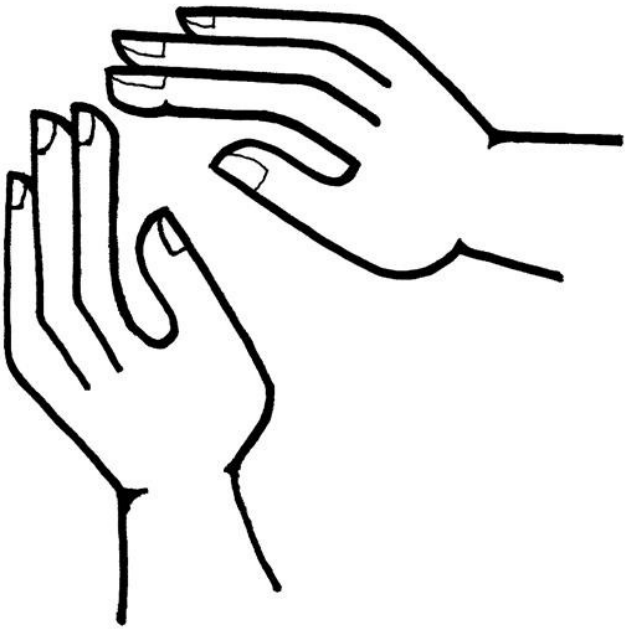
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St. Luke and Healing Service

October 19th, 2025

Announcements

Sunday School – Fall 2025

Sunday School will be held today during worship. The theme will be growing in God's love. Following the children's message, children will go with our Sunday School teachers to the gym for the lesson of the day. The lesson will feature a Bible story, take home lesson based on the theme of the day, and a craft, activity, and/or game. Children ages 4-12 years are welcome! Our Sunday School teachers this year are Arlene Calderone and Robin DeCoudres and they are excited for another year of Sunday School! Check out the large schedule poster in the back of church to make sure all the Sunday School dates are in your calendar!

Understanding Anxiety: A Mental Health Awareness Talk

Join Veronica McMillion, LPC after service TODAY for an informative and interactive presentation on anxiety and mental health This session will explore the causes, symptoms, and effects of anxiety, highlighting its impact on daily life and well-being. Learn how to recognize signs in yourself or others, discover coping strategies, and gain insight into available resources for help. Whether you're struggling personally or supporting someone who is, this presentation offers a safe space for understanding and connection.

The Health and Wellness Team is providing coffee and refreshments for attendees.

Vaccine Clinic—October 26th, 2025

In conjunction with Jewel Osco pharmacy, our Health and Wellness team will host a vaccine clinic on Sunday, October 26th from 10:30am-12:00pm. Both flu shots and COVID boosters will be available. Pre-registration is requested so that the pharmacist can be adequately prepared. See Mary-Ann or Wilma for a consent form. Seethe flyer in the back of this bulletin for more details.

Praying the Psalms

"Know that the Lord is God.
It is He that made us, and we are His;
We are His people,
And the sheep of His pasture." Psalm 100

Join us on a 150 day journey through the Psalms of the Bible as together we walk more closely in faith. One Psalm a day for the next 150 days. Each week, a brief introduction to the next 7 Psalms of the week for your daily reading and reflection with a Facebook posting of the selections and links to the full Psalm selection on our website.

The Psalms of the Bible hold a unique place in the Scriptures; they are both prayers and songs. Rather than God's Word addressed to us the Psalms are Israel's prayers addressed to God: prayers of praise and thanksgiving, lament and requests for healing, joy in the blessings of God's grace and frustration in loss and suffering. The Psalms give voice to our journeys and the turns and twists we face on our own paths.

The "Psalm of the Day" is posted on the church website: concordiafaith.org at the button "Praying the Psalms" or directly at concordiafaith.org/psalms. The Psalms for the entire week will be posted on the website prior to Monday. Daily Psalms will still be published on our social media accounts: Facebook: ConcordiaFaith; Instagram: @concordiafaith

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St. Luke, Evangelist

October 18th is the commemorative date for St. Luke, Evangelist. St. Luke is the author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. He set out to record the gospel life and ministry of Jesus and the work of the apostles, Peter and Paul, after Christ's ascension. St. Luke placed particular emphasis on the healing ministries of Christ and the Early Church. We will offer an anointing service for healing this morning as part of our commemoration of St. Luke.

