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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9th, 2025

Announcements

Thanksgiving Food Drive—now through November 14th

Please see the flyer on page 28 of this bulletin for a list of items we are collecting for food care packages. On Friday, November 14th from 5:00pm-6:30pm, we are inviting volunteers to put together food care packages for our neighbors who need them. Care packages will be assembled and then delivered to families in our Concordia community (and beyond).

If you are able to help on November 14th, please let Desirae know at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org.

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Cookie Donations for November 14th

To go along with the food care packages our volunteers will be assembling on November 14th, we are hoping to put together small cookies boxes to bring some joy to families. We are asking for donations of cookies , either store bought or homemade. **Cookies must not contain nuts**. If you are willing to provide cookie donations, please sign the sheet in back of the sanctuary or email Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org.

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Sunday School – Fall 2025

Sunday School will be held again on November 16th. The theme will be God's blessings as part of our Thanksgiving service. 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!

Important Upcoming Events

November 14th—Thanksgiving Food Package Assembly at Whipple; 5:00-6:30pm

November 16th—Thanksgiving Service, Concordia Church at 10am. Potluck follows worship.

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

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
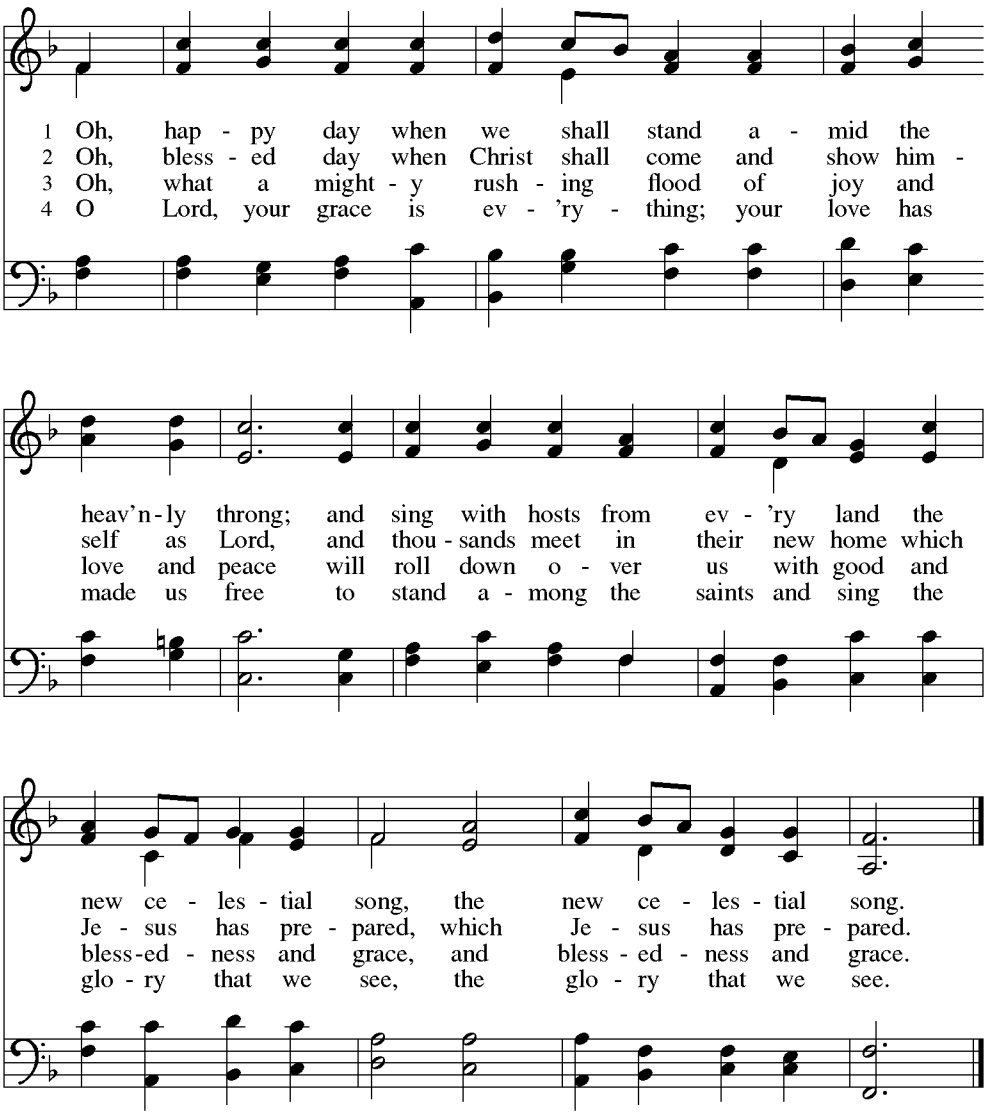
Join us on a 150 day journey through the Psalms of the Bible as together we walk more closely in faith. One Psalm a day for the next 150 days. Each week, a brief introduction to the next 7 Psalms of the week for your daily reading and reflection with a Facebook posting of the selections and links to 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 *"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"*
from *Jesu dulcedo cordium* by Alinda B Couper

