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Christ The King Sunday

November 23rd, 2025

Announcements

We welcome Pastor Daniel Shutters, our guest preacher this week.

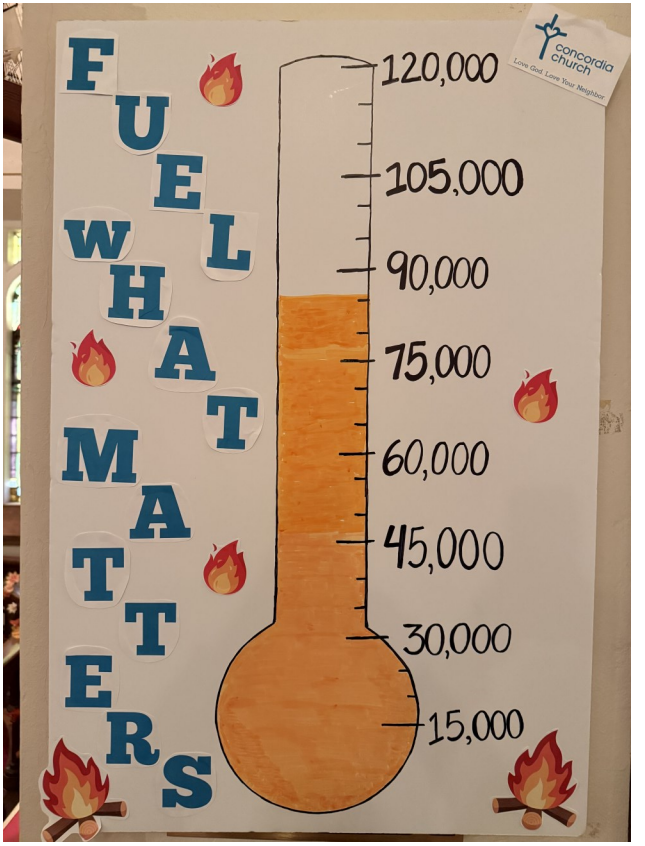
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Stewardship Campaign—Fall 2025

We thank everyone who returned their commitment forms in our stewardship campaign these past few weeks! We are grateful for your generous gifts and commitment to the ministries of our church.

If you have not returned your commitment form, there is still time! Physical forms are available in the back of church or you can fill out an electronic form at concordiafaith.org/stewardship. Alternatively, you can email Desirae (dcontreras@concordiafaith.org) for a copy of the form to be sent to you via email.

Our goal for our ministries is $120,000. We have received commitments of $86,459.00 to date.



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Children's Christmas Drama—December 21st

We invite all children to join our annual Christmas play on Sunday, December 21st for a special nativity performance during our 10am worship service! Please see the flyer on page 28 of this bulletin for all the details!

Important Upcoming Events

November 30th—First Sunday of Advent

December 7th—Greening of the church

December 12th—Lakeshore Brass Christmas Spectacular at 7pm; tickets available at concordiafaith.org/concerts and lakeshorebrass.com

December 21st—Children's Christmas Drama during 10am worship service

December 24th—Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm

December 25th—Christmas Day service at 10:00am

December 28th—RECORDED SERVICE ONLY; no in-person worship this day

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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 *"Mosso Moderato in C dur"* by P. Branchino

Welcome

Opening Hymn ELW #434 *"Jesus Shall Reign"*



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

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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



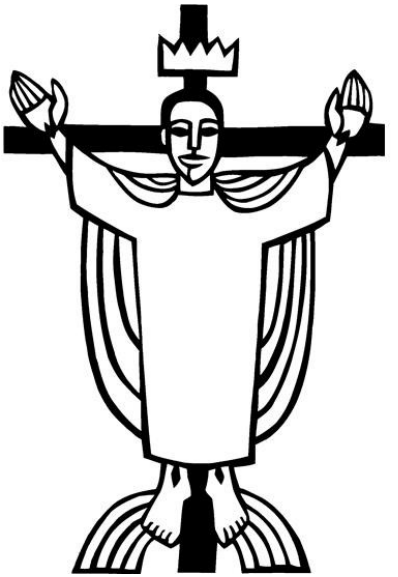
Hymn of Praise

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



First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

[1] Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. [2] Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. [3] Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. [4] I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.
[5] The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 46

Sung responsively
Congregation sings the bold text

Choir Antiphon

R: I will be exalted among the nations

[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;
[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 Colossians 1:11-20

[11] May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious
power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully [12] giving thanks
to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the
light. [13] He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the
kingdom of his beloved Son, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of
sins.