Prelude "*Songs Without Words, Op. 19 No. 1*" by Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

Opening Hymn ELW #453 "*Baptized and Set Free*"



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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Children's Message



Hymn of Praise

W&P #70 *"I Will Call Upon The Lord"*



First Reading — Isaiah 43:8-13

8 Bring forth the people who are blind yet have eyes,
who are deaf yet have ears!
9 Let all the nations gather together,
and let the peoples assemble.
Who among them declared this
and foretold to us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,
and let them hear and say, "It is true."
10 You are my witnesses, says the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.
11 I, I am the Lord,
and besides me there is no savior.
12 I am the one who declared and saved and proclaimed,
not some strange god among you;
you are my witnesses, says the Lord, and I am God.
13 Indeed, since that day I am he;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work, and who can hinder it?

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

Psalm 31: 1-5, 9-10, 19

Sung responsively
Congregation sings the bold text

Choir Antiphon

R: In you, O Lord, Have I taken refuge. Let me never be put to shame.

[1] In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
[2] Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.
[3] You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
[4] take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge. R
[5] Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. this have a good understanding.
God's praise en- [|] dures
forever.
[9] Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.
[10] For my life is spent with sorrow
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.
[19] O how abundant is your goodness
that you have laid up for those who fear you
and accomplished for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of everyone! R

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:5-11

[The apostle writes:] [5] As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

[6] As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. [7] I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. [8] From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

[9] Do your best to come to me soon, [10] for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. [11] Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me in ministry.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

ELW #172 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*



P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel — Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

1 Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have
been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed on to us by those who from the
beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, 3 I, too, decided, as one
having a grasp of everything from the start, to write a well-ordered account for
you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may have a firm grasp of the words in
which you have been instructed.

24:44 [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I
spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the
law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."45 Then he opened
their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is
written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day 47
and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all
nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And
see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until
you have been clothed with power from on high."

50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed
them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up
into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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 #617 "*We Come To You For Healing, Lord*"



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.



Bringing Healing Into Our Community

P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

In this Service of Healing, we give our prayer embodiment - the personal laying on of hands and embrace of our community in Christ, and the anointing with oil. Anointing with oil recalls our baptismal relationship with God, when we were anointed with oil with the cross of Christ forever. Oil gives visible sign to our prayer and our right as God's children to approach our Father with our needs.

Prayer Petitions

A: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon all who call on you for healing; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver us from the power of evil; and preserve us in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Almighty God, source of human knowledge, we pray for all who provide health and medical care. We lift up doctors, nurses, therapists, pastors, visitors to those who are sick and homebound. Pour upon them the gifts of skill, wisdom, and compassion.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Sustaining God, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of all who are suffering. Support and sustain them with your Spirit and fill them with confidence in your never failing love and presence that they may be strengthened in their ministry of care.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Forgiving and grace giving Lord, forgive the sins of all who have failed to live by your love. Heal them of their hurtful spirits, guide them in paths of restoration and healing with those they have harmed, remove the weight of guilt and pain that they may be restored in their relationships to others and to you through the experience of Christ's loving forgiveness.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: We invite all who seek prayer by laying on of hands and anointing with oil to come to the Alta. May God our Father, whose will for us is ever good, do to us what is best and right in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Anointing Hymn **ELW #751 *"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"***



Concluding Prayers

A: O Lord, bring the light of your love and healing to the whole church, to our community, and to others in the world. Strengthen us as we continue the work of our Lord, Jesus, bringing your healing word and proclaiming your healing presence to all in need.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of great and abundant mercy, with your presence sustain all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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

"O Healing River"

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

The Offering

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.

