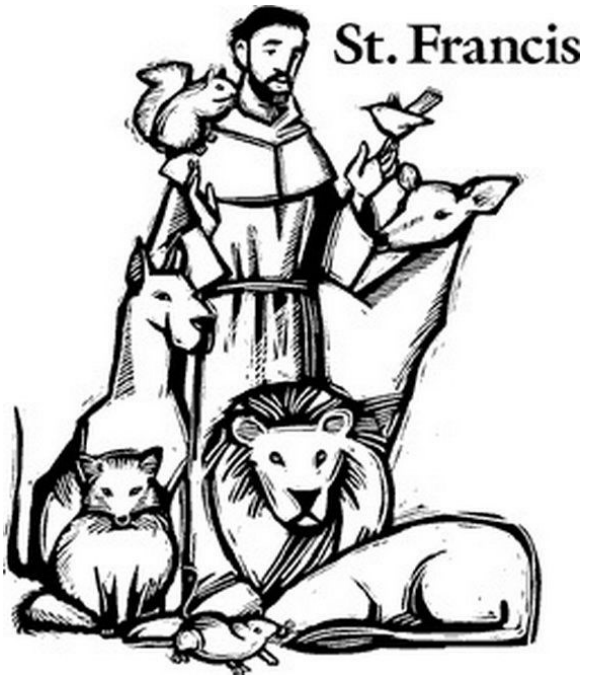
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St. Francis of Assisi

October 5th, 2025

Announcements

Sunday School – Fall 2025

Sunday School is offered today during worship. Today's lesson is about sharing God's word . During the worship service, 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 on October 19 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.

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.

Book Fair Fund

Concordia Place on Seeley is hosting their annual Scholastic Book Fair the week of October 13th leading up to their Family night on Friday of that week. Many of our New Neighbor families are enrolled at the site here at Seeley. Help the staff ensure that all of their students are able to take home a new book from the Fair by contributing to a fund designated specifically for this purpose. Scan the QR code here to give your gift today! Questions? Reach out to Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org.



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."

