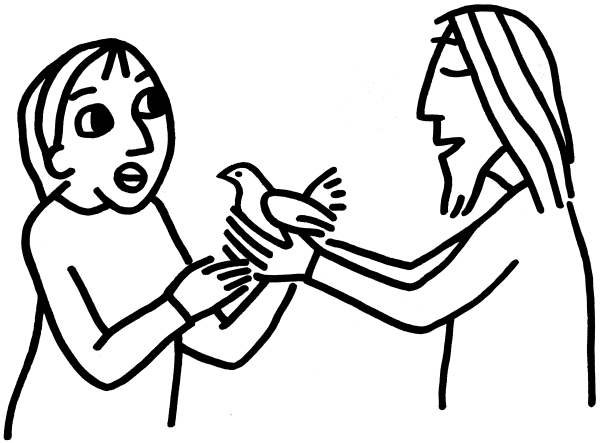
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Prelude

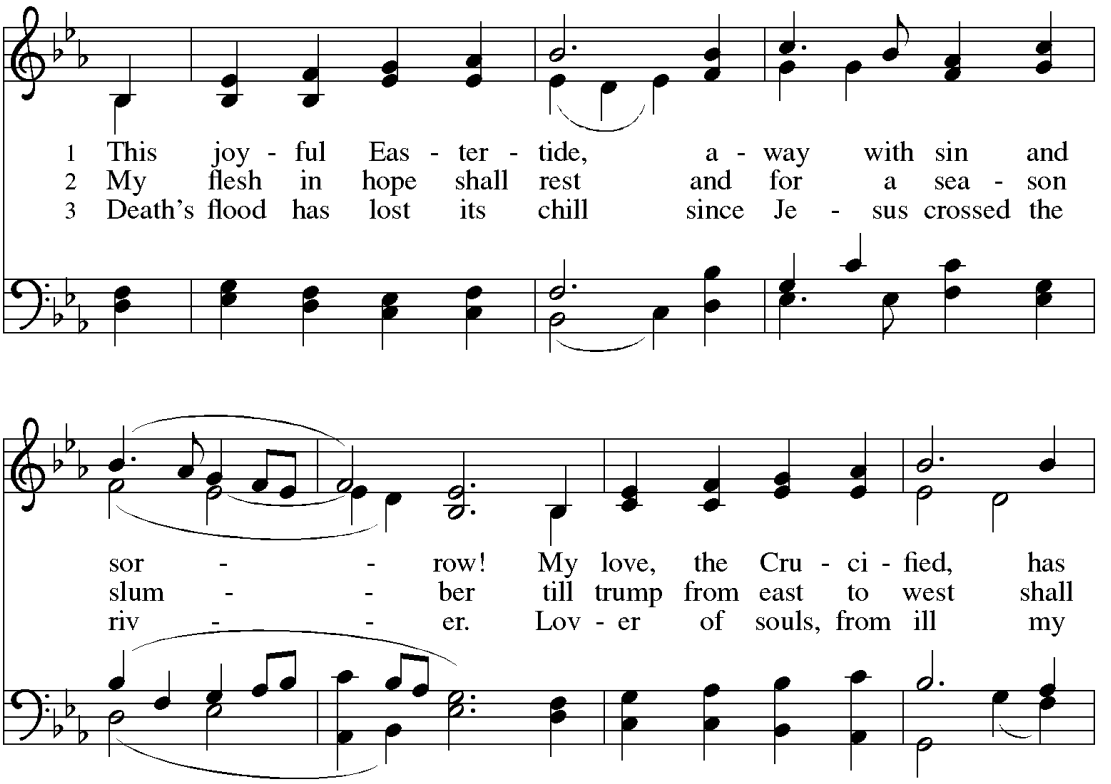
Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

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Opening Hymn ELW #391 "*This Joyful Eastertide*"



