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All Saints Sunday

November 2nd, 2025

Announcements

All Saint Sunday— Naming the Honored Dead

On this Sunday, we remember and give thanks for those who habe gone before us. We give thanks for the blessings of their lives and lift up the promises of God's future life with them in our baptism.

Sunday School – Fall 2025

Sunday School will be held today. 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

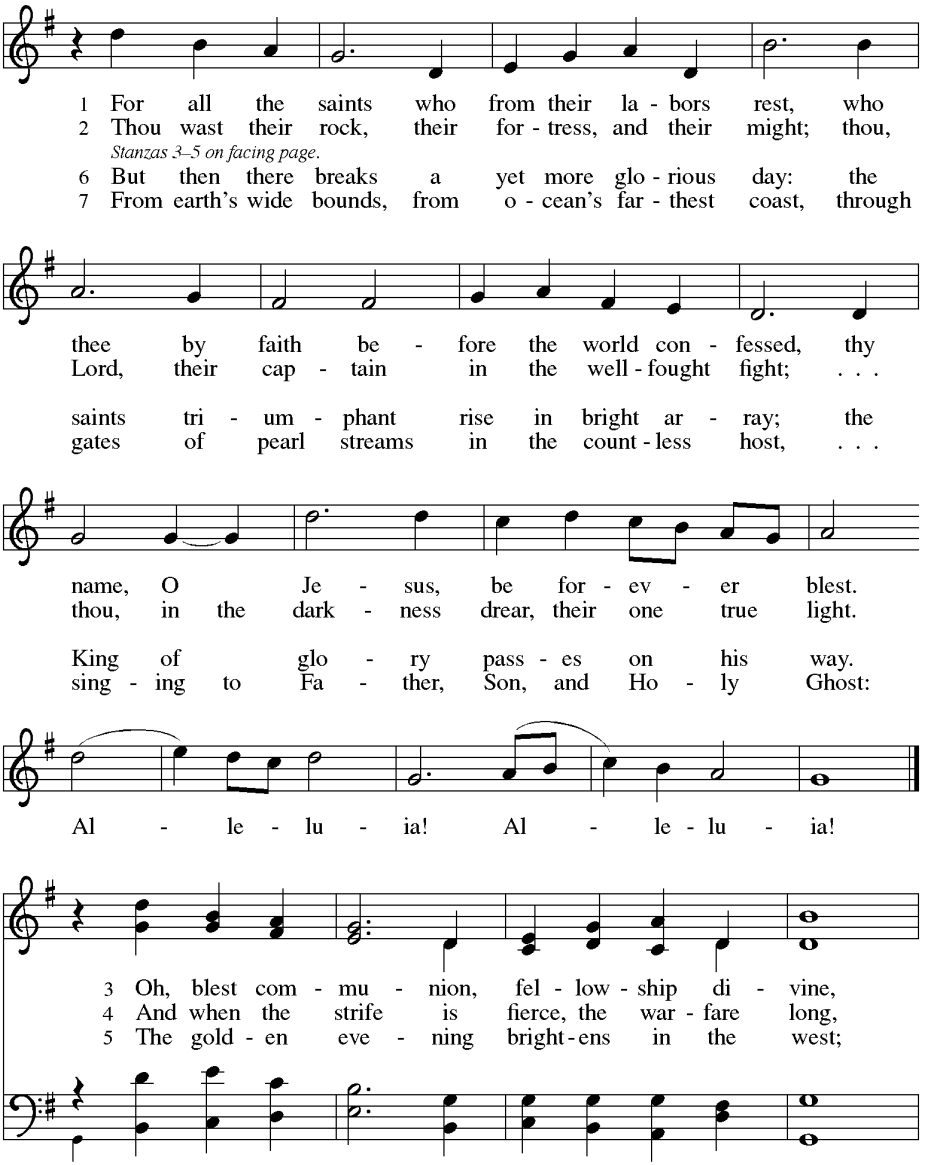
Join us on a 150 day journey through the Psalms of the Bible as together we walk more closely in faith. One Psalm a day for the next 150 days. Each week, a brief introduction to the next 7 Psalms of the week for your daily reading and reflection with a Facebook posting of the selections and links to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

