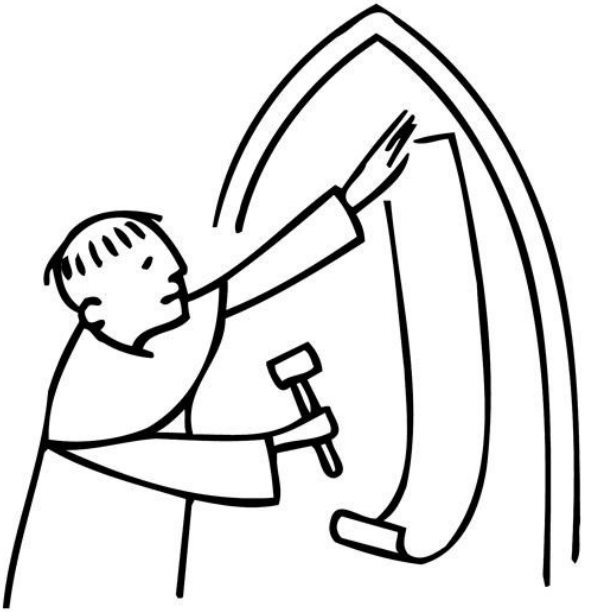
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Reformation Sunday

October 26th, 2025

Announcements

Vaccine Clinic—October 26th, 2025

In conjunction with Jewel Osco pharmacy, our Health and Wellness team will host a vaccine clinic today from 10:30am-12:00pm. Both flu shots and COVID boosters will be available.

Naming the Honored Dead

On Sunday, November 3rd, we will commemorate All Saints Day with the naming of the honored dead. Names of those departed will be read during the prayers, while candles can also be lit in honor of those who have passed. If you have names that you'd like read during the service, please fill out the half sheet in this bulletin or email your names to Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org.

Cookie Donations for Thanksgiving Celebration - November 14th

Concordia Ministries is again hosting a Thanksgiving Celebration in the Swartz Pavilion at Concordia Place on Whipple (3300 N Whipple) on Friday, November 14th. See the flyer in the back of this bulletin for details on this event. The dinner will be catered, but we are looking for help with cookies for the dessert table. If you would be willing to make or buy cookies for the event, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in back of church or email Desirae directly at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org. We are looking for roughly 16 dozen cookies for the event. **Cookies must be NUT-FREE.**

Sunday School – Fall 2025

The nest Sunday School lesson will be held on Sunday November 2nd, 2025. The theme will be gratitude in gratitude for God's gifts. 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!

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

Reformation Sunday
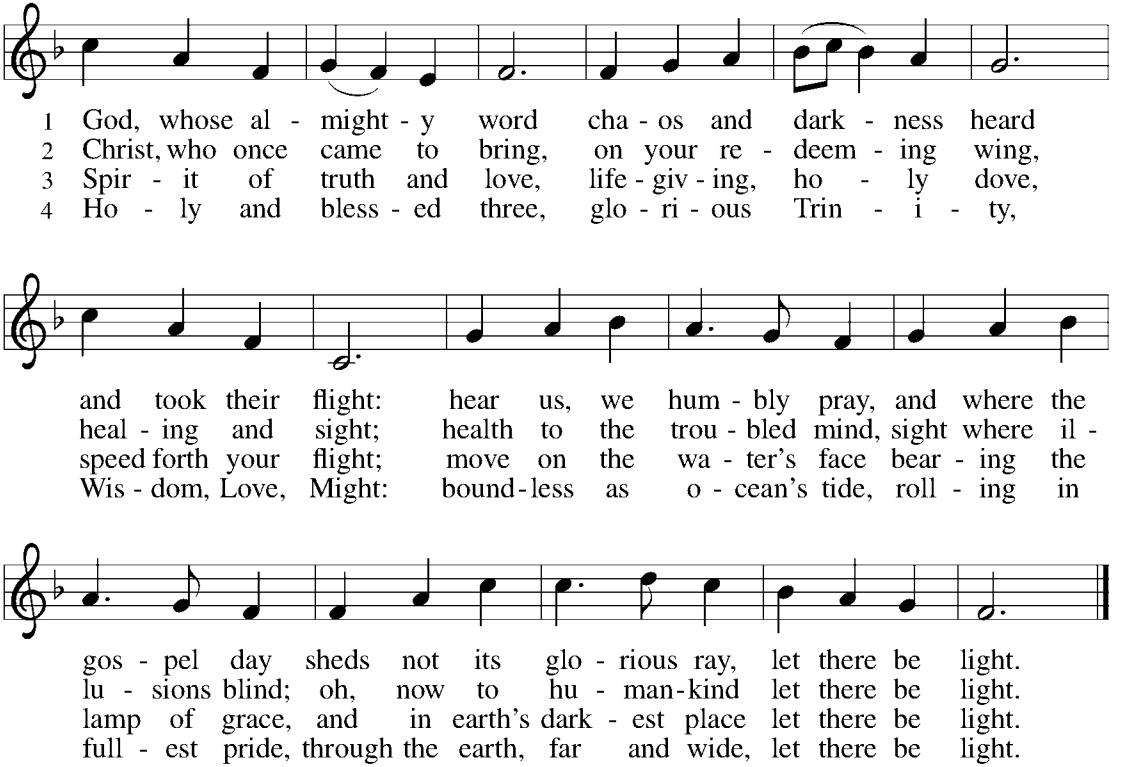
Reformation Sunday commemorates the Lutheran Reform movement in the church with Martin Luther's post of ninety five church reforms on the Wittenberg Church doors on Oct 31st, 1517. Teaching that faith alone is the sign of God's grace and promise of eternal life, Luther reformed church understandings of God and of our hope in Christ's work alone.

