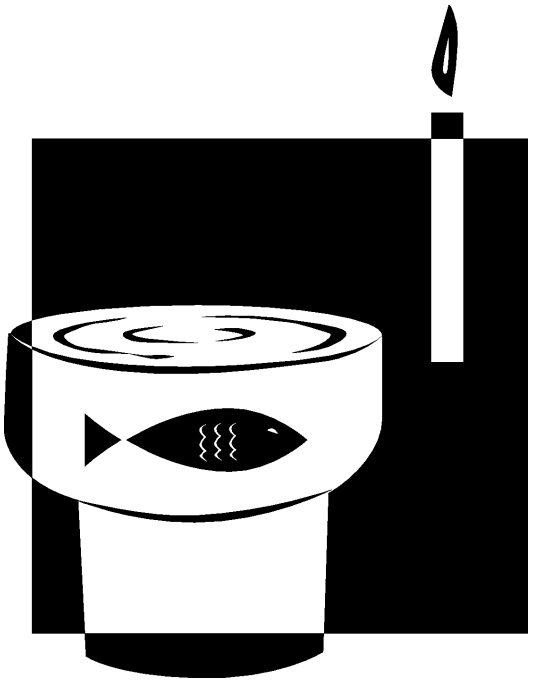
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Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

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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.

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

Masks and hand sanitizer are located in the back of the sanctuary should you need either.

Questions? Contact Desirae, Parish Admin, at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org

Prelude

Prelude on the Hymn "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier" by Paul Fey

Greeting

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Do you present Charles Robert DeCoudres for baptism?

P: Evan and Nicole, as you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help Charles grow in the Christian faith and life?
Response: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Charles in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
Response: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Charles, Evan, and Nicole, and pray for them in their new life in Christ?
C: We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

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

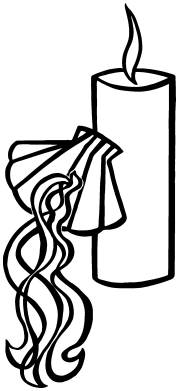
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

Charles Robert DeCoudres, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

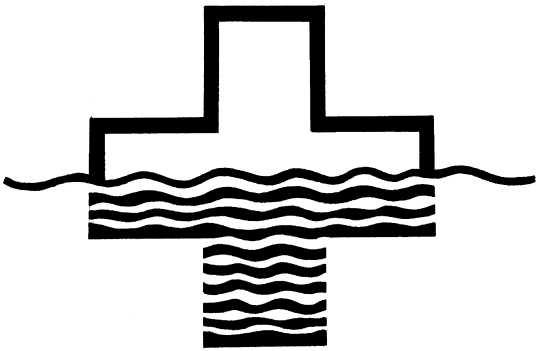
Sustain Charlie with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
Amen.

P: Charles, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Amen.

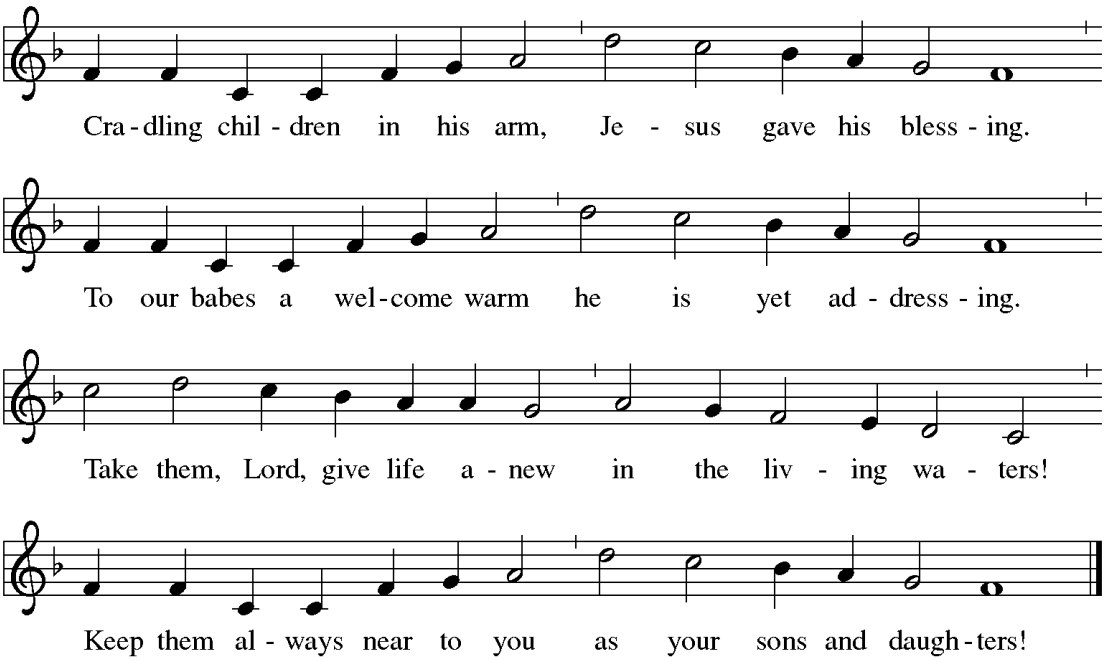
WELCOME
A: Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