Welcome

Opening Hymn ELW #441 *"O, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"*

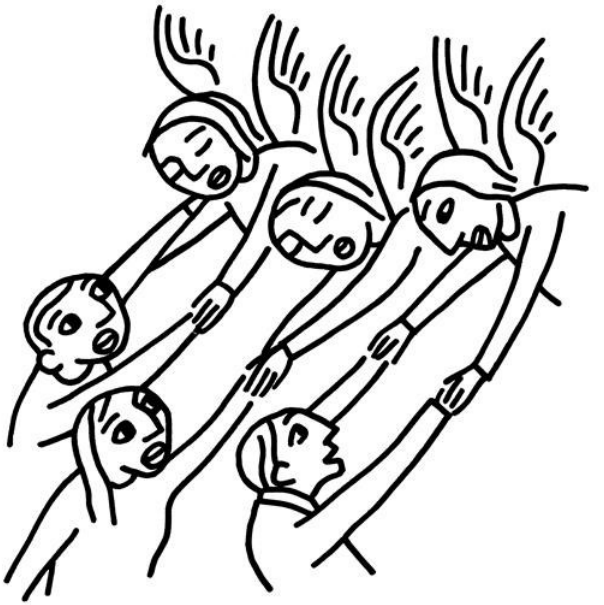


P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day
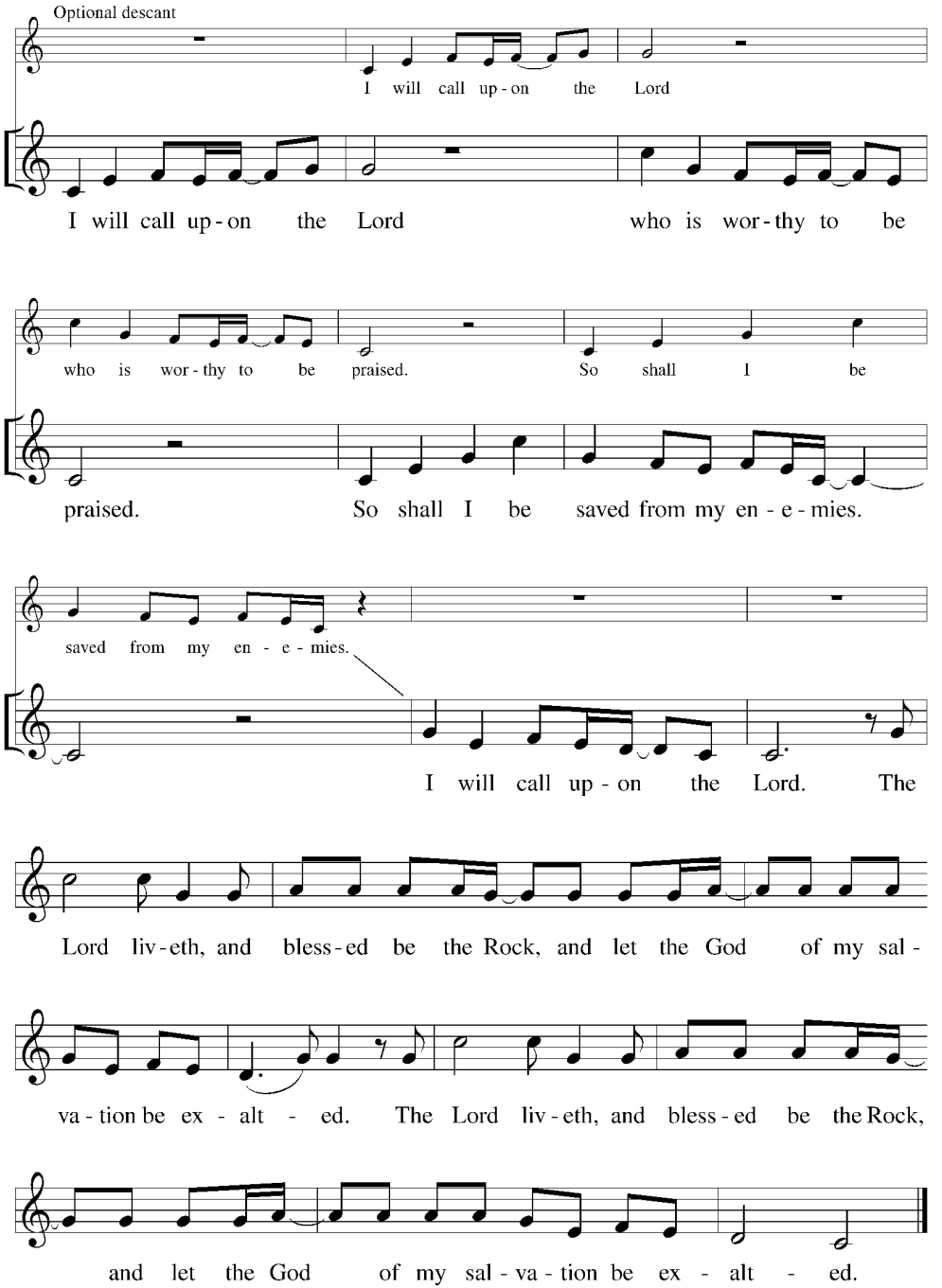
O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