Offertory Hymn W&P #150 *"We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise"*



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

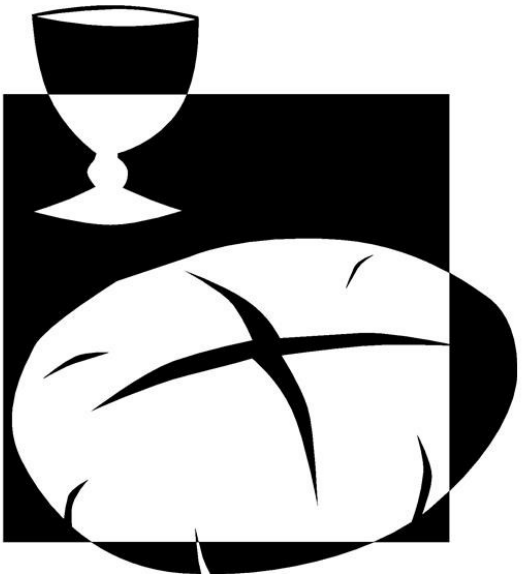
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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

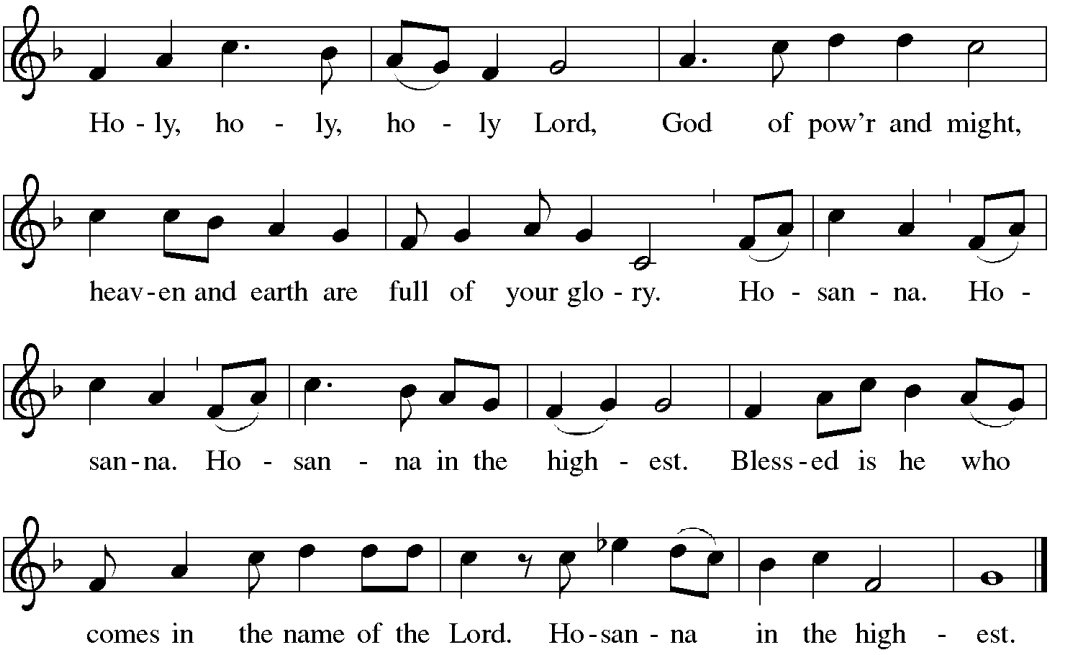
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor.
He healed all those who called on him for healing.
When the multitudes were hungry, he fed them.
He broke bread with the outcast.
In word and deed he proclaimed the coming kingdom of God.

P: By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Holy Spirit.

P: On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

P: When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.".

P: In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer our praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C:



P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ.

P: By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

P: Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and for ever.

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 ELW #471 "*Let Us Break Bread Together*"



Post Communion Blessing

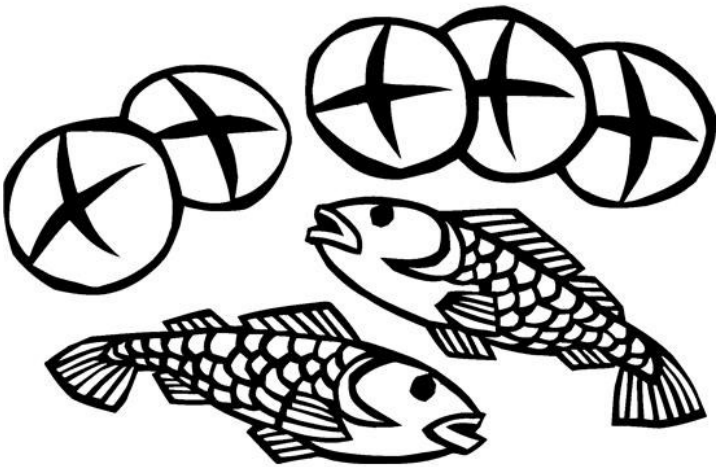
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.