Prelude *"Prelude in C dur" by Paul Fey*

Welcome

St. Francis of Assisi
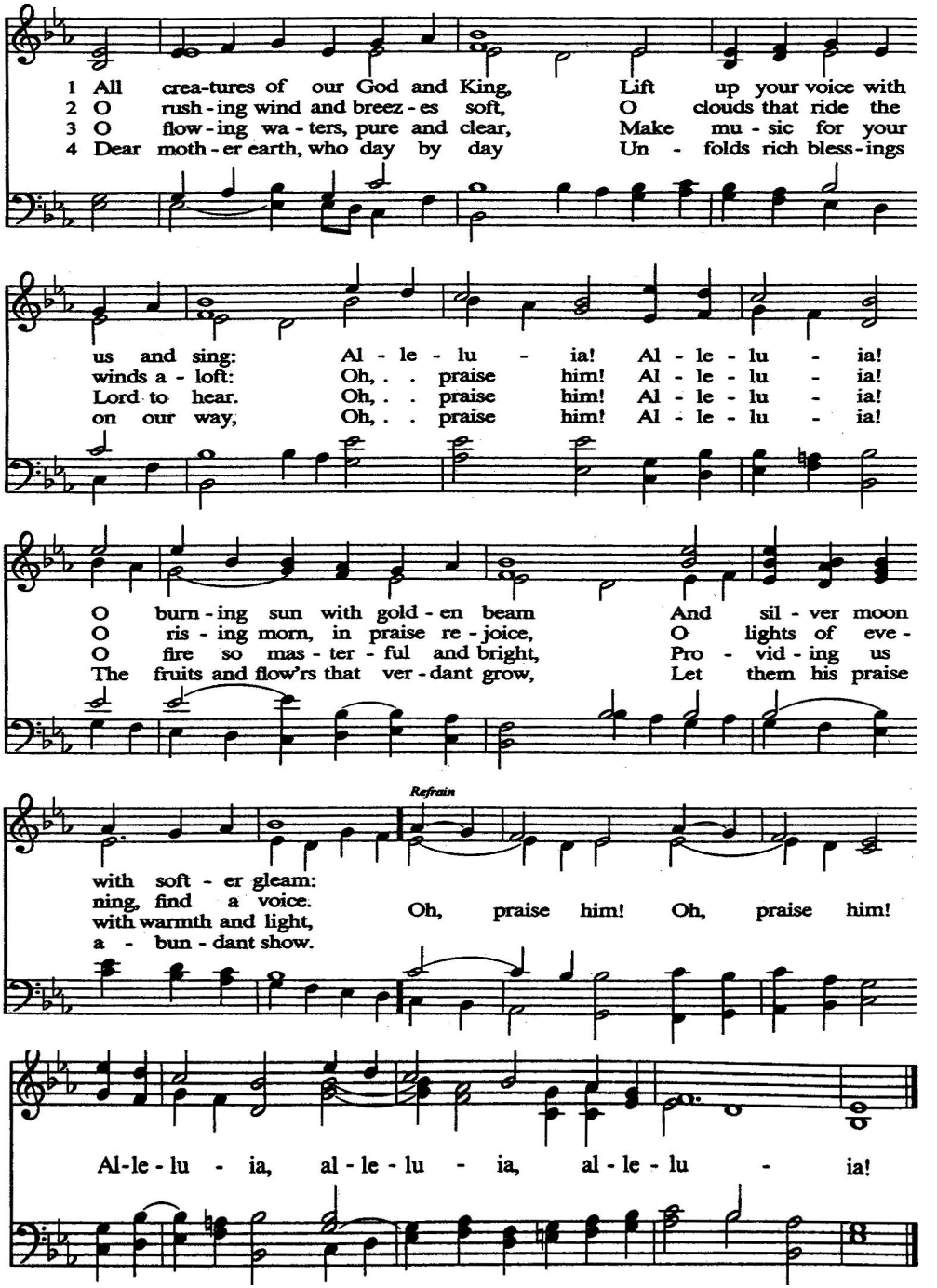
By the time of his death on October 4, 1226, Francis was already regarded as a "second Christ," so exemplary was his life to the teachings and humility of our Lord. Renouncing his family's wealth at the age of 27, Francis chose to live by a rule of poverty, humility, and service. He sought to live as 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.



Opening Hymn LBW #527 *"All Creatures of our God and King"*
Verses 1—3



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.

