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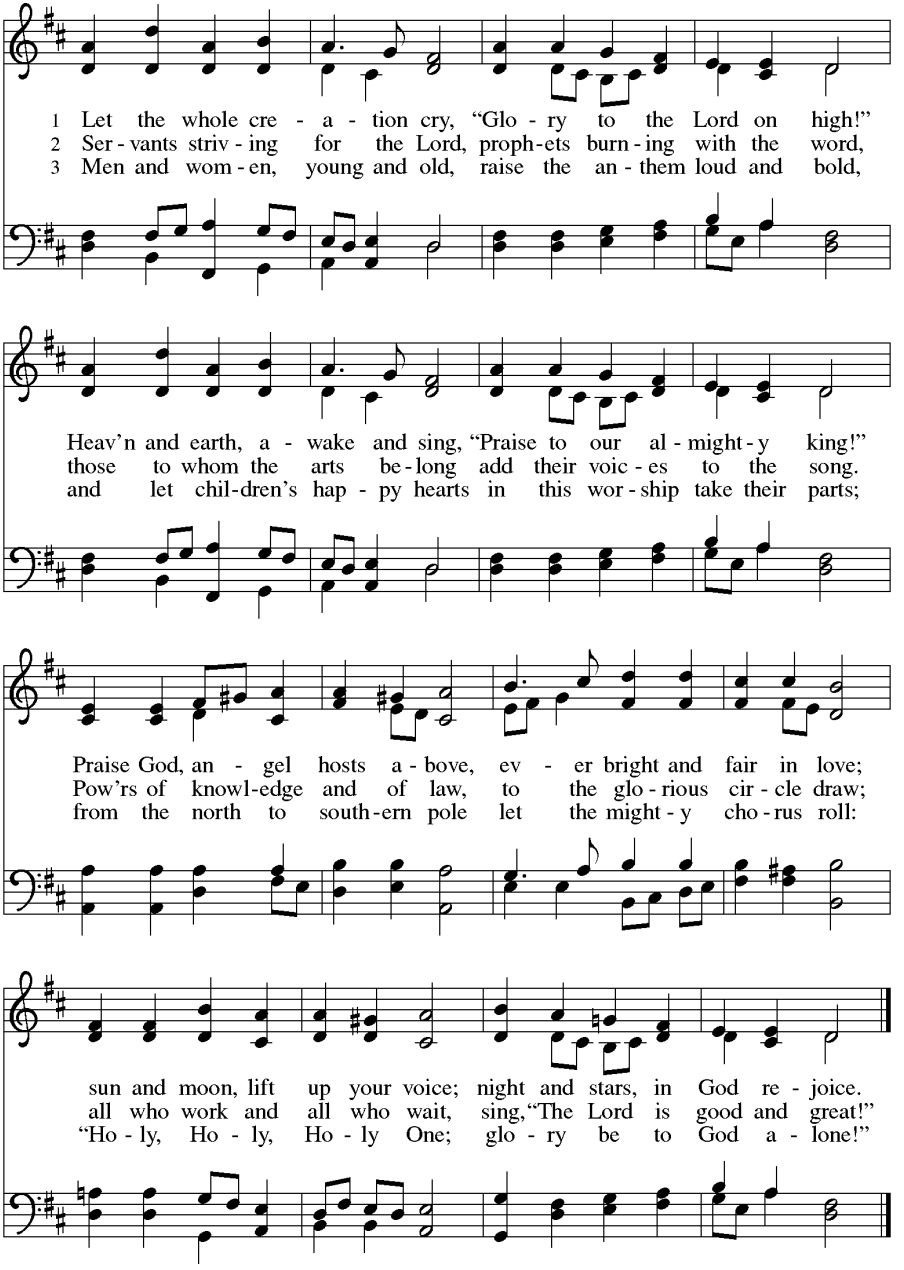


St. Michael and All Angels

September 27th, 2026

Prelude *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*
Ghanian Folk Tune by Chereponi arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Opening Hymn ELW #876 *"Let the Whole Creation Cry"*