Prelude Reflections on *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* by Paul Fey

Welcome

Opening Hymn

ELW #673 *"God Whose Almighty Word"*



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
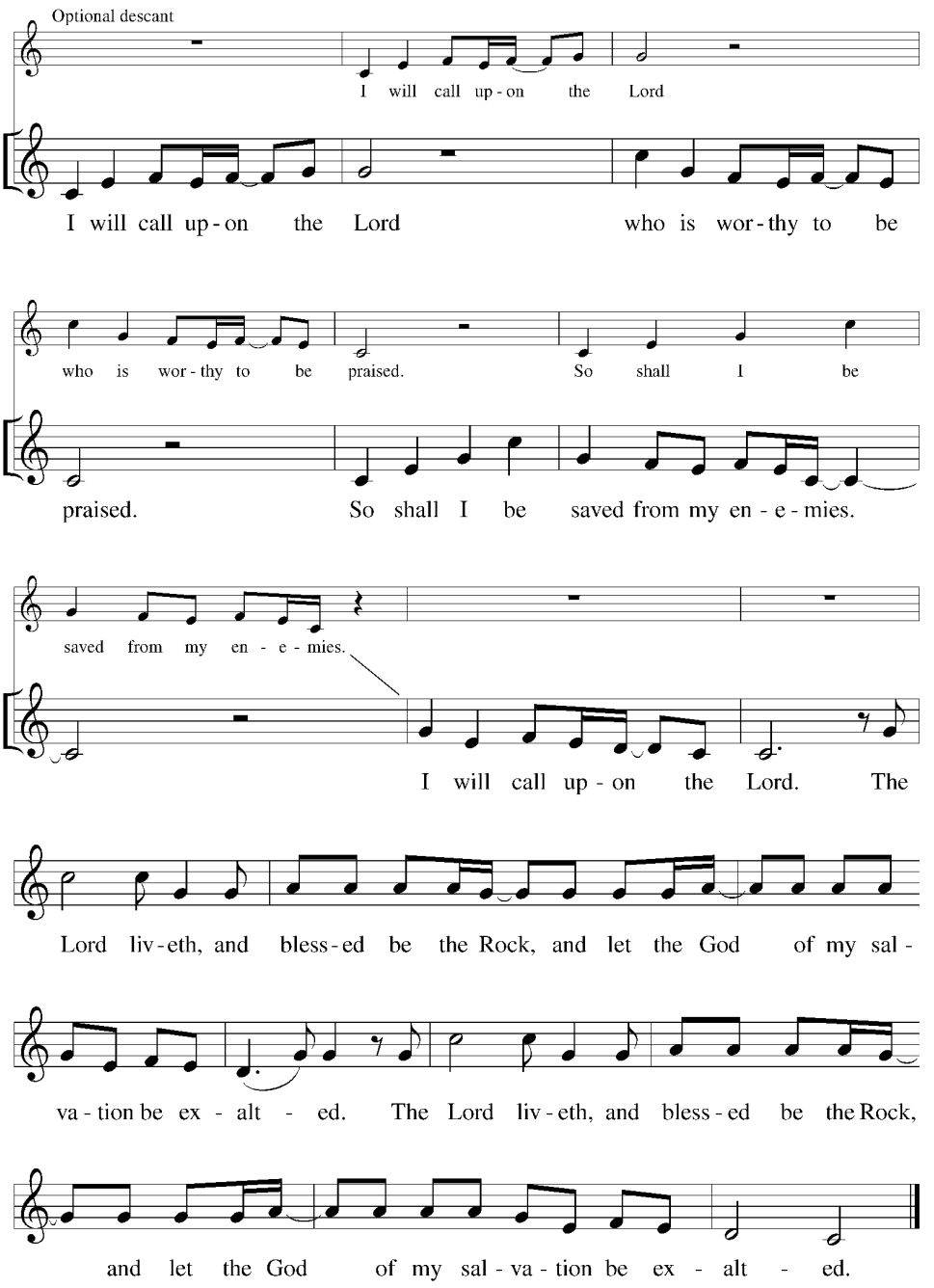
P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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