[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, [16] for in him
all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created
through him and for him. [17] He himself is before all things, and in him all things
hold together. [18] He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the
firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. [19]
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20] and through him God was
pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by
making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 23:33-43

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there
with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 [[Then Jesus said, "Father,
forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to
divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at
him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his
chosen one!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour
wine 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was
also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

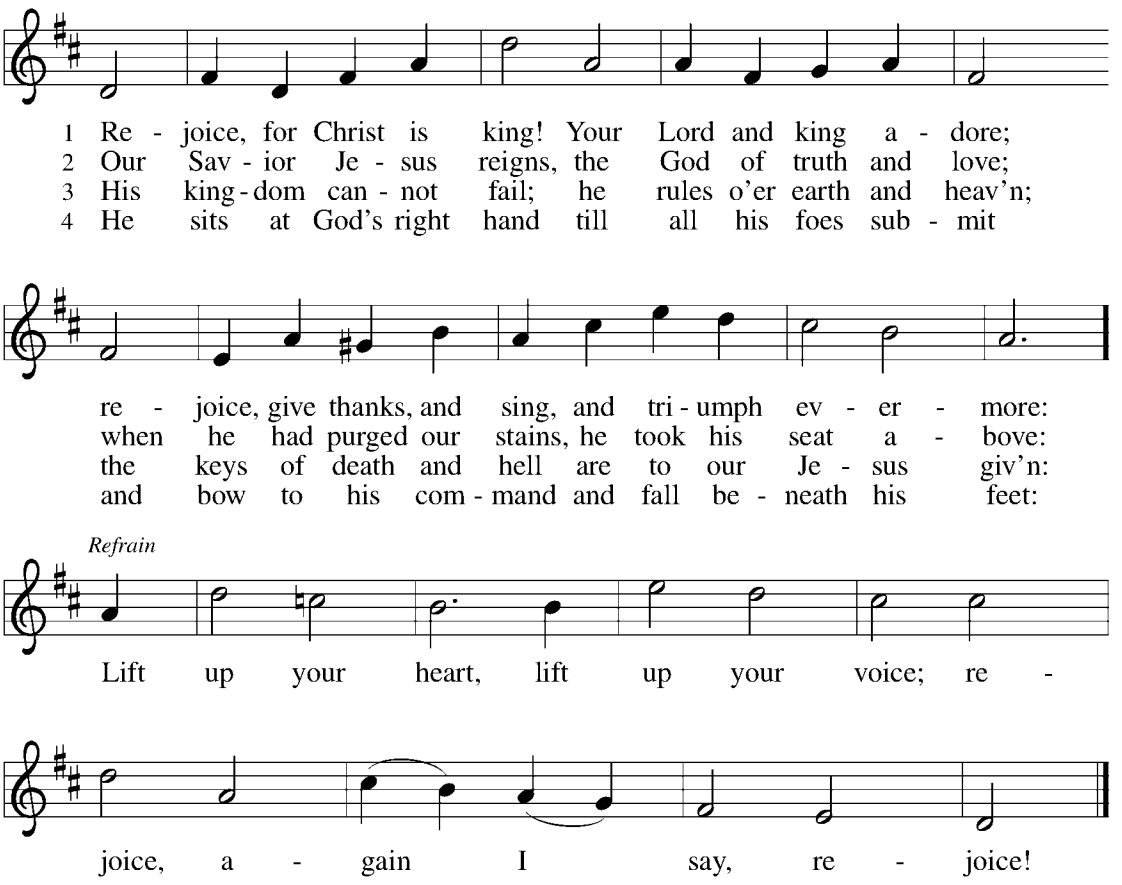
39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,
"Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him,
saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of
condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting
what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he
said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I
tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Repeat Acclamation)

Sermon — Rev. Daniel Stutters

Hymn of the Day — ELW #430 *"Rejoice, for Christ is King"*

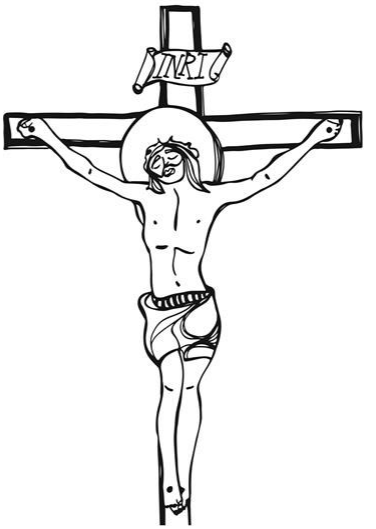


Apostle's Creed

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.

A: For the brave and courageous who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, We especially lift up Ian, Dee, Margaret, Mike, Joanne, Jocelyn, Dennis, Father Jim, Avery, Mike, Bernie, Mary, Chase, and Ruth. Are there others for whom we should pray? … 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

"*Shout to the Lord*" by Darlene Zscech
arr. by Lloyd Larsen

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 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.