Opening Dialog — Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22

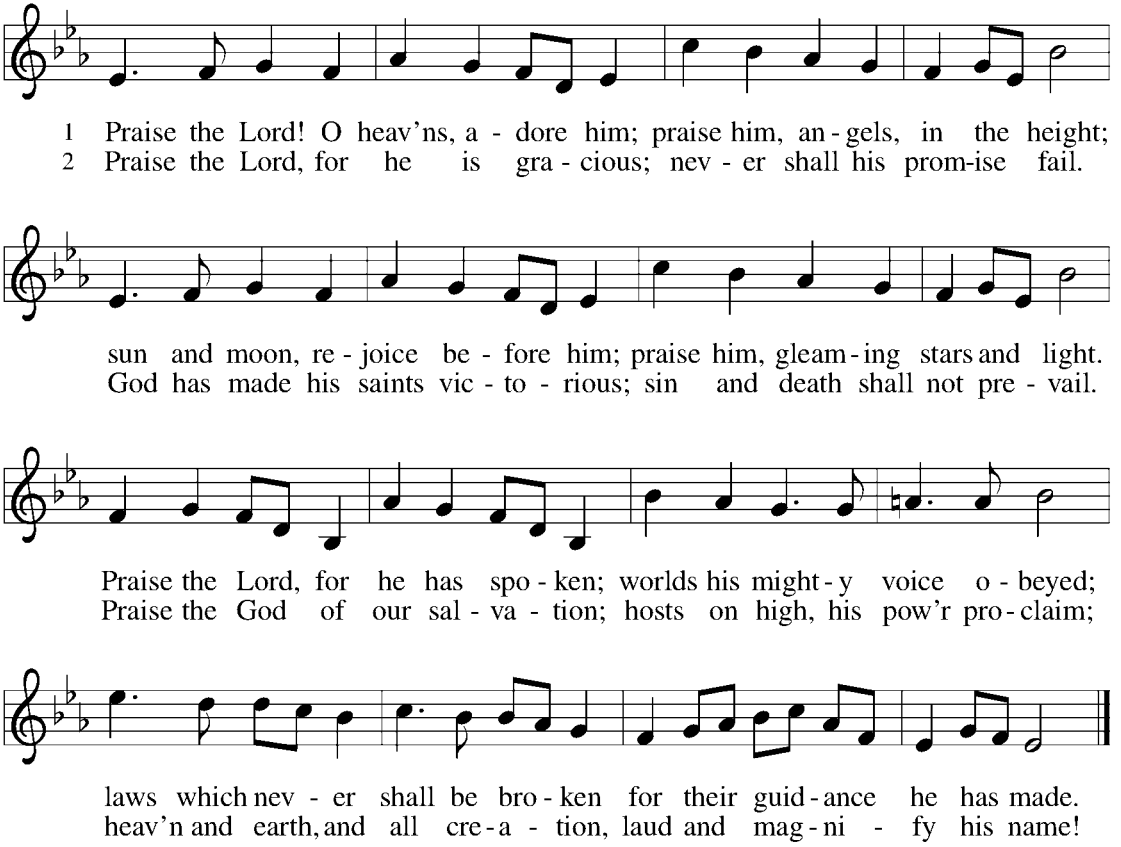
[1] Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.
[2] **Bless the LORD, | O my soul,**
and forget not | all God's benefits—
[3] who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;
[4] **who redeems your life | from the grave**
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;
[5] who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
[20] **Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who | do God's bidding,**
who obey the voice | of God's word. R
[21] Bless the LORD, all you | hosts of God,
you servants who | do God's will.
[22] **Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places | where God rules;**
bless the LORD, | O my soul. R



Prayer of the Day

P: Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise ELW #823 *"Praise the Lord. O Heavens"*



First Reading **Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3**

10 A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. 11 He said to me,
"Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to
you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." So while he was
speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. 12 He said to me, "Do not fear,
Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to
humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come
because of your words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me
twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left
him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia 14 and have come to help you
understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a
further vision for those days."