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sprung to life this mor - row.
wake the dead in num - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
Refrain
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our
faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
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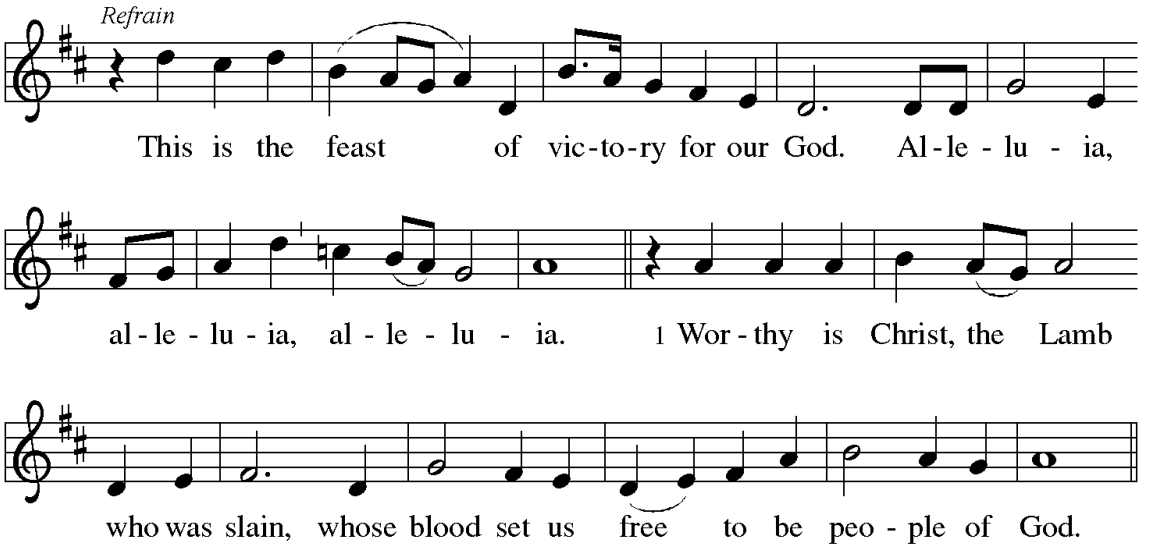
P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn of Praise — "*This is the Feast*"



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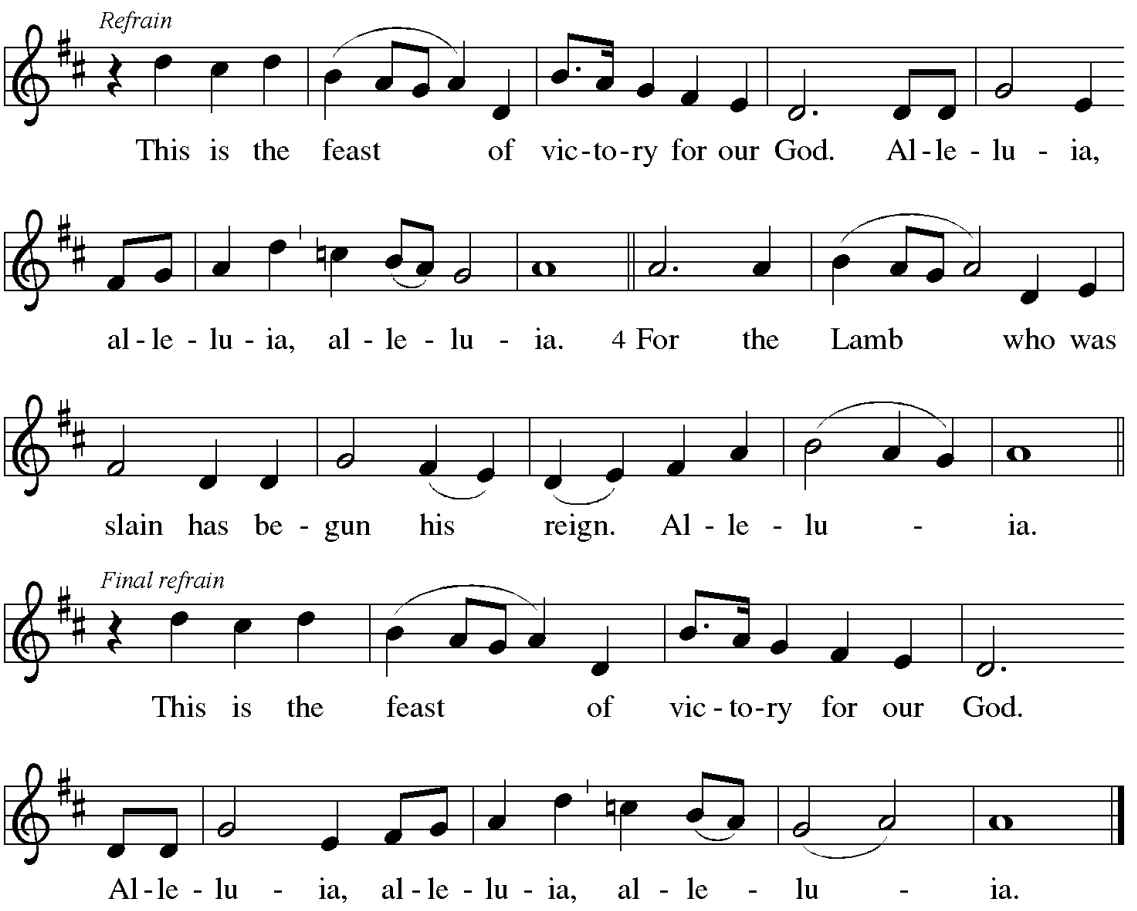
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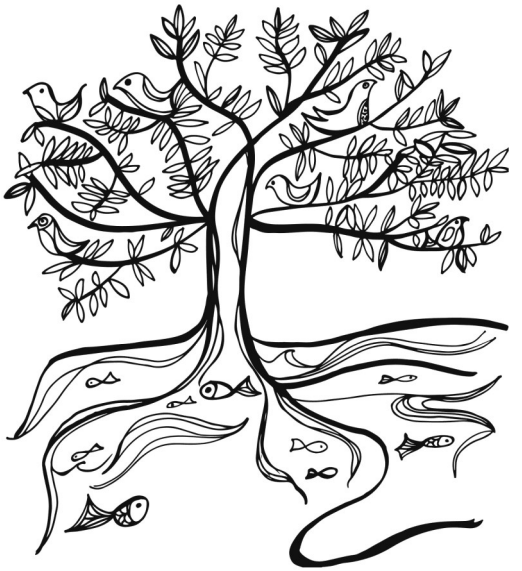
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Hymn of Praise con't... "*This is the Feast*"