The "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

Prelude — Fanfare on *"For All The Saints" by Paul Fey*

Welcome

Opening Hymn — ELW #422 v. 1-4 *"For All the Saints"*



Opening Hymn con't… ELW #422 v. 1-4 *"For All the Saints"*



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

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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 — Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

[1] In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of
his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: [2] I, Daniel, saw in my
vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, [3] and four great
beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.
[15] As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head
terrified me. [16] I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning
all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: [17]
"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. [18] But the
holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom
forever—forever and ever."
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 149

Sung responsively
Congregation sings the bold text

Choir Antiphon

R: Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

[1] Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord | a new song,
God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.
[2] **Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;**
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.
[3] Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.
[4] **For the Lord takes pleasure | in the people**
and adorns the | poor with victory. R
[5] Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.
[6] **Let the praises of God be | in their throat**
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,
[7] to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,
[8] **to bind their | kings in chains**
and their nobles with | links of iron,
[9] to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah! R

Second Reading Ephesians 1:11-23

[11] In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according
to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and
will, [12] so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the
praise of his glory. [13] In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the
gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the
promised Holy Spirit; [14] this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as
God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the
saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember
you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so
that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope
to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among
the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who
believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to
work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand
in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion
and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to
come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over
all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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.

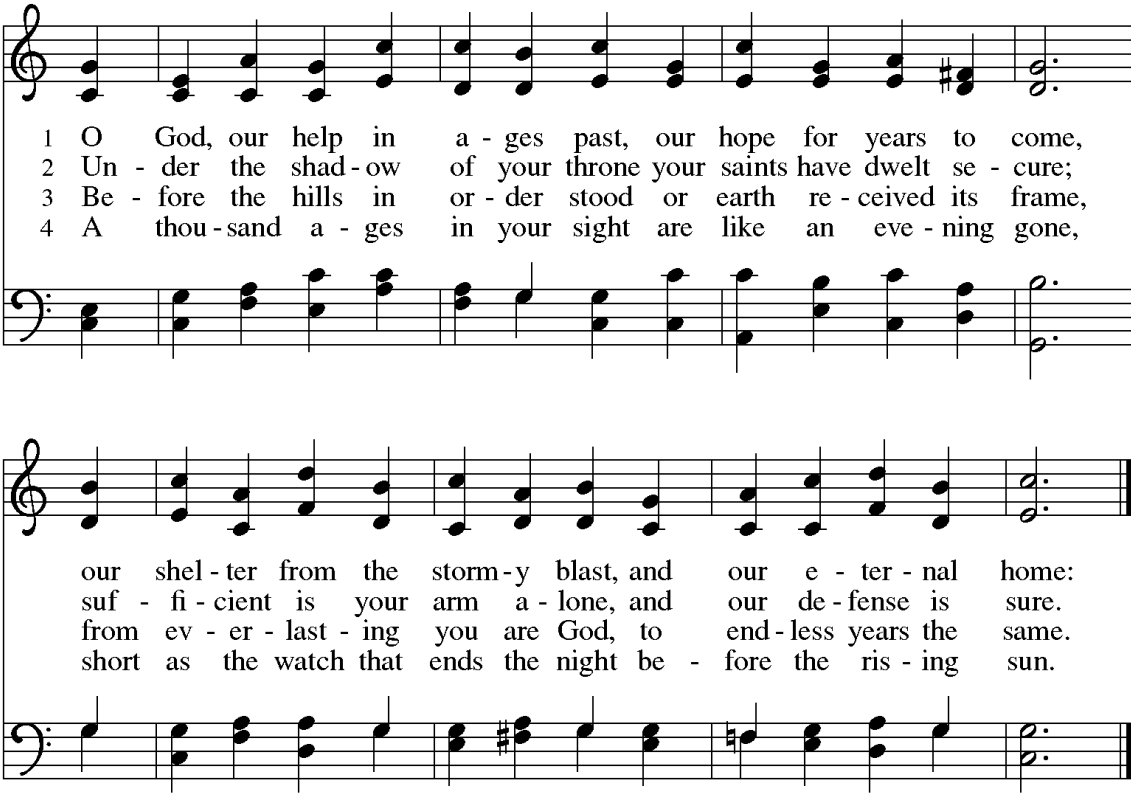
The Gospel — Luke 6:20-31

20 Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:
"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.
22 "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.
24 "But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.
25 "Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.
"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.
26 "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.
27 "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; 28 bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you."
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 #632 *"O God Our Help In Ages Past"*



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

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 pray.