12:1 "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall
arise. There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations
first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone
who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the
earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting
contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and
those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Anthem **"*Angels Unaware*" Insp. Hebrews 13:1-2**
Words and Music by Pepper Chaplin

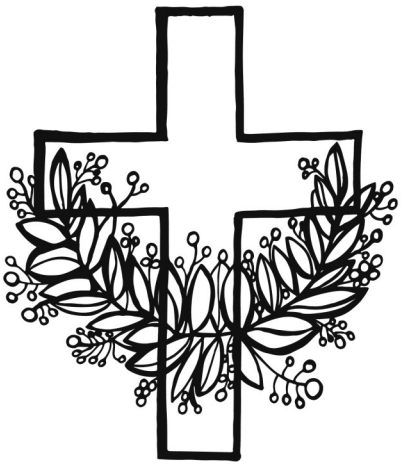
Second Reading — Revelation 12:7-12

7 War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The
dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but they were defeated, and there was no
longer any place for them in heaven. 9 The great dragon was thrown down, that
ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole
world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with
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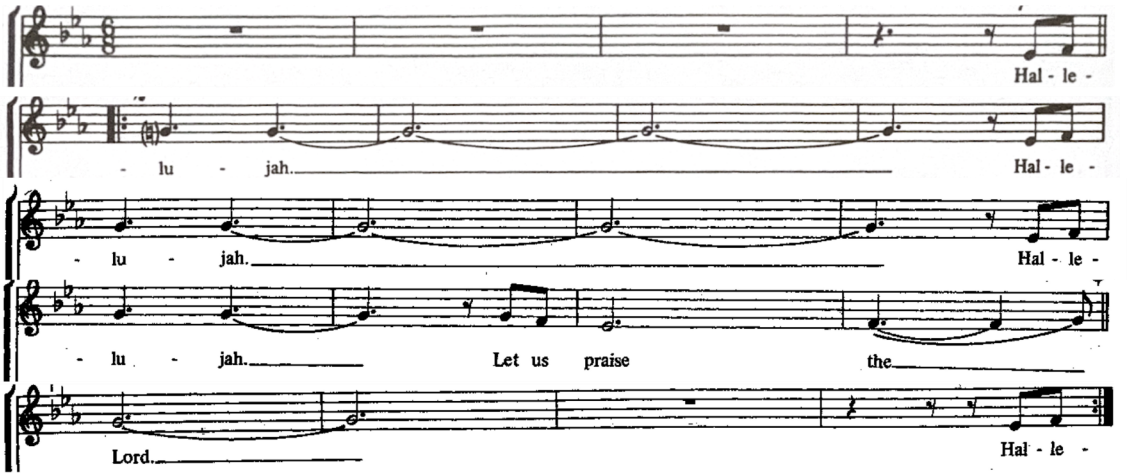
10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming,
"Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.
11 But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
12 Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath
because he knows that his time is short!"

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation "*Hallelujah, Praise the Lord*"
from "*Gospel Mass*" by Robert Ray