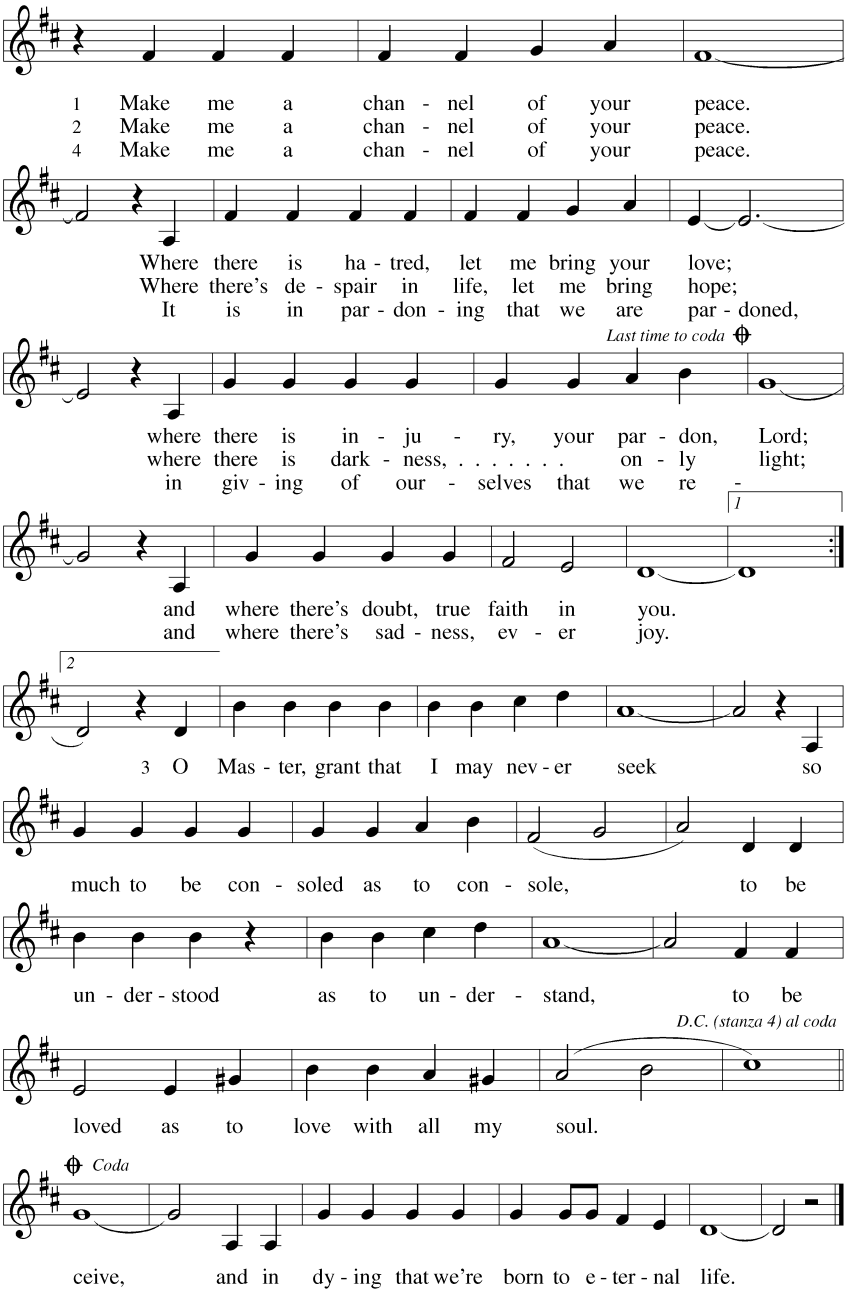
Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, 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.

Children's Message



Hymn of Praise W&P #95 "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"