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

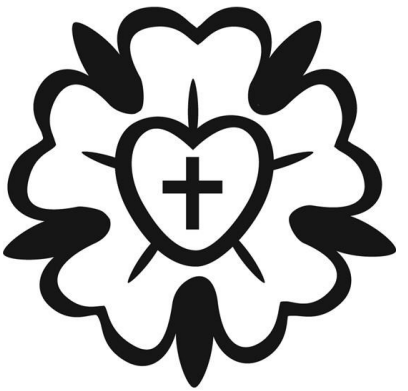


First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make
a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of
Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their
ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of
the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was
their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I
will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the
Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their
hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34
No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other,
"Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of
them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their
iniquity and remember their sin no more.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 46

Sung responsively
Congregation sings the bold text

Choir Antiphon

R: The Lord of hosts in with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
**2 Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**
3 though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
**6 The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**
7 The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
**8 Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

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Psalm 46 con't

Sung responsively
Congregation sings the bold text

Choir Antiphon

R: The Lord of hosts in with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns
the | shields with fire.
10 "Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
11 The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R

Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

[19] Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to
those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be
silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to
God. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds
prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the
knowledge of sin.
[21] But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has
been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets,
22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ
for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all
have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are
now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption
that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a
sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.
He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his
divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously
committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his
own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the
one who has the faith of Jesus.
[27] Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through
what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law
of faith. [28] For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart
from works prescribed by the law.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