A: Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

C: Hear us, Lord.

A: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

C: Hear us, Lord.

A: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

C: Hear us, Lord.

A: Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

C: Hear us, Lord.

A: Holy God, we pray for all who suffer. Your grace and healing presence is never far from any who call upon you. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who seek your presence. We remember especially those we name before you: Pastor Dan, Ian, Dee, Margaret, Joanne, Jocelyn, Dennis, Father Jim, Bernie, Donna. Are there others for whom we should pray? *[pause for names]*

C: Hear us, Lord.

A: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

C: Hear us, Lord.

A: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to life everlasting.

C: Hear us, Lord.

Naming of the Honored Dead

P: In our lives, we have been touched by the lives and faith of others: parents, brothers and sisters, uncles, aunts, and family, friends, teachers, and people whose nurture and involvement in our lives has influenced and shaped us today. We remember them, giving thanks to God for their lives.

You are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one during the naming of the Honored Dead.

P: Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Grant to us, your servants, so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
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 ***"For All The Saints"*** **with text by Awilliam W How; Based on "Sine Nomine" by Ralph Vaughan Williams Arr. By Walter L. Pellz**

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

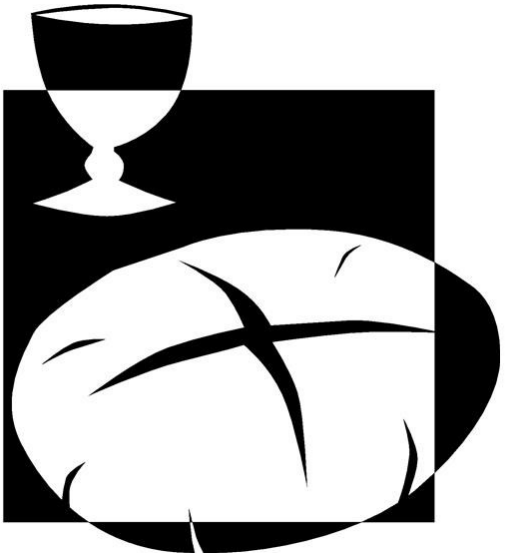
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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

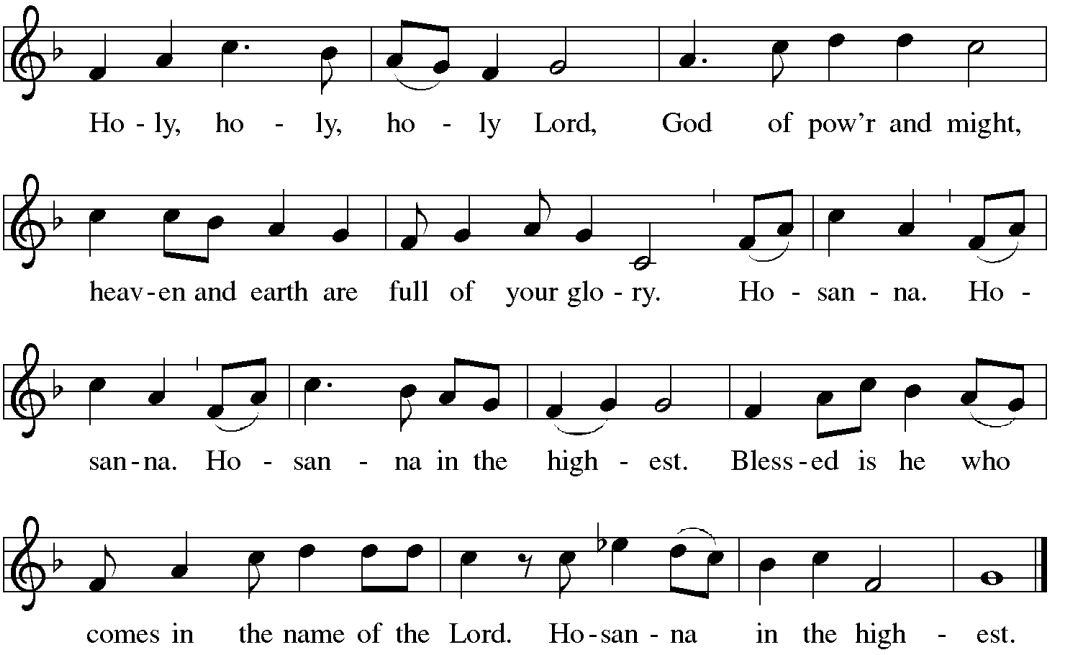
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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: Renew our communion with all your saints
That we may run with perseverance
The race that is set before us,
Being surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses
As we look to Jesus,
The pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
And to his final coming in victory

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.