Children's Message



Hymn of Praise

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

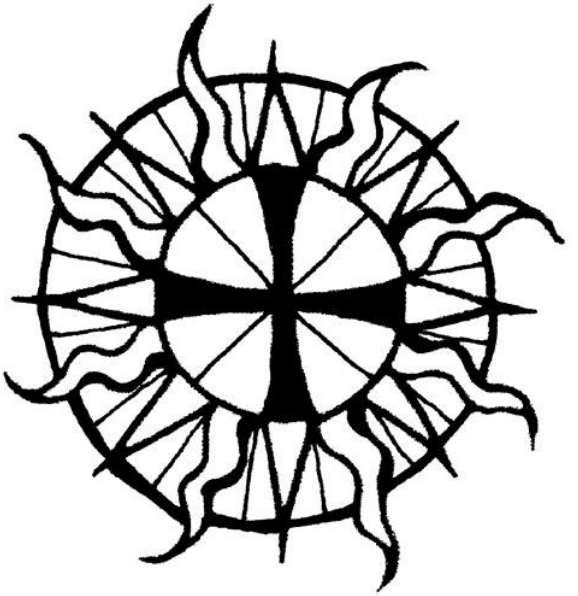


First Reading — Job 19:23-27a

23 "O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
24 O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
25 For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
26 and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
27 a whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 17:1-9

Sung responsively
Congregation sings the bold text

Choir Antiphon

R: Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

[1] Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
[2] **Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;**
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
[3] Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.
[4] **I have not regarded what | others do;**
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent. R
[5] My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.
[6] **I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;**
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.
[7] Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.
[8] **Keep me as the apple | of your eye;**
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,
[9] from the wicked | who assault me,
from my deadly enemies | who surround me. R

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

[1] As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to
him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, [2] not to be quickly shaken in mind or
alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect
that the day of the Lord is already here. [3] Let no one deceive you in any way, for
that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is
revealed, the one destined for destruction. [4] He opposes and exalts himself above
every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of
God, declaring himself to be God. [5] Do you not remember that I told you these
things when I was still with you?

[13] But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved
by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through
sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. [14] For this purpose he
called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus
Christ. [15] So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions
that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