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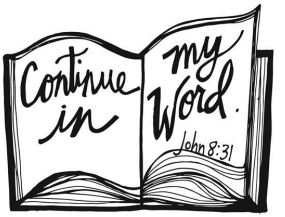
P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel John 8:31-36
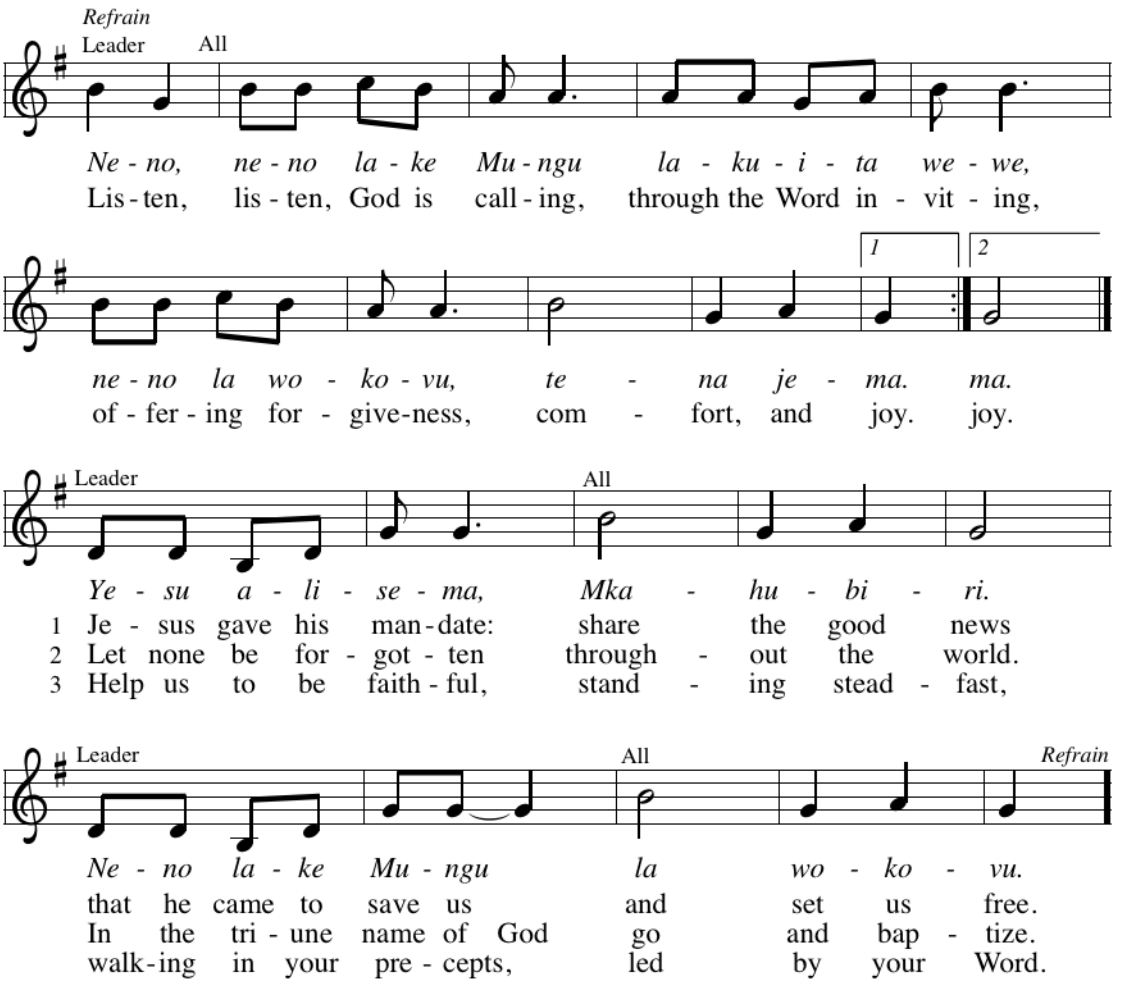
31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you
continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you
will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They
answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have
never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying,
'You will be made free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone
who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a
permanent place in the household; the son has a place there
forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free
indeed."
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 #513 *"Listen, God Is Calling"*

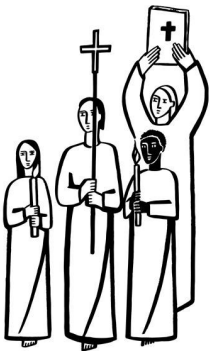


Apostle's Creed

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: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

A: For the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea,
C : We give you thanks

A: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
C : We give you thanks

A: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
C: We give you thanks.

A: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
C: We give you thanks.

A: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
C: We give you thanks.

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Prayers of Intercession con't...

A: For the brave and courageous who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, we especially lift up Pastor Dan, Ian, Dee, Margaret, Mike, Joanne, Jocelyn, Dennis, Father Jim, others for whom we should pray? We lift them up to you O Lord.

C: We give you thanks.

A: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, justice, and peace,

C: We give you thanks.

A: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

C: We give you thanks.

A: Above all, let us give thanks for the great promises and mercies given to us and to all the world in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: To Christ be praise and glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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 *"God Alone Be Praised"*