First Reading Acts 16:9-15

[9] During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading
with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” [10] When he had seen
the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that
God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.
[11] We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the
following day to Neapolis, [12] and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of
the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some
days. [13] On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we
supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women
who had gathered there. [14] A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God,
was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth.
The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. [15] When she
and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to
be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.



Taize "*Raise a Song of Gladness*"



*May be sung as a canon.

Second Reading — Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

10 And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain
and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.
22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and
the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of
God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and
the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by
day—and there will be no night there. 26 People will bring into it the glory and the
honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who
practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's
book of life.
22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal,
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street
of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of
fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing
of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of
God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see
his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night;
they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will
reign forever and ever.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



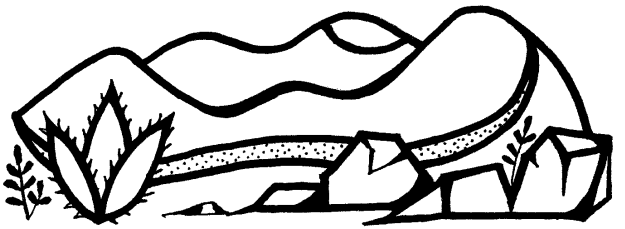
P: The Holy Gospel according to St John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel — John 14:23-29

23 Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with
them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that
you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.
25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate,
the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything,
and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I
give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be
troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going
away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going
to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this
before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."
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 #815 "*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*"



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Hymn of the Day con't

ELW #815 "*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*"



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.

Easter 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 raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. 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. 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, Donna, Pastor Don, Kenneth, Sherri, Pastor Dan, Pam, Ian, Pastor Deanna, Michel, Joanne, Steve, Melanie, and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [*pause for names*] ...Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