[16] Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us
and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, [17] comfort your hearts
and strengthen them in every good work and word.
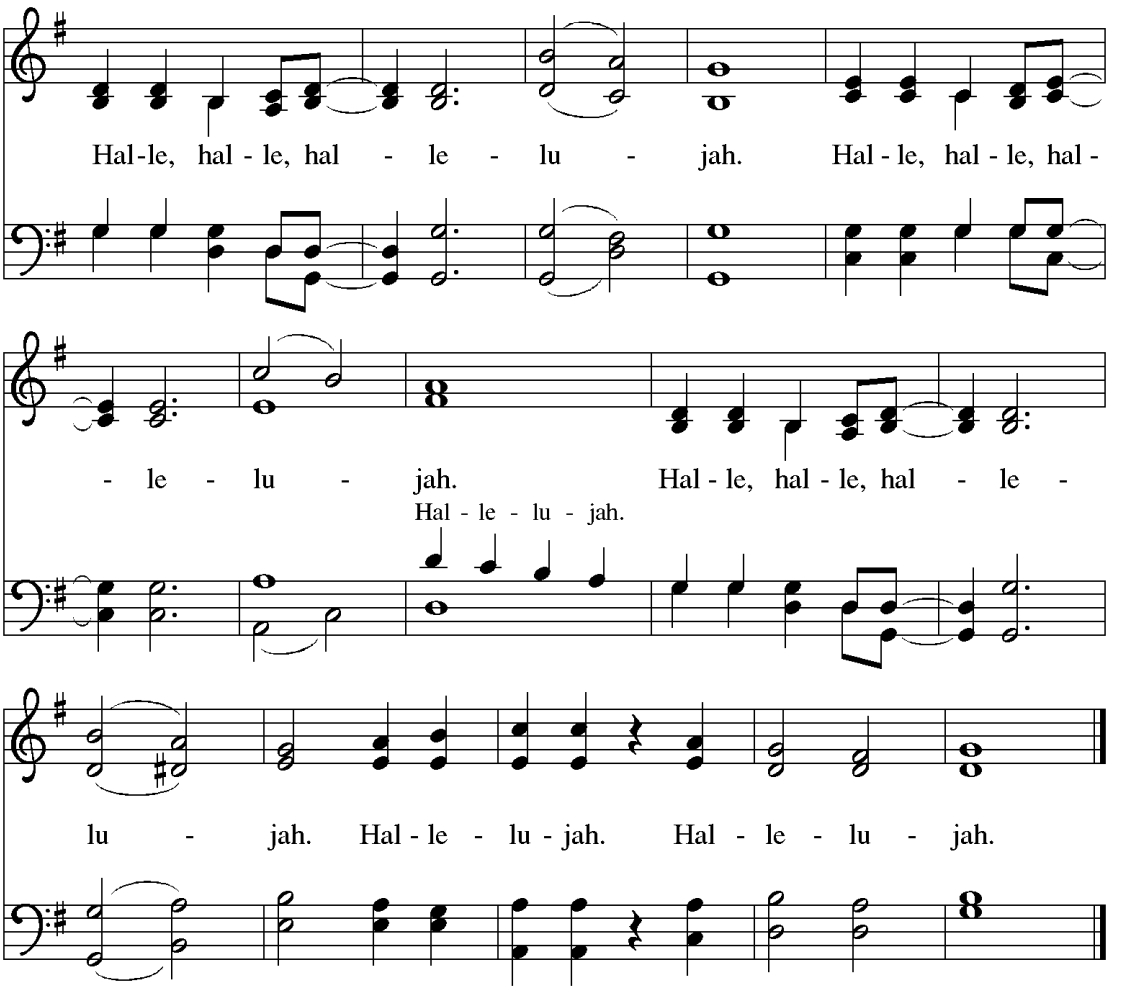
L: Word of God. Word of Life.

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 20:27-38
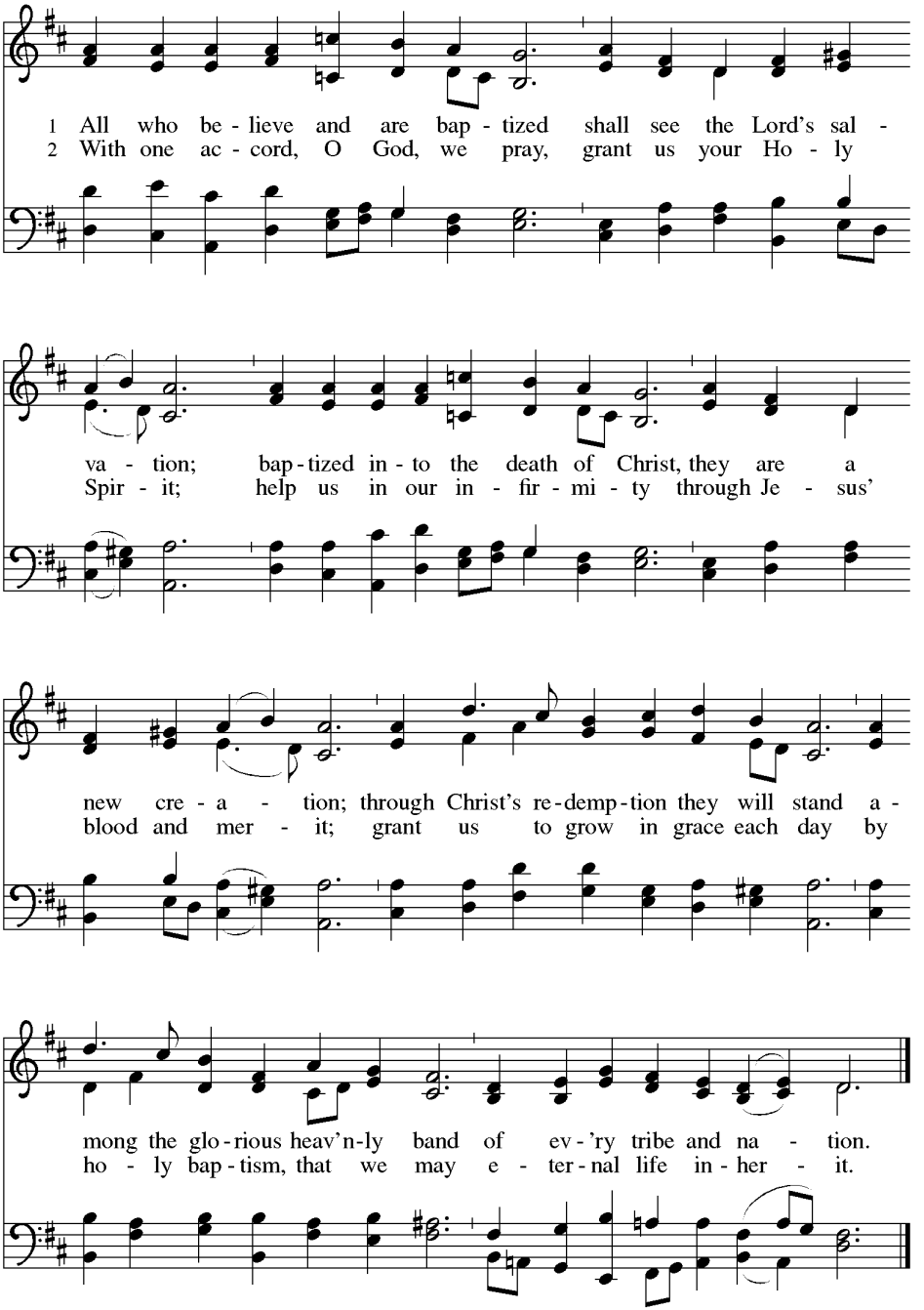
27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] 28 and
asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies
leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up
children for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married a
woman and died childless; 30 then the second 31 and the third married her, and so
in the same way all seven died childless. 32 Finally the woman also died. 33 In the
resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married
her."
34 Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in
marriage, 35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the
resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36 Indeed,
they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God,
being children of the resurrection. 37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses
himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the
God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of
the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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 #442 "*All Who Believe & Are Baptized*"