music by Zebulon M. Highben text by Susan R. Briehl

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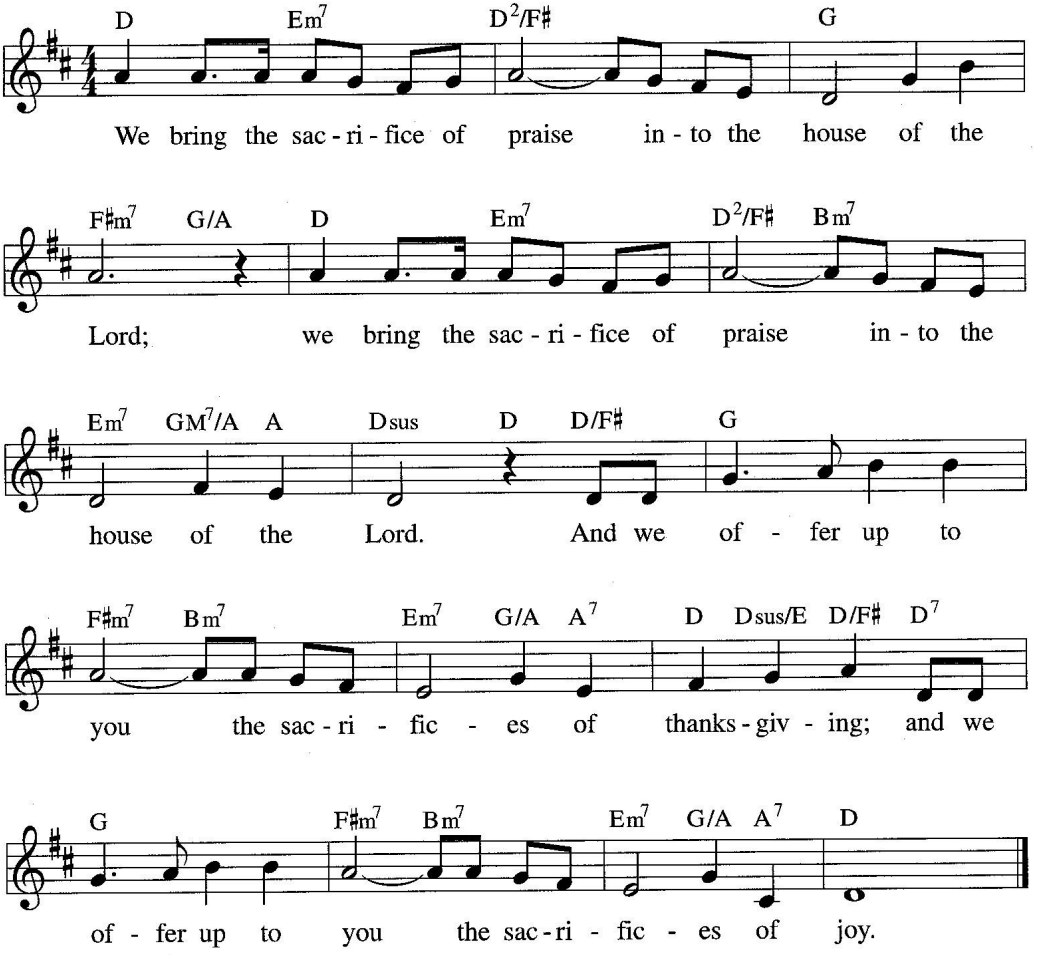
The Offering

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Offertory Hymn

W&P #150 "*We Bring The Sacrifice Of Prais*



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

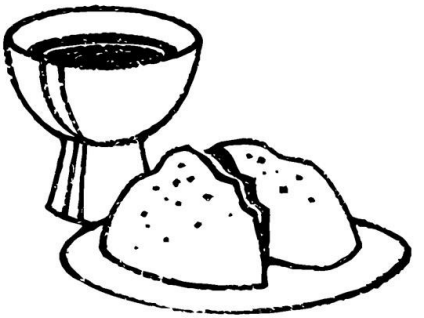
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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