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

Sung responsively
Congregation sings the bold text

Choir Antiphon
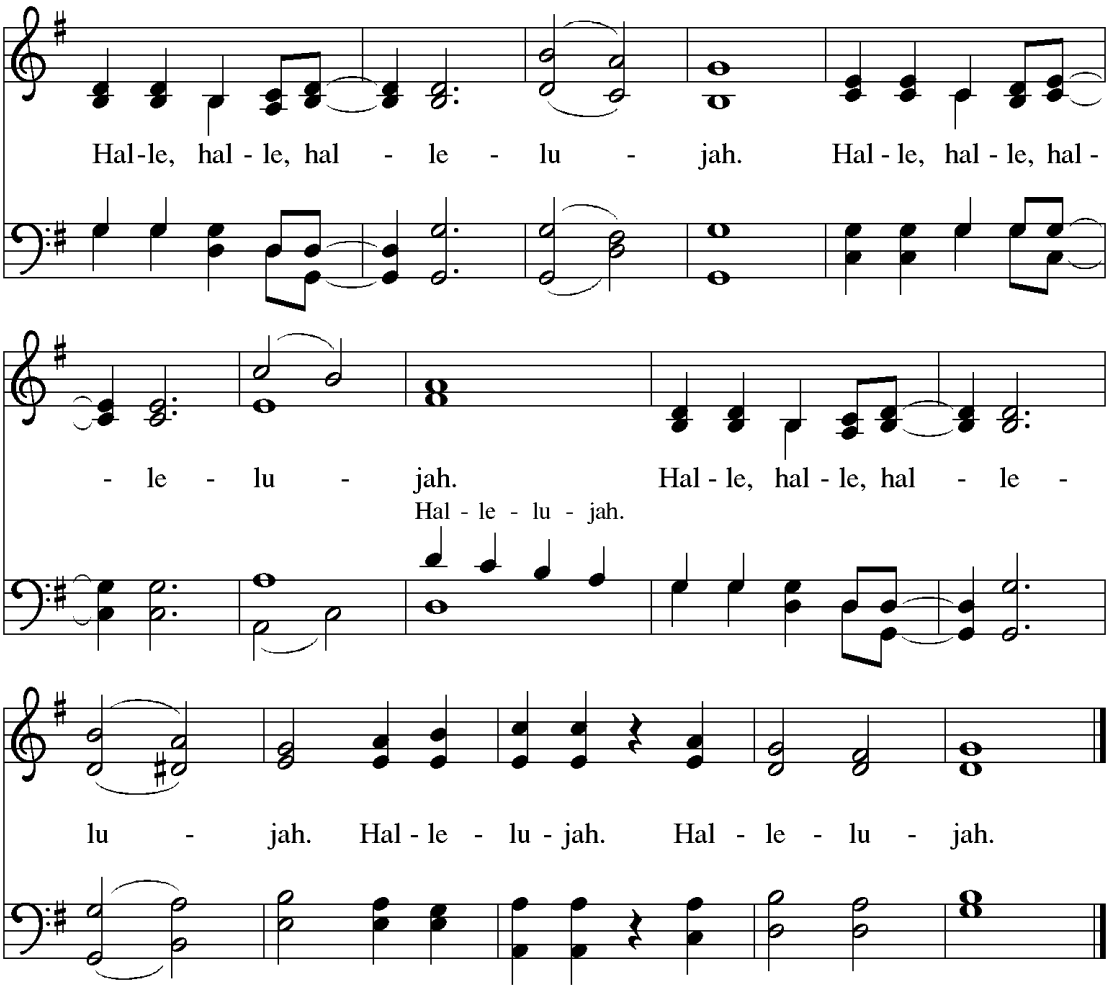
R: The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven.