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 Pastor Dan, Ian, Dee, Margaret, Mike, Joanne, Jocelyn, Dennis, Father Jim, Avery, 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 *"O God, You Saw My Early Being"*
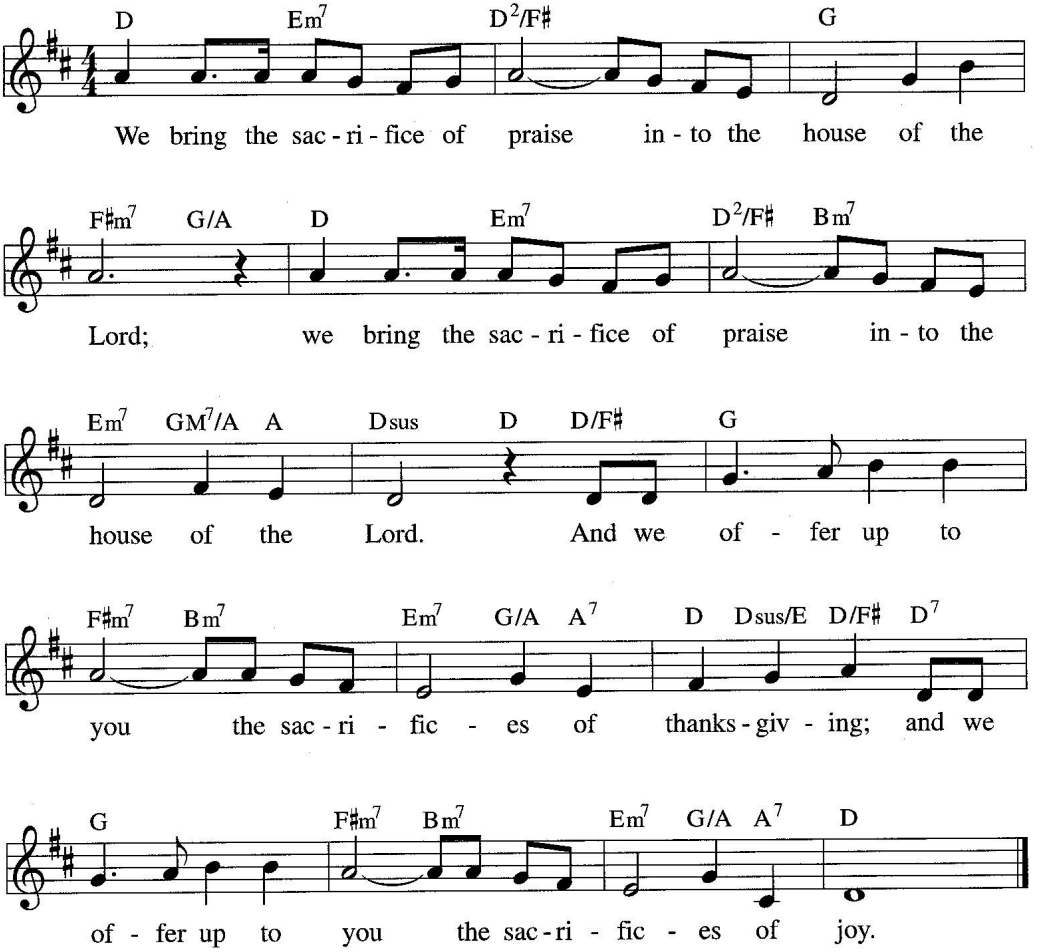
Text by Stephen P Starke and music by Robert A Holly
Clarinet by Emily Manheimer

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.