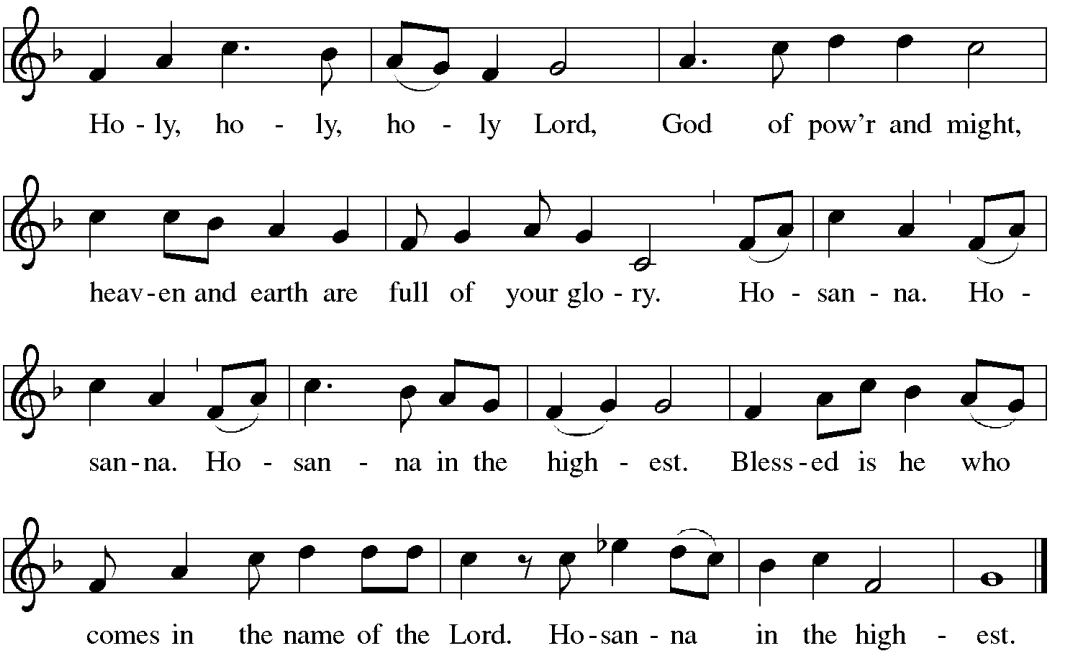
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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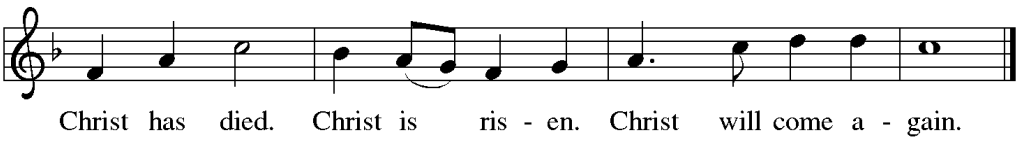
P: By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Holy Spirit.

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:
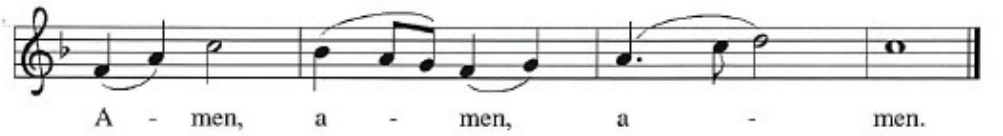


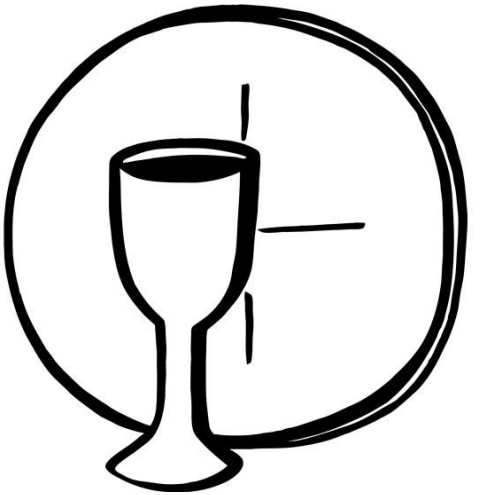
P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ.