Closing Hymn ELW #843 *"Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness"*



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Announcements

Join us following worship today for a presentation on Stress and Mental Health by Veronica McMillion, LPC.

Benediction

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.

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

Postlude

Stewardship Campaign—Fall 2025

Our Fall stewardship campaign for financial commitments has begun! We will be hosting a series of listening sessions and reporting sessions in advance of asking participants to submit their pledge commitments for calendar year 2026.

Here is the schedule for the remainder of the stewardship campaign:

October 26th – Presentation to congregation, "*Here's what we heard from you/how it aligns with the Concordia Church budget*"

Week of October 26th – printed materials and forms sent to participants

November 2nd – Congregational response via pledges begins; electronic communication with electronic commitment form sent

November 2nd—November 15th – Participant pledges are submitted; connections made by Church council members

November 16th – Pledge Sunday; commitment forms due

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Christina Formeller
Lector: Mary Ann Lupa
Greeter:
Soloists: Marisa Buchheit, Kunying Li,, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski
Choir: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Kungying Li, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Song Chen
Fellowship Hosts: Health and Wellness Team

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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

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Vaccine Clinic

at Concordia Church

October 26th

10:30am - 12:00pm



For your convenience, the Concordia Health and Wellness Team has once again invited Jewell Osco to administer flu shots and COVID boosters in the church office.

Flu shots can be administered to individuals 3 years and older

COVID boosters can be administered to individuals 7 years and older

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

It is important to sign up in advance to provide an estimated count to the pharmacist.

Please see Mary-Ann Lupa (773-283-5763) or Wilma Stevens (773-419-2754 for further information, or to acquire the Informed Consent for Immunization form if not using the QR code below. The forms will be available at Concordia Church and Concordia Place locations.

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.

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Family Fest

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Join us over on Seeley Ave. for our Halloween festival featuring games & activities, treats, a WICKED concert and parade of costumes!

EVENT SCHEDULE

- **11AM-12PM** → TREATS, GAMES & ACTIVITIES
- **12 PM** → HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE
- **12:10-12:30 PM** → WICKED THEMED CONCERT!

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Thanksgiving Celebration

for families, staff, and the community

Friday, November 14th 5:00pm-6:30pm

3300 N Whipple (Swartz Pavilion)

a time to give thanks

Join us for an evening of family-friendly crafts, activities, international foods, worship & music, and a time to give thanks for our blessings! **All are welcome!**

Crafts & Activities
5:00pm-5:30pm

Reading, Prayers, and Hymns
5:30pm-5:45pm

Dinner
5:45pm-6:30pm

Stories & Words of Thanks
6:15pm

Help fill our food pantry with shelf-stable food items! If you are able, please bring donations for our collection bins.

Please RSVP to Whipple Reception
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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Lessons held during 10am worship

September 21st	Receiving God's blessings
September 28th	Angels
October 5th	Sharing God's word
October 19th	Growing in God's Love
November 2nd	Gratitude for God's gifts
November 16th	Thanksgiving Blessings
December 7th & 14th	Christmas Drama rehearsals
December 21st	Christmas Drama

For children ages 3-12 years

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Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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Hymn of Praise — W&P #70 *"I Will Call Upon The Lord"*

Text: Michael O'Shields
Music: O'SHIELDS, Michael O'Shields

Gospel Acclamation — ELW #172 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Communion Hymn — ELW #471 *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Closing Hymn — ELW #843 *"Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness"*

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
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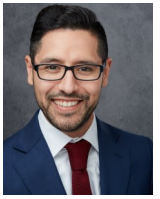
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