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



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

The Gospel — Matthew 11:25-30
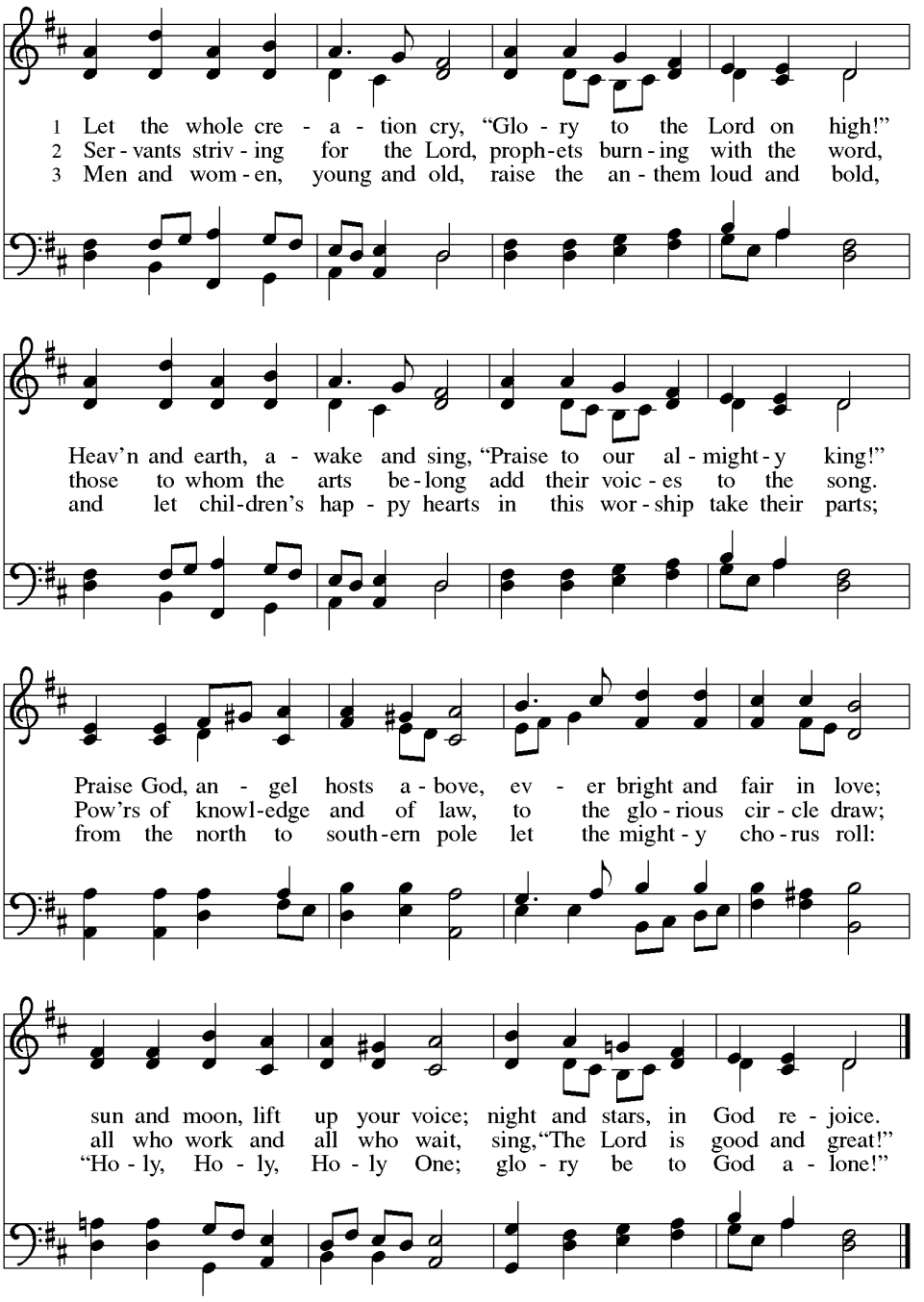
At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son 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. Nicholas Zook



Hymn of the Day ELW #876 *"Let the Whole Creation Cry"*



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.



Prayer of St. Francis

A: We are united with Christ through our baptism. As members of his Church, we offer our prayers for the world and all God's people.

C: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is 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.