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.
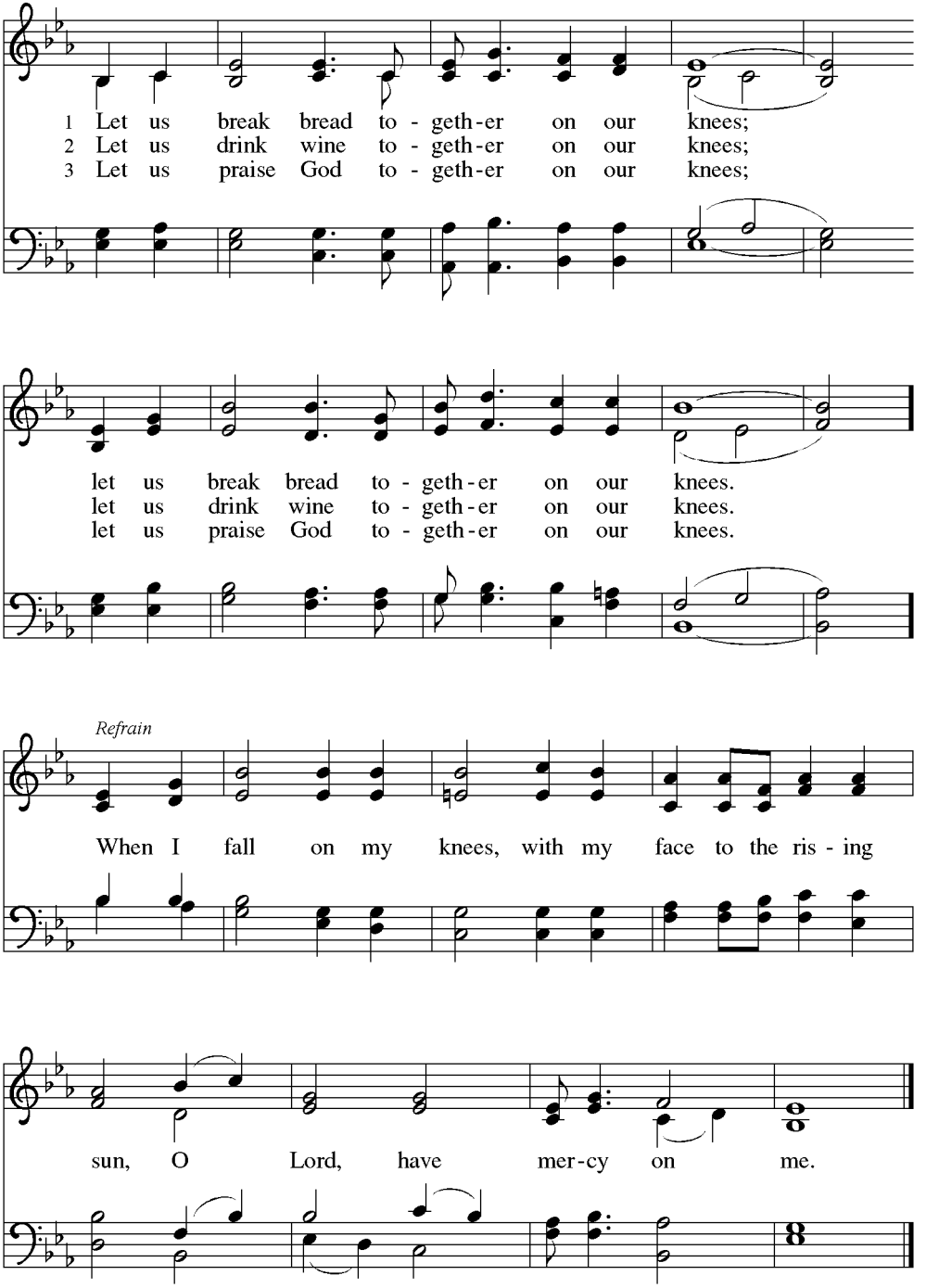
Communion Invitation

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

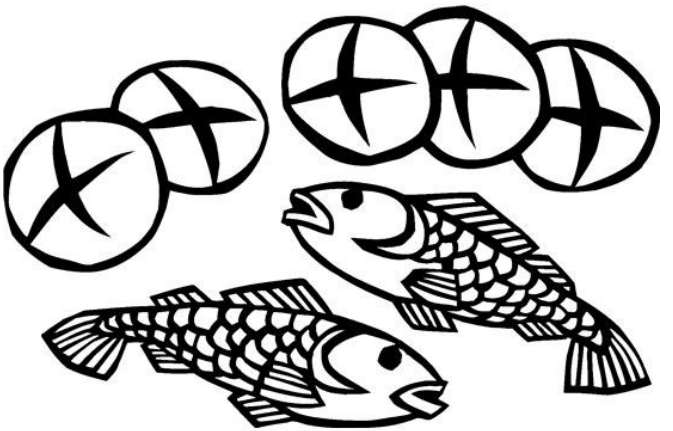
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