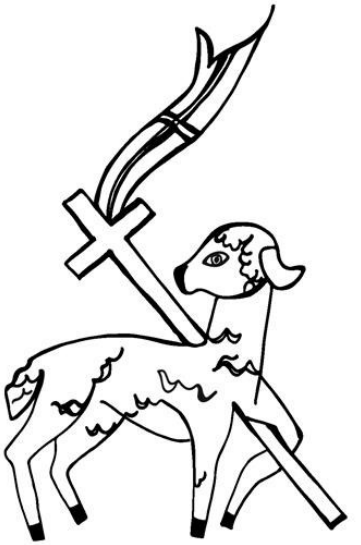


Closing Hymn ELW #422 vv. 5-7 *"For All the Saints"*

5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!



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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

Excerpt from "ATHALIE"
by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Christina Formeller
Lector: Veronica McMillion
Greeter: Jocelyn Lemish
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 Host: Veronica McMillion

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October 22, 2025

Dear Concordia Faith Community,

Our Stewardship Pledge Drive theme is "Fuel What Matters". At Concordia, we fuel the ministries that matter the most not only to our faith community here but to our neighbors and community around us. Our work in Christ's name is about connection, hope, worship, healing and belonging. Your pledge commitment for the coming year will fuel the ministries that matter most.

We began our Stewardship program with 2 Listening sessions, inviting members to join us after worship for a time of fellowship and sharing about the ministries we see as most impactful at Concordia. In Temple Talks in the coming weeks, we'll share what we've heard. The enclosed brochure shares some of the responses we have heard from you and connects the ministries to our budget goals.

Our Stewardship Pledge goal this year is our FY25 budget goal for member pledges and giving: $120,000 for the Operating Funds that fuel our ministries. A Stewardship Pledge Thermometer will be posted in the sanctuary to track pledge commitments toward our goal. The Church Council leaders have committed to leading our drive by making their commitments first and by reaching out to each of you personally to invite you to make a financial pledge to our ministries.

Concordia Ministries make a difference. At a time when there are so many around us who are in need, Concordia welcomes them and invites them to share in our ministries – ministries fueled by you.

The Stewardship Pledge Drive begins on Sunday, November 2nd and will conclude with Stewardship Pledge Sunday on Sunday, November 16th with Thanksgiving service. Thank you for your commitment to living your faith impactfully in our community; your service and financial support fuels what truly matters in our life together.

We believe. Let's, together, fuel what matters to our congregation, our community and the families that we serve through Concordia Ministries.

Warmly,
Dan Formeller
Concordia Church Council President

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.

Pledge materials were mailed to households this past week. There are also materials for you to pick up in the back of church today.

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

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

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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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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

10am Worship Service

Including special music + prayers
Sunday School for children

11am Thanksgiving Potluck

Fellowship together over lunch!
Please bring a dish to share.



Sign up for the potluck on the sheet in back of the sanctuary OR email Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org

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Children's Christmas Play

Sunday, December 21st at 10am

Be part of Concordia's annual Christmas drama! The Christmas Drama tells the story of Jesus' birth.

Children ages 3-11 years are invited to participate.

Roles will be assigned at the first rehearsal.

Participants must be able to attend rehearsal on December 14th during 10am worship and arrive at 9am on December 21st to dress and prepare.

Questions? Reach out to Desirae Contreras, Parish Administrator, at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org.



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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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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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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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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

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

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Hymn of the Day — **ELW #632 *"O God Our Help In Ages Past"***

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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 #422 vv.5-7 *"For All the Saints"***

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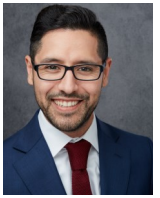
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