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

"Angels, Saints, And Holy Ones"
by James V Marchionds, OP

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

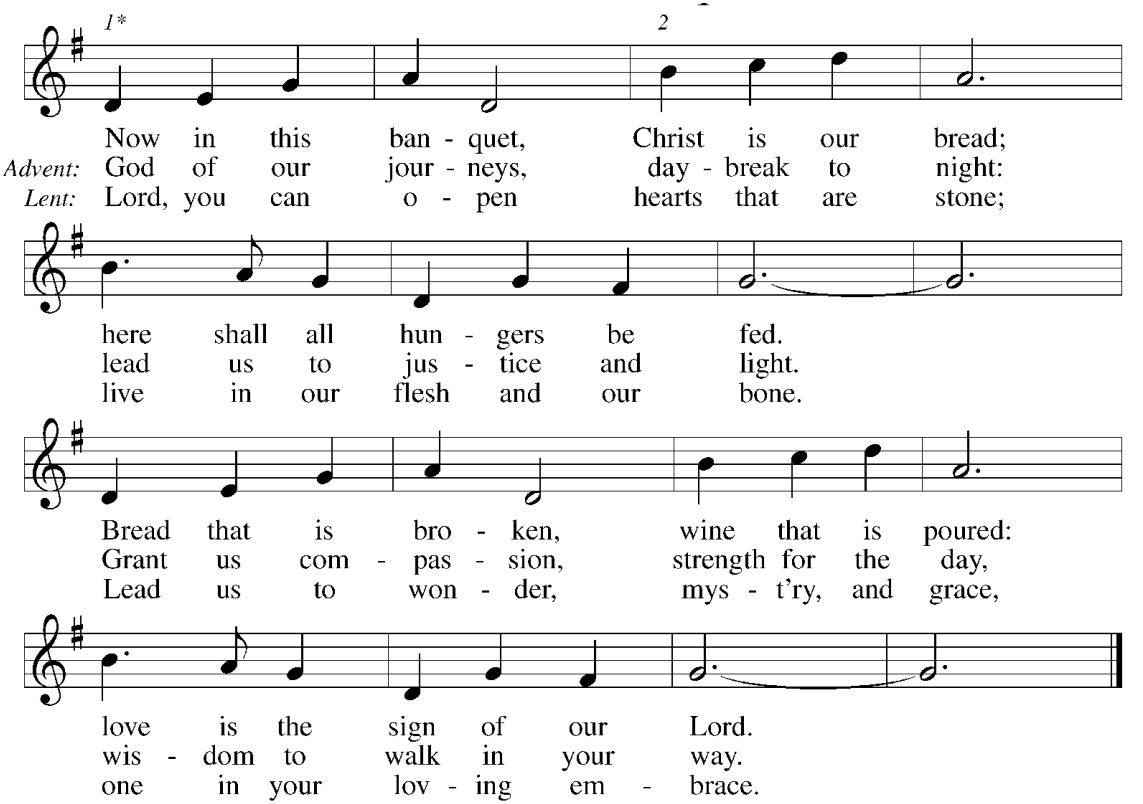
The Offering

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Offertory Hymn

W&P #104 *"Now in This Banquet"*
Verse 1



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

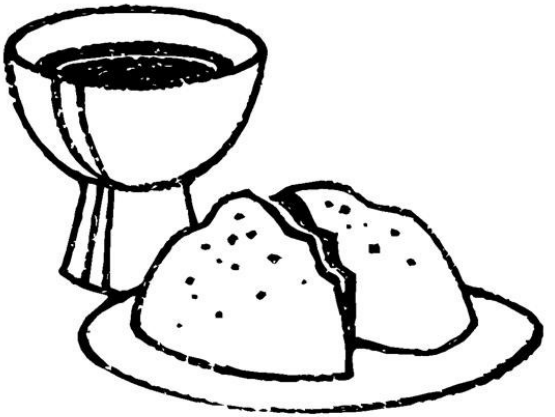