A: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**



Opening Hymn ELW #444 "*Cradling Children in His Arms*"





Prayer of the Day
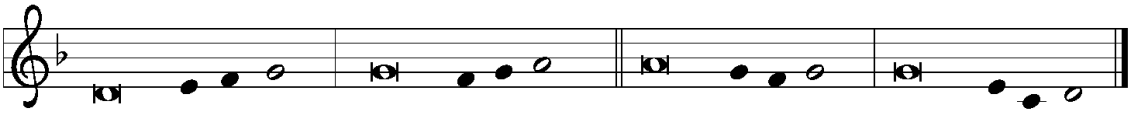
Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

First Reading — Isaiah 43:16-21

16 Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
17 who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
19 I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
20 The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
21 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 *chanted antiphonally; congregation chants bold text*



[1] When the LORD restored the for-| tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.
[2] **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great | things for them."
[3] The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.
[4] **Restore our for-| tunes, O LORD,**
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.
[5] Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.
[6] **Those who go out weeping, carry-| ing the seed,**
will come again with joy, shoulder-| ing their sheaves.

Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-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.

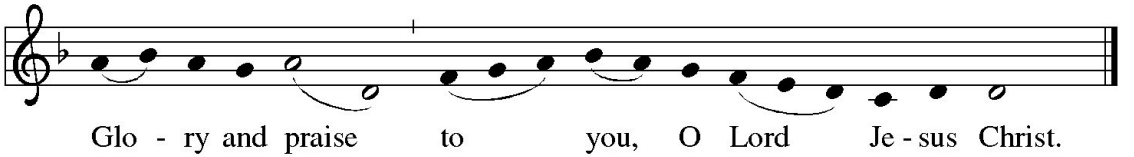
[7] Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. [8] More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may 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.

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Second Reading con't — Philippians 3:4b-14