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

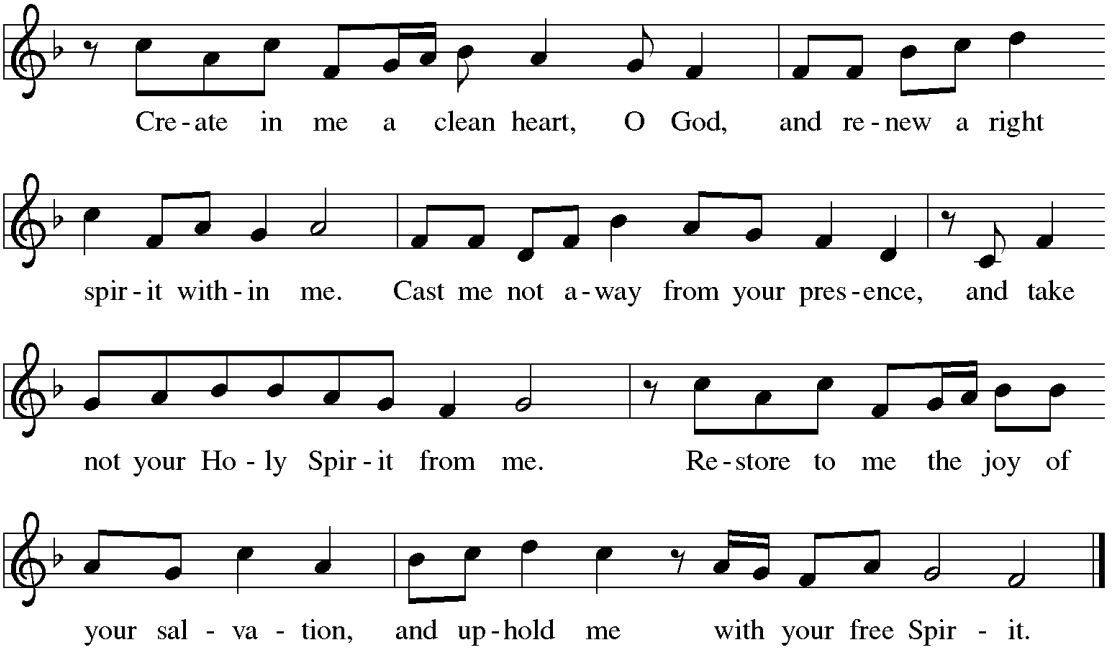
We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

The Offering

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



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.

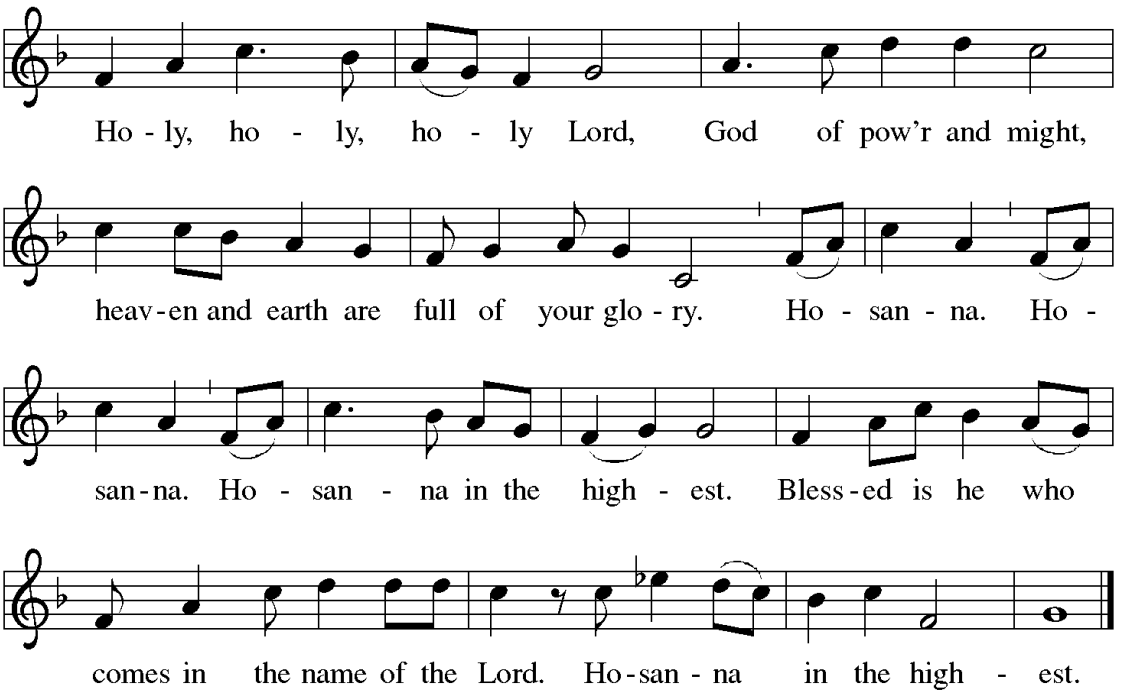
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, 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:

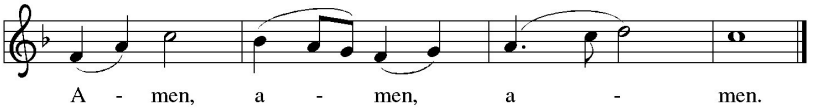


P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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

C:



The Lord's Prayer

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.

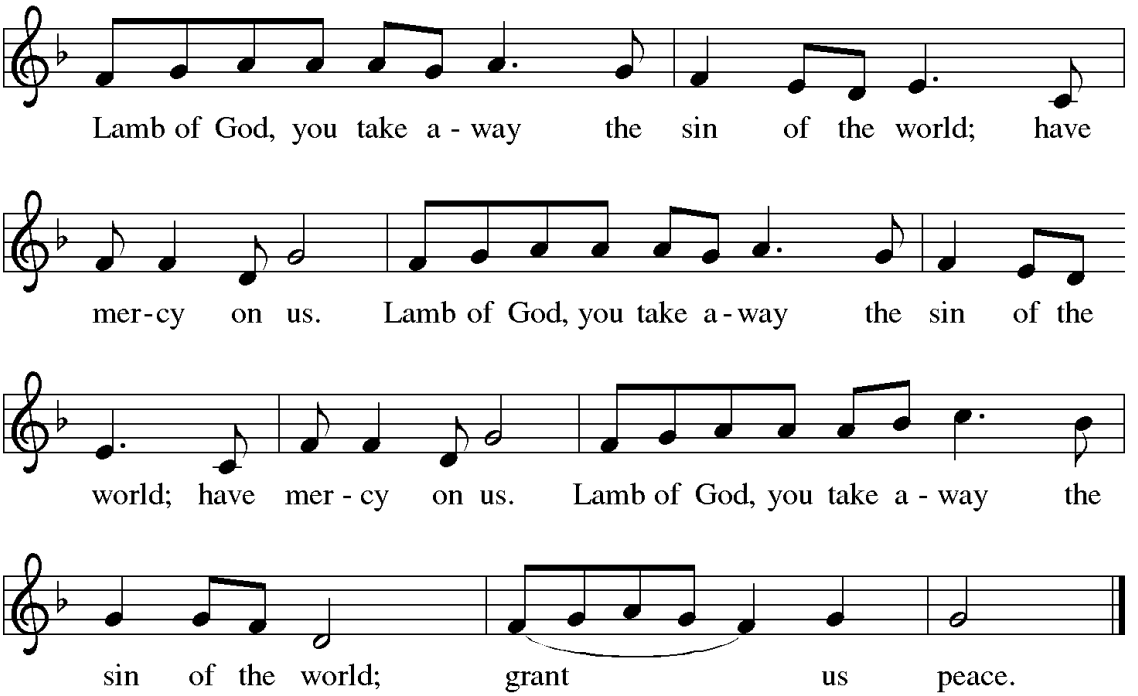
Communion Invitation

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.



Communion Hymn *"Lamb of God"*



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.

Closing Hymn ELW #866 "*We Are Marching in the Light of God*"



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Closing Hymn con't ELW #866 "*We Are Marching in the Light of God*"



Announcements

Dismissal

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Postlude

Today's celebrants:

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

Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, June 8th immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear ministry reports, vote on the budget for FY26 and elect new council members. Your attendance is important. Please mark your calendars and join us next week!

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Summer Worship

Beginning on Sunday, June 22nd, summer worship time will change to 9am each Sunday. Services will continue to be available in-person and via livestream at concordaifaith.org/worship.

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Upcoming Events

June 8th: Annual meeting of the church at 11am in the sanctuary

June 15th: Happy Father's Day! Children's activity time from 11-12:30pm

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Taize **"*Raise a Song of Gladness*"**

Hymn of the Day **ELW #815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

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

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Closing Hymn **ELW #866 "*We Are Marching in the Light of God*"**

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