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
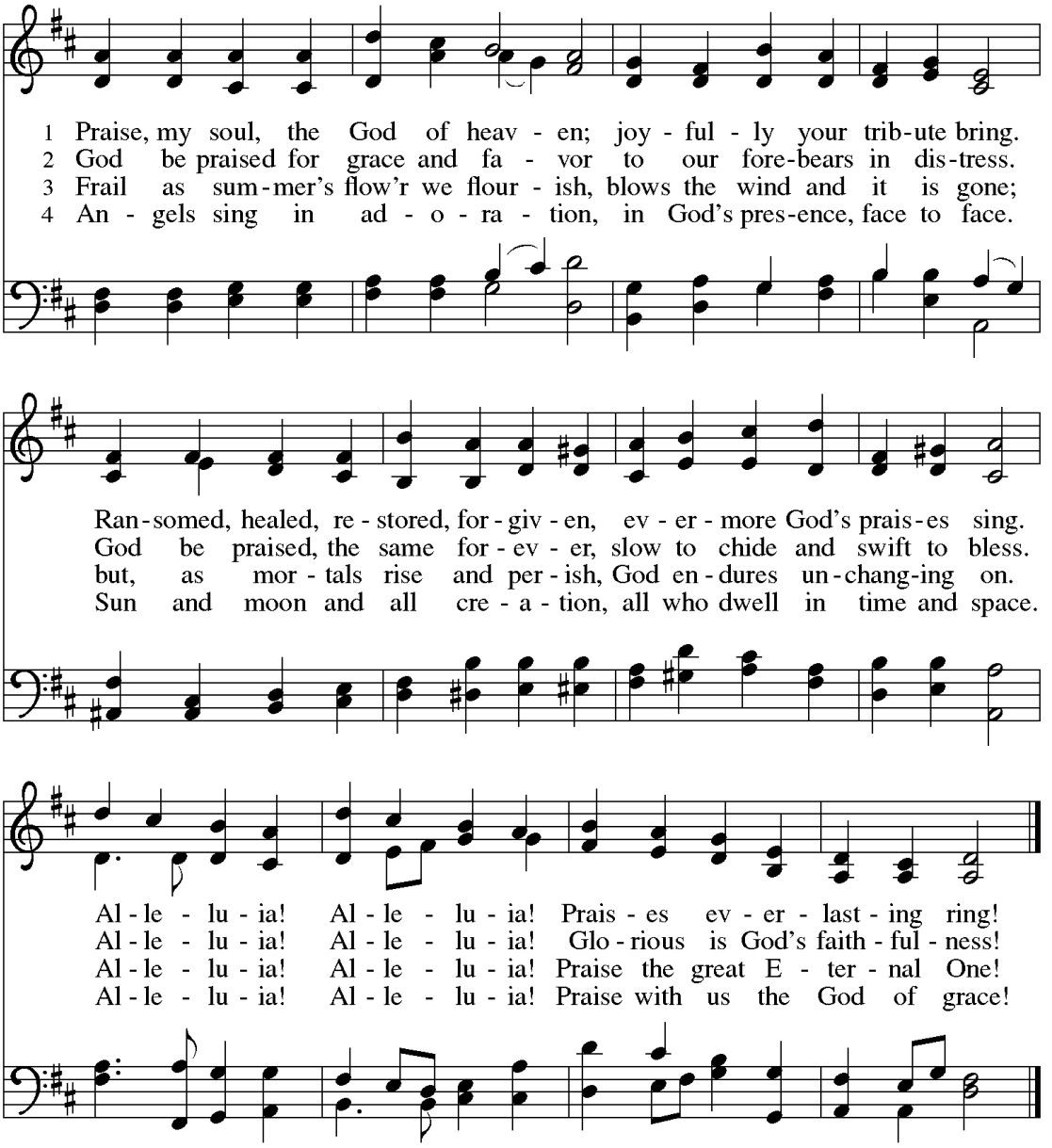
The Gospel Luke 10:17-20

17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the
demons submit to us!" 18 He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a
flash of lightning. 19 Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and
scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. 20
Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that
your names are written in heaven."
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 #864 "*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*"



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: Called to the renewal of our faith in Baptism, let us offer our prayers to God.

A: In the waters of baptism, you join us to the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For the gift of forgiveness, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

Prayers of Intercession con't…

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For courage to be the body of Christ, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: For your angels who proclaimed the good news of Christ's birth, ministered to him in the desert following his temptation and announced his resurrection to the women at the tomb. May we be inspired by their example to witness and service in Christ's name.
C: We give you thanks.

A: For the countless angels who serve You in heaven and assist us on earth. May we always recognize their loving presence and trust in Your never-failing love, knowing that we are never alone.
C: We give you thanks.

A: You send your spirit of healing and strength to all who call upon you. For those who seek your healing presence, especially *[pause for names]*, and for those we name before you or silently in our hearts *[pause for names]* ….we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Lord our God, through Jesus Christ, for your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
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.