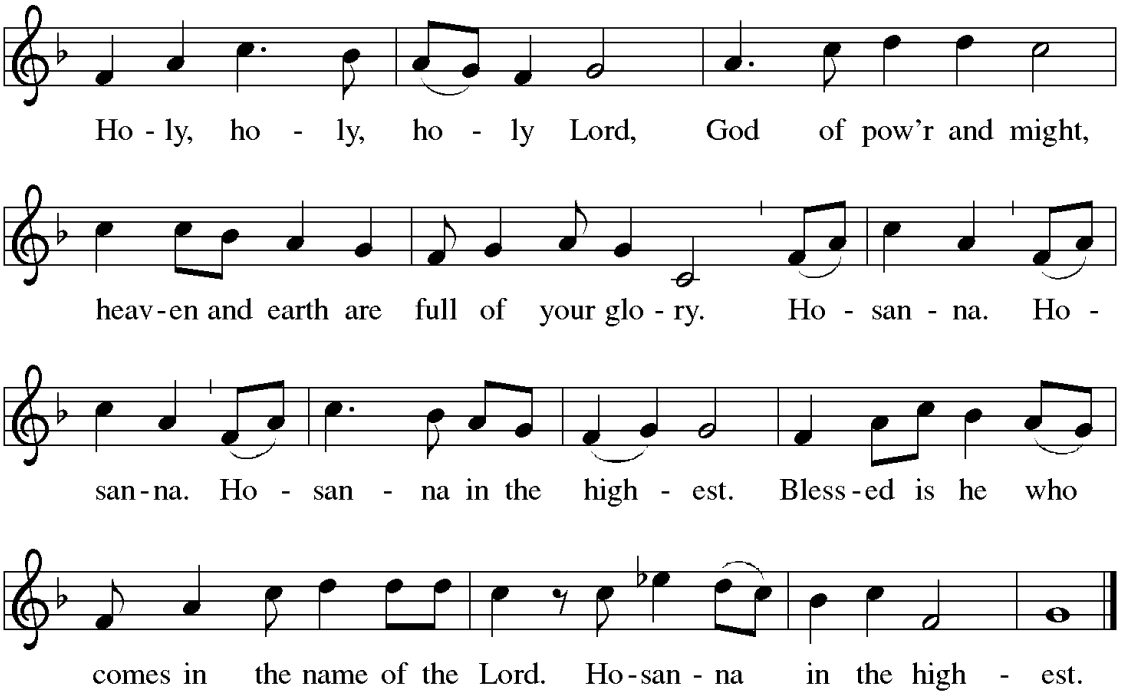
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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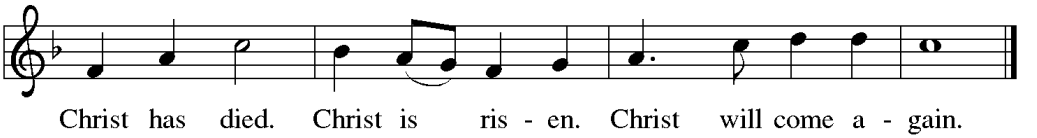
P: By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Holy Spirit.

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:
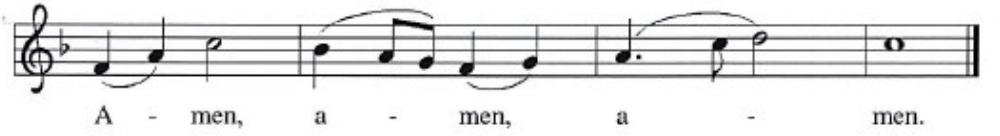


P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ.