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 Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
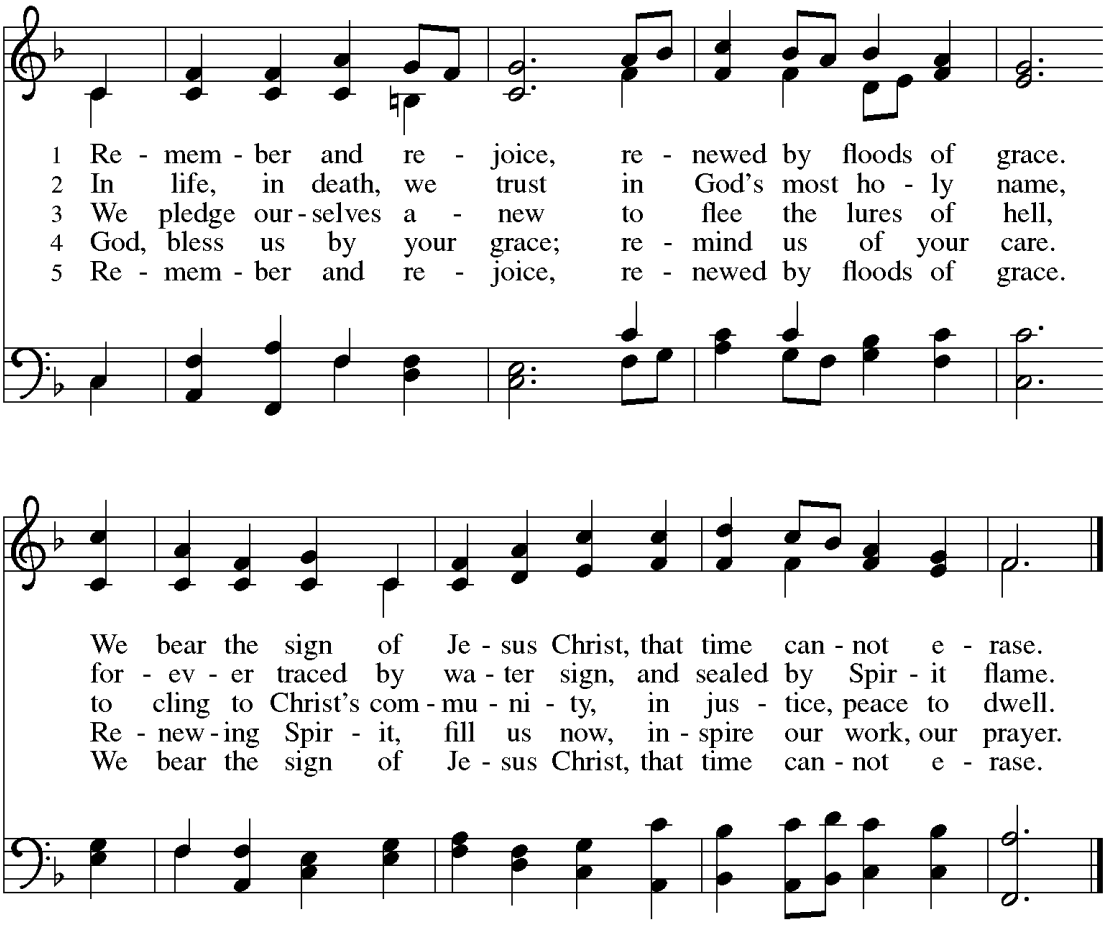
The Gospel — John 12:1-8

1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom
he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served,
and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly
perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.
The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of
his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this perfume
not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" 6 (He said
this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the
common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, "Leave her
alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always
have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."
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 #454 "*Remember and Rejoice*"



Prayers of Thanksgiving

A: Called to the renewal of our faith in Lent, let us offer our prayers to God.

A: In the waters of baptism, you join us to the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For the gift of forgiveness, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For courage to be the body of Christ, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send your spirit of healing and strength to all who call upon you. For those who seek your healing presence, especially Lupe, Raymond, Bonnie, Bob, Sandy, Rachel, Mary, Doug, Donna, Marte, Dee, Nick, Non, Ellen, Pastor Don, Kenneth, Sherri, Pastor Teffu, Pastor Dan, and for those we name before you or silently in our hearts *(pause for names)* ….we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

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.