Anthem "*The Gift of Angels*" by Charles E. Peery

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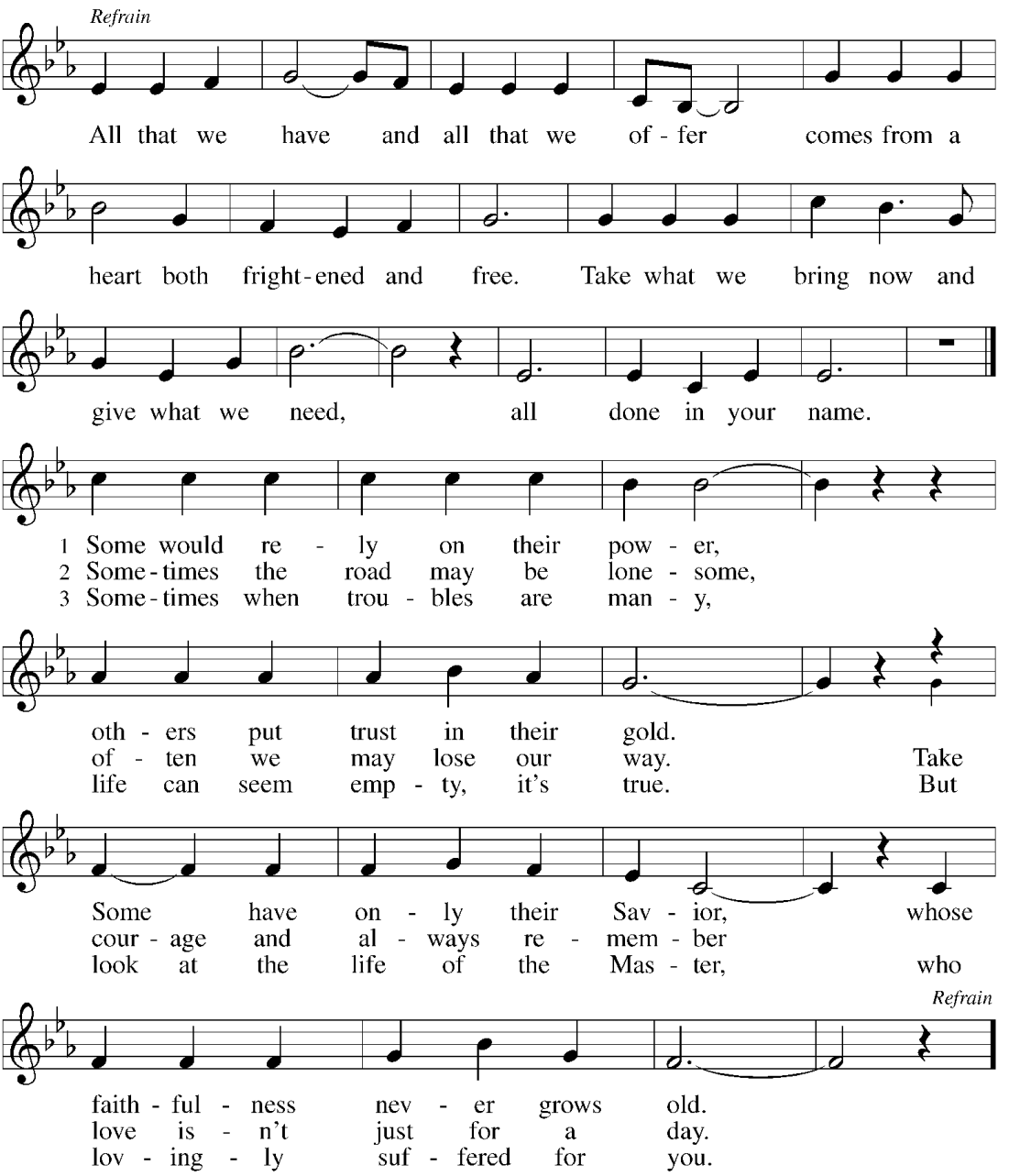
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Offertory Hymn

W&P #5 *"All That We Have"*



Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray,
Merciful Father
C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

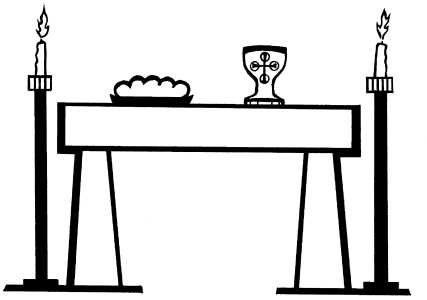
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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