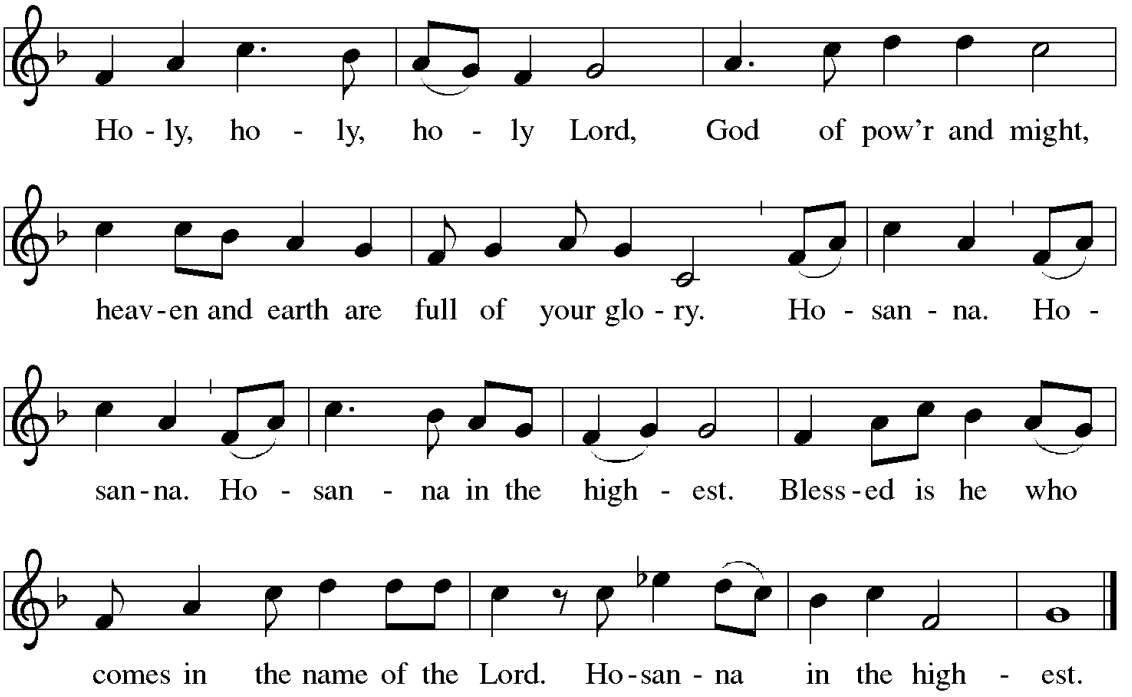
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

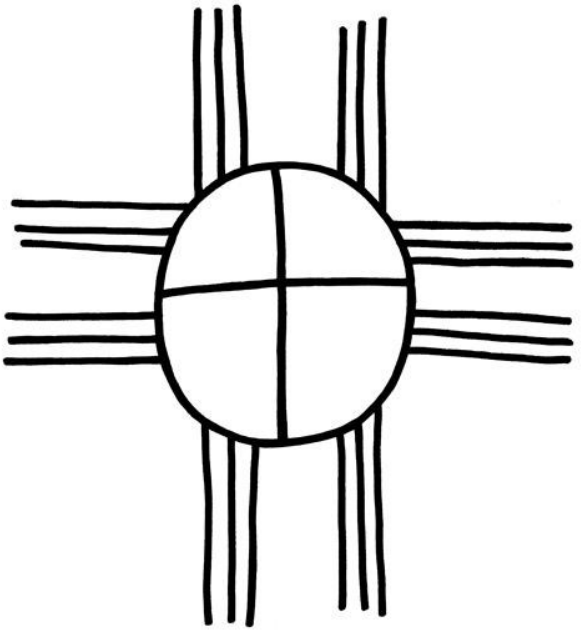
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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 #854 *"Blessing & Honor"*



Announcements

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 *"Allegro in C dur"* by A. Hesse

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Shutters
Deacon: Kim Baratta
Lector: Marne Turner
Greeter:
Soloists: Marisa Buchheit, Kunying Li, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Ryan Alexander
Choir: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Kungying Li, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

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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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December 28th Service
Service of Lessons and Carols
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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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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 #434 *"Jesus Shall Reign"***

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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 #430 *"Rejoice, for Christ is King"***

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt.
Music: ES IST DAS HEIL, *Etlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524

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 #854 "Blessing & Honor"**

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.
Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

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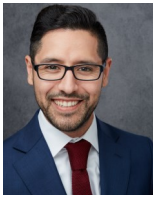
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