Temple Talk: Concordia Ministries — Dan Formeller

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The Offering

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

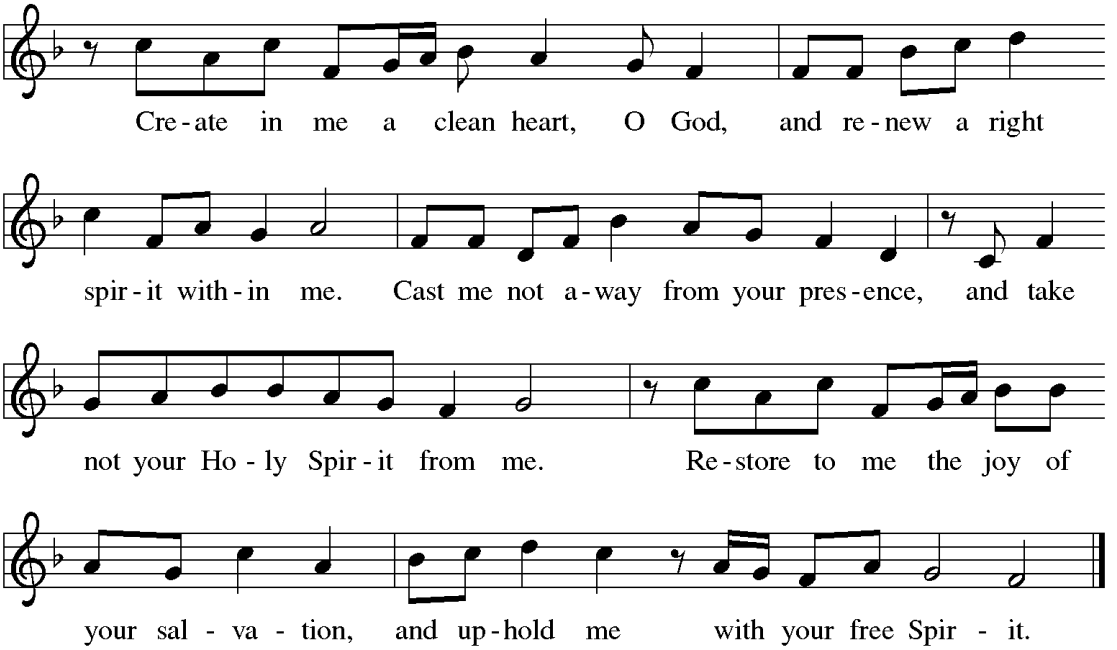
Thank you for supporting our ministries with our financial gifts. Scan the QR code to the left to easily make a one-time gift or establish a recurring gift.

Support our new neighbors with your Lenten Almsgiving. Give monetary donations or 'most-needed' items to these families in our community.

- Shampoo
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Body Wash
- Lotion
- Hair ties
- Sunscreen
- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric softener
- Dish soap & sponges



Offertory Hymn ELW #186 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"



Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray,
Merciful Father

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist
The Great Thanksgiving

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

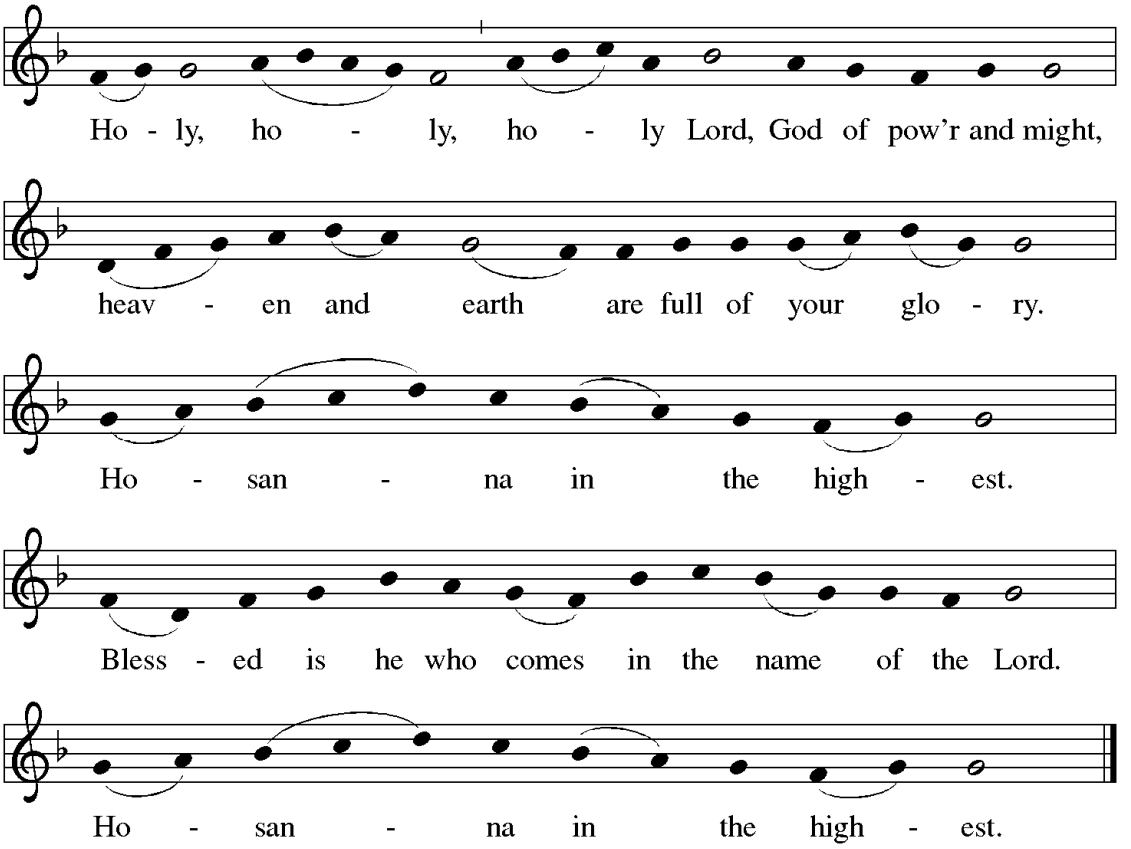
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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
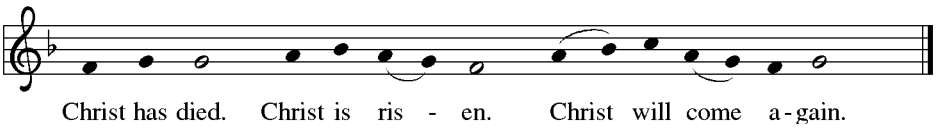


P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: 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:

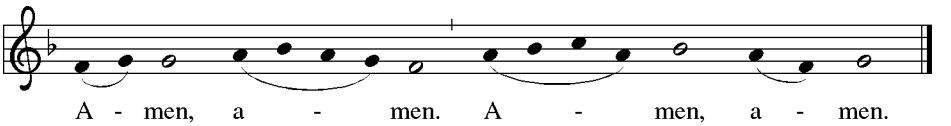


P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

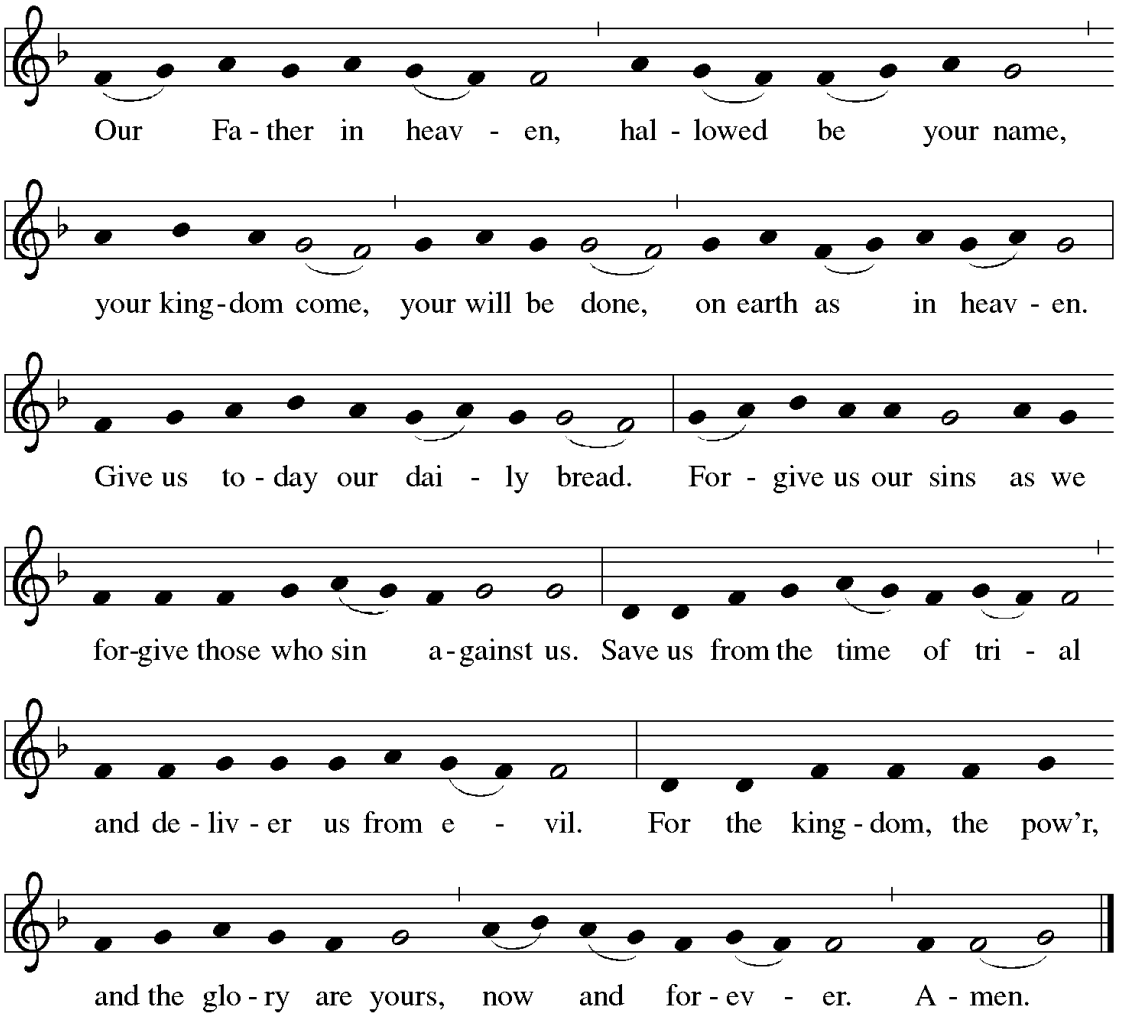
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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