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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

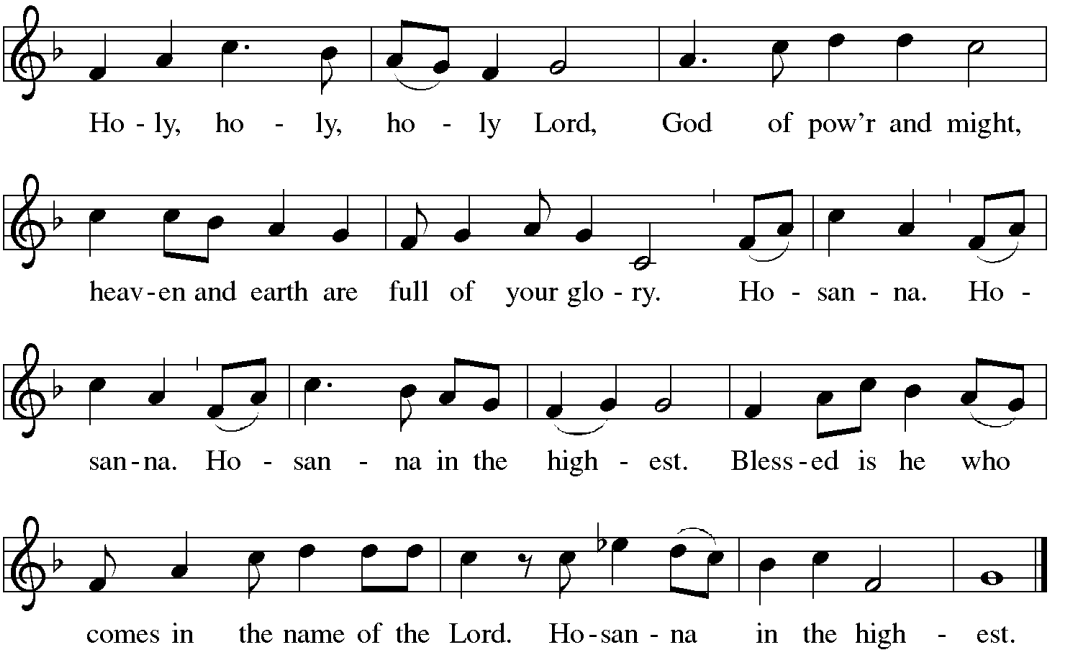
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.
When the multitudes were hungry, he fed them.
He broke bread with the outcast
but drove the greedy out of the Temple.
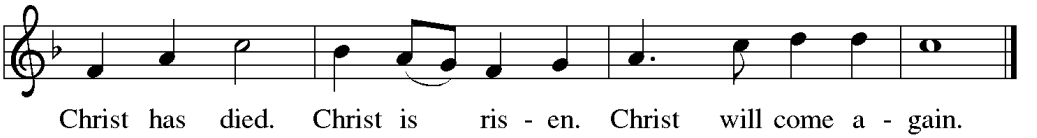
P: By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Holy Spirit.