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:
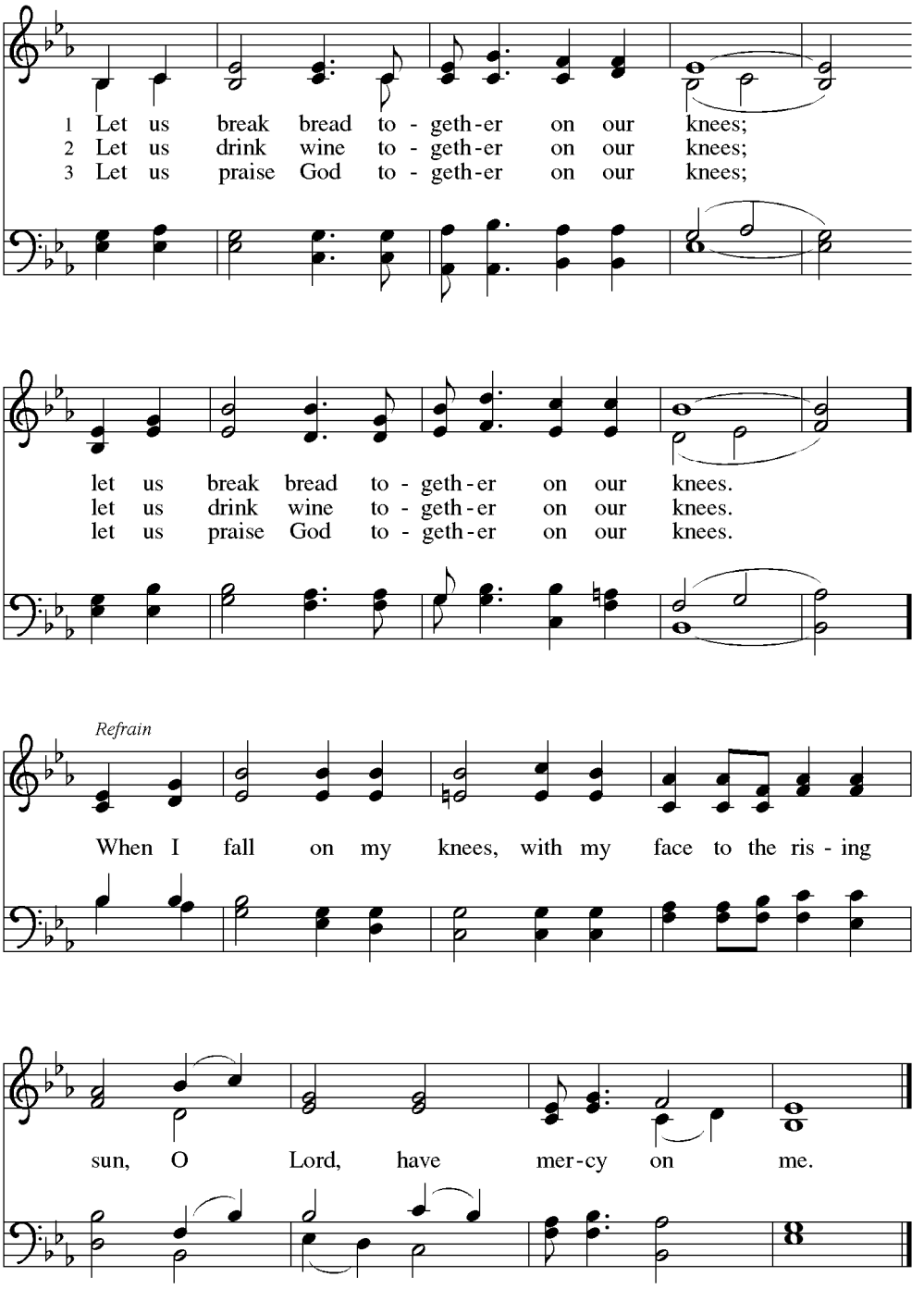
C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven,
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us,
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are 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

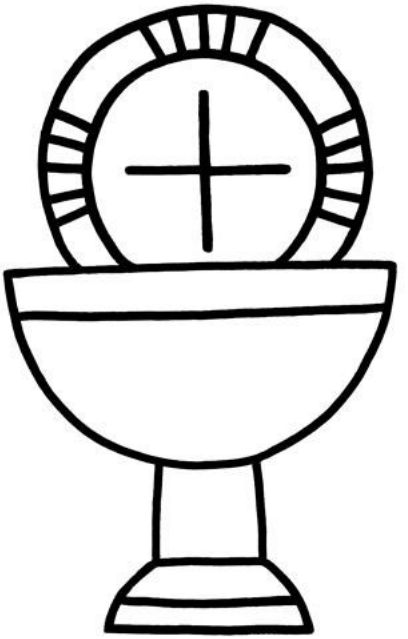
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