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The Lord's Prayer

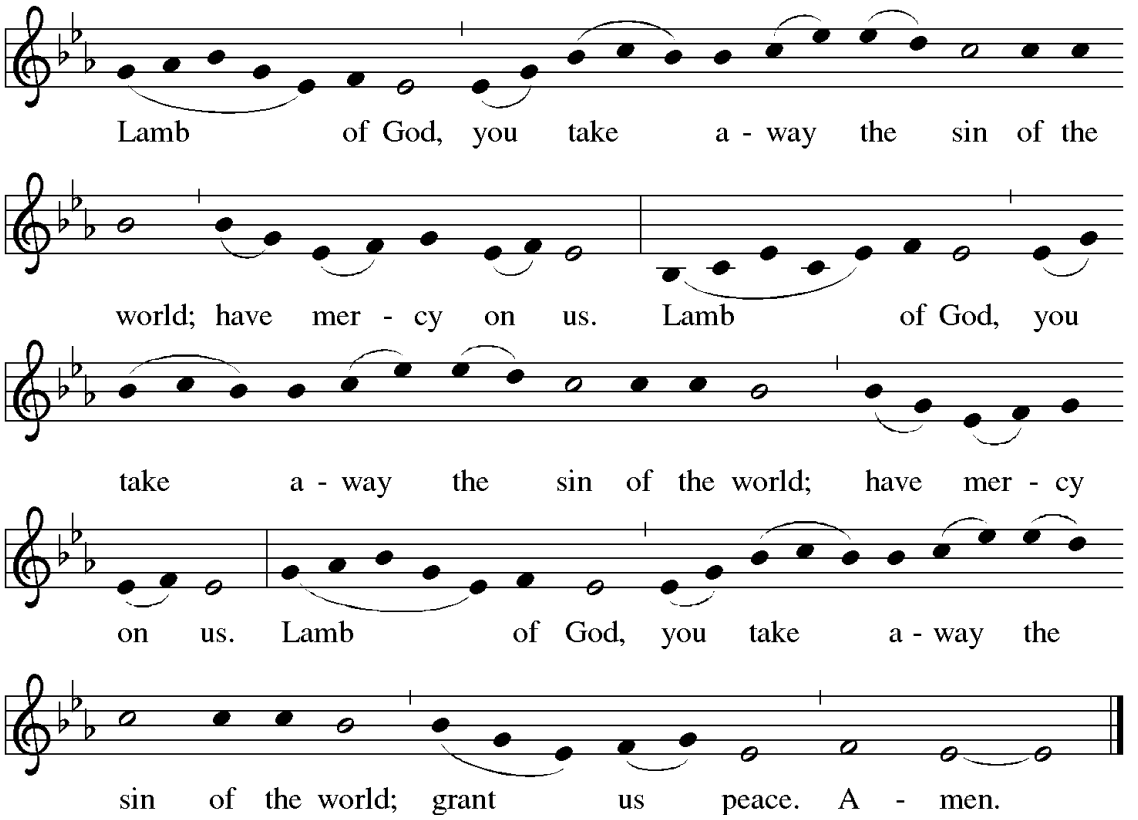


Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. You are invited to kneel at the railing. 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*"



Communion Anthem

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

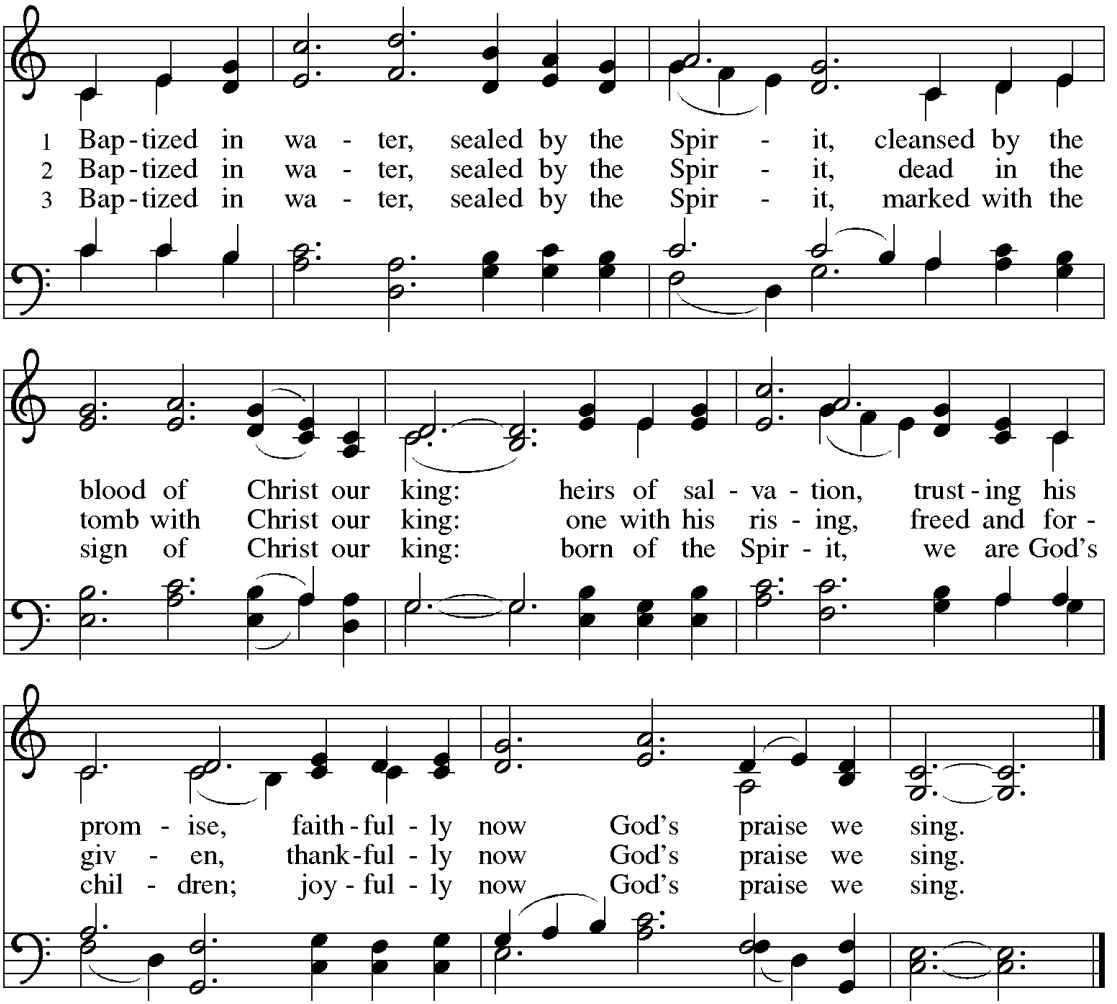
A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Lead us in our Lenten pilgrimage: that our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