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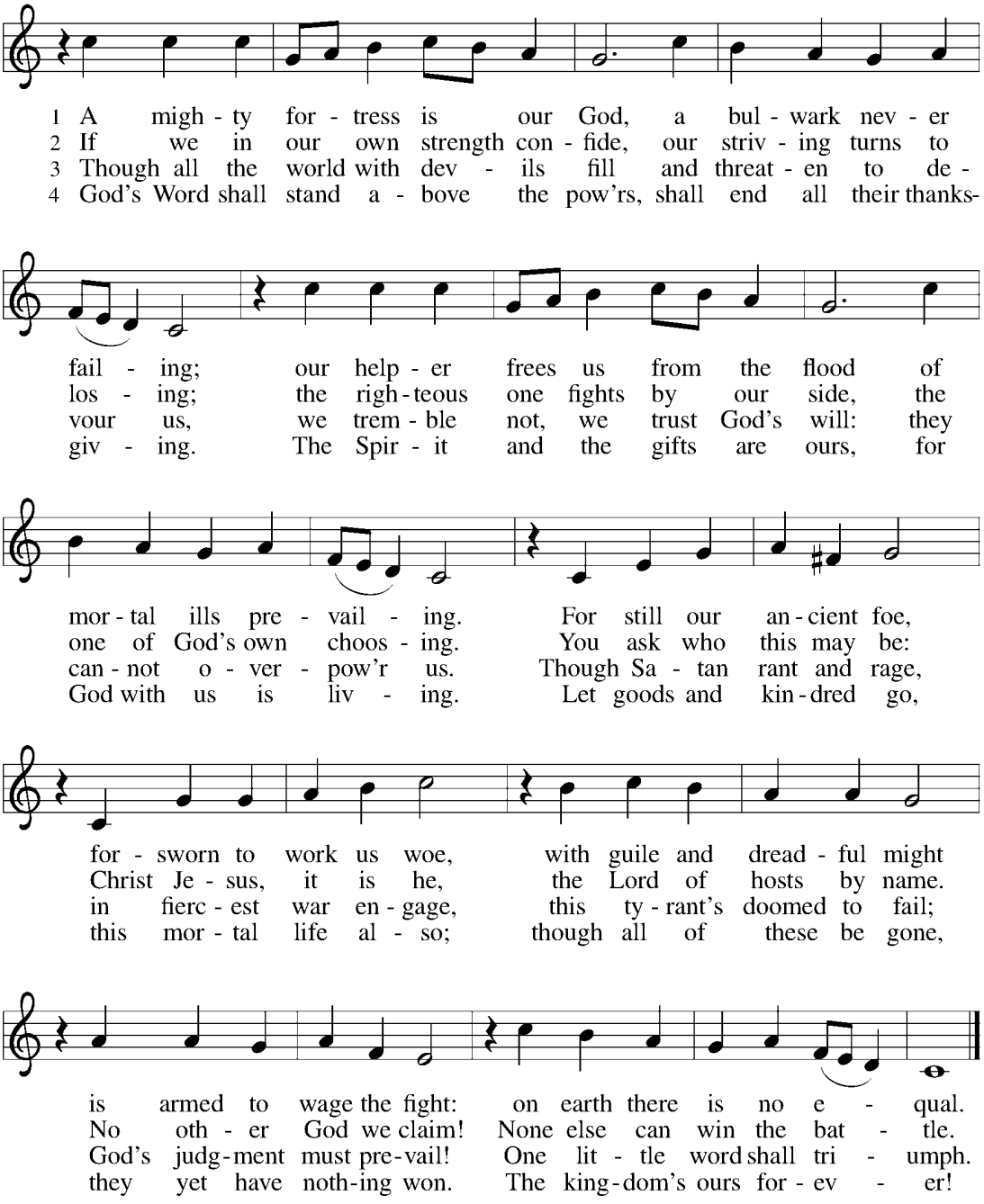
A: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.



Closing Hymn

ELW #505 "*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*"



Announcements

Stewardship Temple Talk by Dan Formeller

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

Postlude on *"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"*
by Paul Fey

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: Kim Baratta
Lector: Dan Formeller
Greeter: Guenter Seidel
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: Paul Dykstra
Fellowship Hosts: Denise and Steve Sonberg

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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Sunday mornings:

10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

Join the 10:00am livestream on Sunday mornings or view recordings of our past services on our YouTube channel.

YouTube **Concordia Church Chicago**

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.

Receive a coupon for 10% off your next Jewel Osco purchase!

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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
Phone: 773.463.1600 ext. 3111
Email: avondale@concordiaplace.org

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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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Below is a list of all the songs that we are using in today's liturgy with their copy right information located with them.

Opening Hymn — **ELW #673 *"God, Whose Almighty Word"***

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

Hymn of Praise — **W&P #70 *"I Will Call Upon The Lord"***

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

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

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Hymn of the Day — **ELW #513 *"Listen, God Is Calling"***

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune
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Offertory Hymn — **W&P #150 *"We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise"***

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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 #505 "*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*"**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890, alt.
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546
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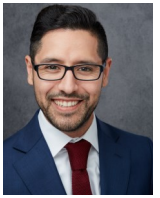
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