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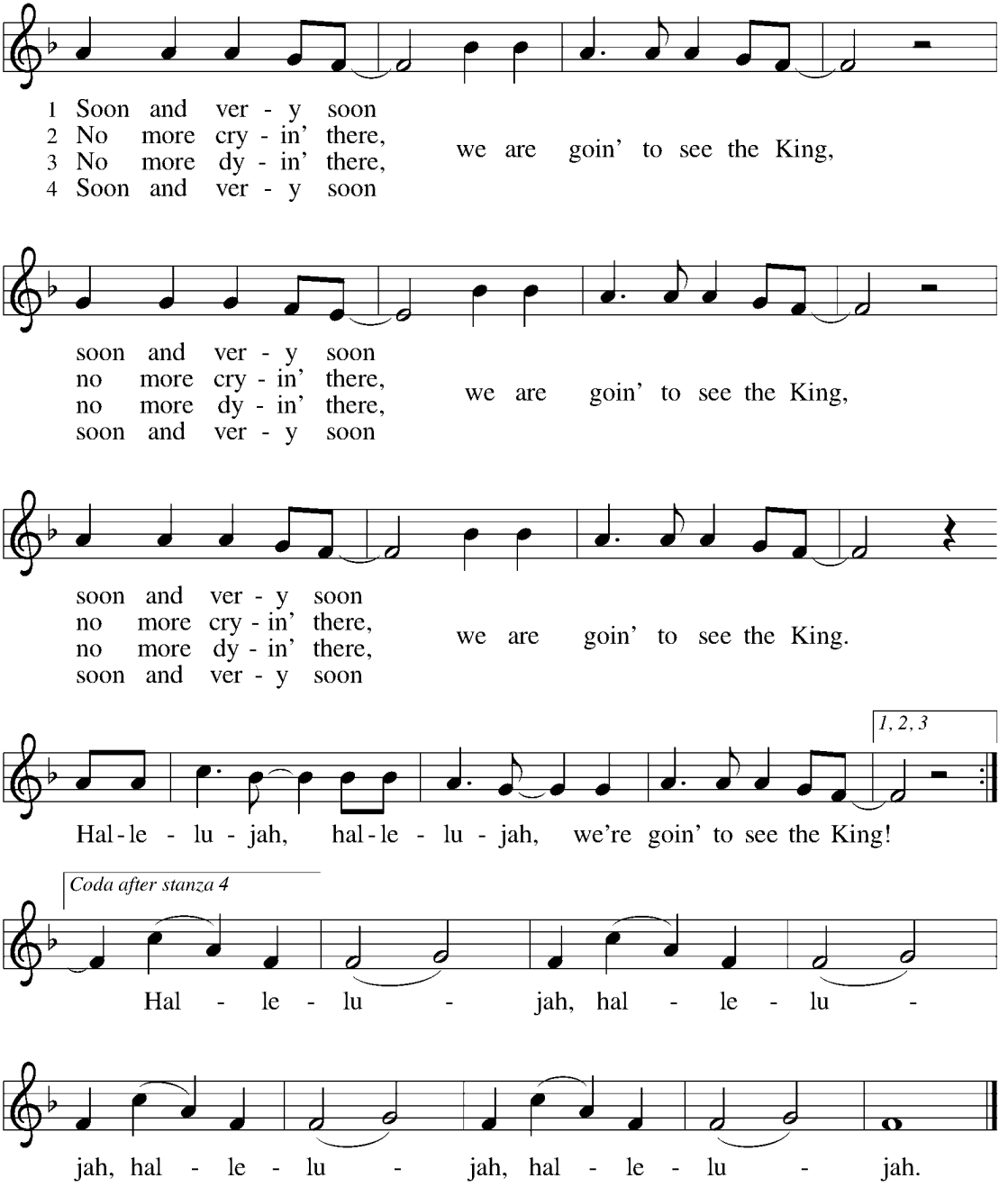
A: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.



Closing Hymn

ELW #439 *"Soon, And Very Soon"*



Announcements

Video of Grace Araya, Bright Promises Award Recipient

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 "*Andante on Pensum sacrum*" by Alinda N Couper

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Christina Formeller
Lector: Wilma Stevens
Greeter: John DeCorah
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
Fellowship Host:

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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—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 FOOD DRIVE

WHEN

November 1 to November 14

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Donate online — concordiaplace.org/give
- Drop off non-perishable food items at a Concordia Place center

FOOD ITEMS

- Canned vegetables
- Beans (pinto, black)
- Lentils
- Soup
- Rice
- Cereal & oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Shelf-stable milk & baby formula
- Peanut butter & canned protein
- Cooking oil & spices
- Canned vegetables & fruits
- Pasta, rice & dry grains
- Boxed meals & cereals
- Prepared meals

Please ensure all food items are sealed and within expiration date.



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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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DECEMBER 12, 2025

7:00PM

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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.



Use the QR code to sign up!

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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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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

Copyright Information:

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 #441 "O, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

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Text st. 1 © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress; text sts. 2–4 © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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 #442 *"All Who Believe & Are Baptized"*

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 #439 *"Soon, And Very Soon"*

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945
Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch
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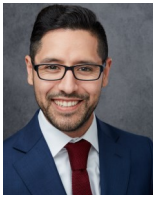
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