Closing Hymn

ELW #456 "*Baptized in Water*"



Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude **"*Prayer for Peace*" (based on Psalm 34:14) by Paul Fey**

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Kim Baratta
Lector: Dan Formeller
Greeter: Jocelyn Lemish
Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski
Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

Announcements

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Bring your pledge commitments of time and talents next Sunday, April 13th, for Stewardship Commitment Sunday. This is part 1—your pledge of time and talents to the ministries of Concordia. Part 2—pledges of treasure—will be made in the Fall.

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Commitment Form 2025

This year's Stewardship Campaign is divided into two separate parts:

Time & Talent (Spring 2025)

Treasure (Fall 2025)

This commitment form is your pledge of time and talent to the ministries at Concordia. *While a financial pledge is not requested at this time*, we do encourage you to continue to give generously in support of Concordia's many and varied ministries in the community.

Please complete your commitment form and return it by Sunday, April 13th (Stewardship Sunday) in one of the following 3 ways:



1) Bring it to church and drop it in the offering plate
2) Email it to Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org
3) Mail it to the church office - 3855 N Seeley Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

Prefer to complete this form electronically? A Google form is available at concordiafaith.org/stewardship.

Lenten worship is held each Sunday at 10am and available both in-person and via livestream. Sunday School is also held each week during the season of Lent following the Children's Message in each service.

Adult Study is each Sunday during Lent at 9am in the church office. You may also participate via Zoom.

We are collecting both monetary donations and needed hygienic items for our new neighbors. You can put all items in the Almsgiving bowl in the back of the sanctuary.

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Upcoming Events

April 13th: Palm Sunday Worship at 10am

April 18th: Good Friday service at 7pm

April 20th: Easter Sunday Worship at 10am

April 27th: Baptism of Emily & Caroline McMillion

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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:

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Call to MINDFULNESS

Ash Wednesday Service

March 5th at 7pm; includes the Imposition of Ashes

You are invited take up a call of mindfulness over the 40 days of Lent by committing to our threefold Lenten discipline

Lenten Devotion

Daily Devotional Scripture & Reflection sent to your inbox and posted online

Weekly vespers with scripture & music
(Wednesdays at 7pm)

Lenten Reflection

Sunday School every week with a special Lenten project

Adult Study
Sundays at 9am

Lenten Giving

Weekly Lenten Almsgiving Offering to support our new neighbors and children at Concordia Place

Follow along with all Lenten offerings at concordiafaith.org/lent

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Shop for items to help families in need.
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Toothpaste



Fabric Softener



Lotion



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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - April 13th

Worship at 10am
Procession of palms & story of Christ's passion

Good Friday - April 18th

Worship at 7pm
Hear 'The Seven Last Words of Christ' by Theodore Dubois performed by soloists and Concordia Church choir

Easter Sunday - April 20th

9am Children's Easter Activity in the gym
Coffee fellowship in fellowship hall before worship
10am Worship

All services available in-person and via livestream
Worship details at concordiafaith.org/worship

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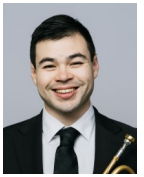
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