P: On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the b r e a d
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:
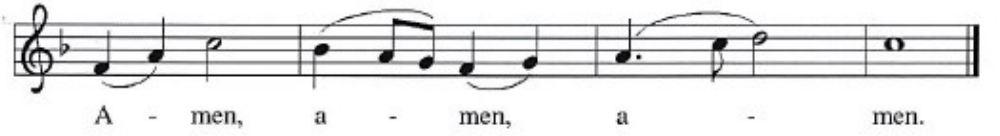


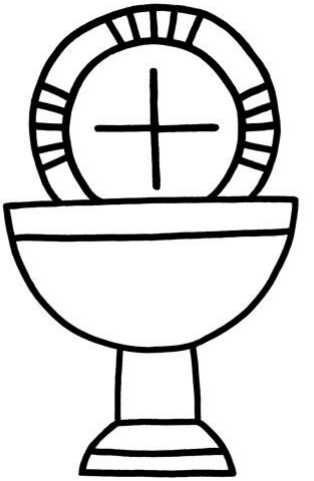
P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ.

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:
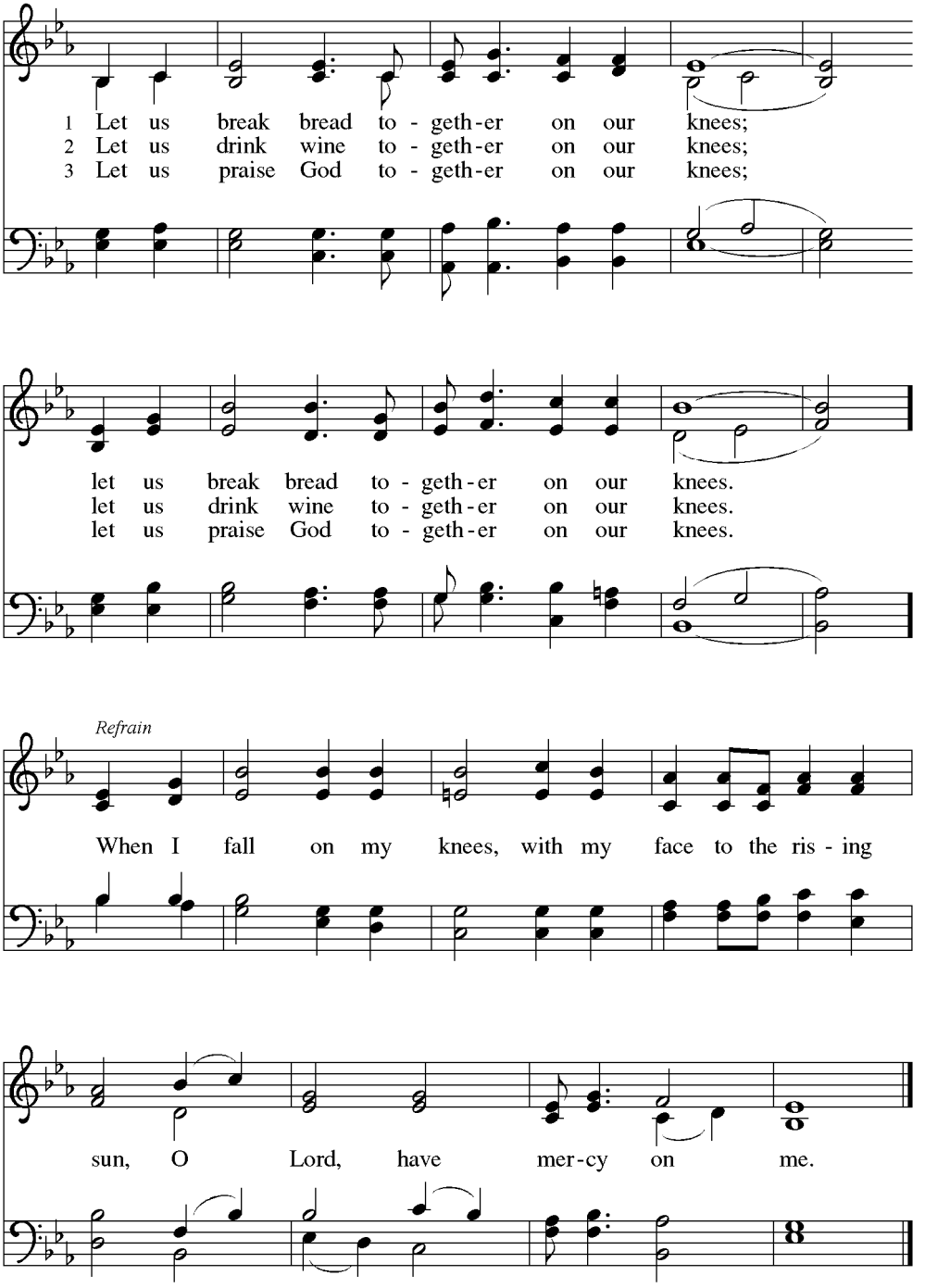
C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven,
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us,
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are 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 LBW #527 *"All Creatures of our God and King"* v. 4-7

4 Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, Praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Refrain
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 O ev'ryone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Al you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care. *Refrain*

6 And you, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our final breath,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
You lead to heav'n the child of God,
Where Christ our Lord the way has trod. *Refrain*

7 Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
And praise the Spirit, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One! *Refrain*

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.

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

Join us following worship today for the first Stewardship Listening session.

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 "*Vivace for Trumpets*" in D Major 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 stewardship campaign:

October 5th – Listening session after church; "*What ministries, experiences, etc. within Concordia Ministries are important to you?*"

October 12th – Listening session after church; *What ministries, experiences, etc. within Concordia Ministries are important to you?*"

October 19th & 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: Mark Croll
Greeter:
Soloists: 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: Tom and Carol Westley

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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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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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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Author: St. Francis of Assisi (1225)
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Hymn of Praise **W&P #95 "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"**

Text: Sebastian Temple
Music: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS, Sebastian Temple

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

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Hymn of the Day **ELW #876 *"Let the Whole Creation Cry"***

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

Offertory Hymn **W&P #104 *"Now in This Banquet"***

Text: Marty Haugen
Music: NOW IN THIS BANQUET, Marty Haugen

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

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

Closing Hymn **LBW #527 *"All Creatures of our God and King"***

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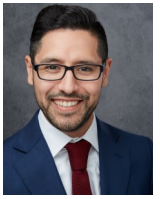
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