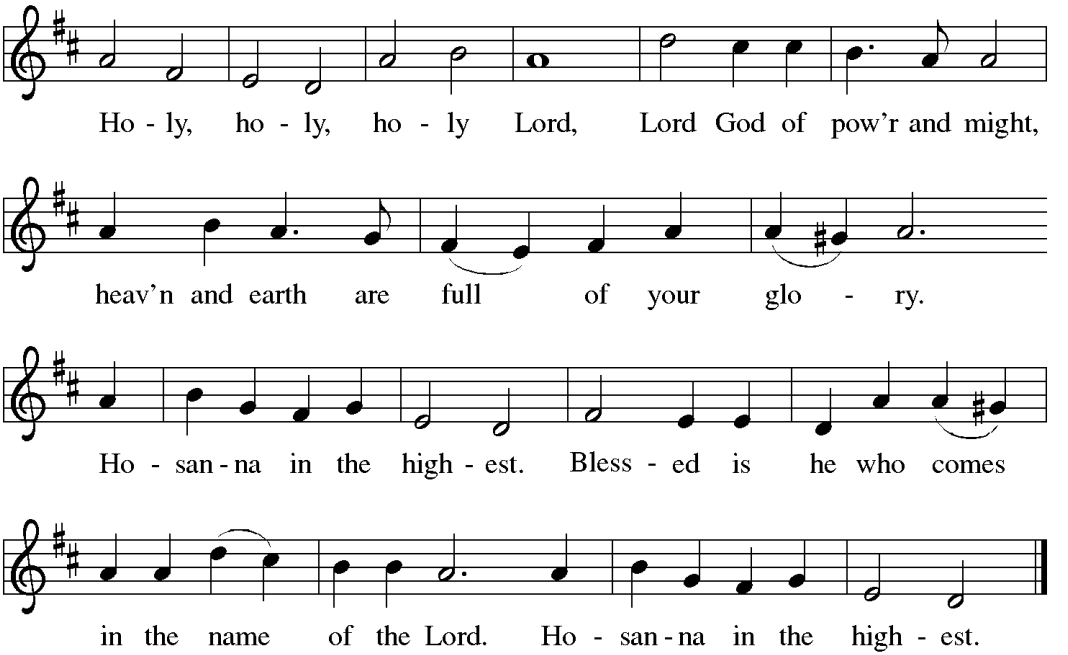
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.



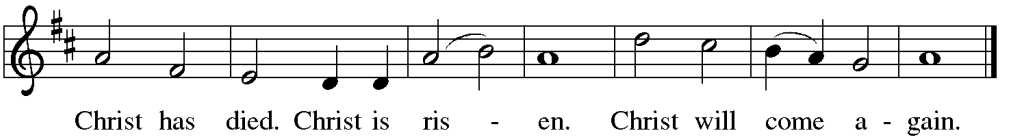
Sanctus



P: You are indeed Holy, mighty, and merciful.
You loved the world so much
you sent your only Son to be our Savior.
The Lord of all life came to live among us.
He healed and taught, ate, with sinners,
and won for you a new people
by water and the Spirit.
We saw his glory.
Yet he humbled himself in obedience to your will,
freely accepting death on a cross.
By dying, he freed us from unending death;
by rising from the dead, he gave us everlasting life.

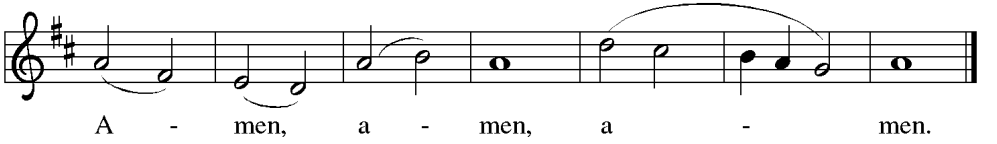
P: On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
the Lord Jesus took bread.
After giving you thanks, he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
When the supper was over, he took the cup.
Again he returned thanks to you,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Drink from this, all of you,
this is the cup of the new covenant in my blood,
poured out for you and many,
for the forgiveness of sins.
We pray for his coming in final victory,
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

C:



P: Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us,
gathered here out of love for you,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread
And may the Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in service to all the world.
Through your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever.

C:



The Lord's Prayer

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.

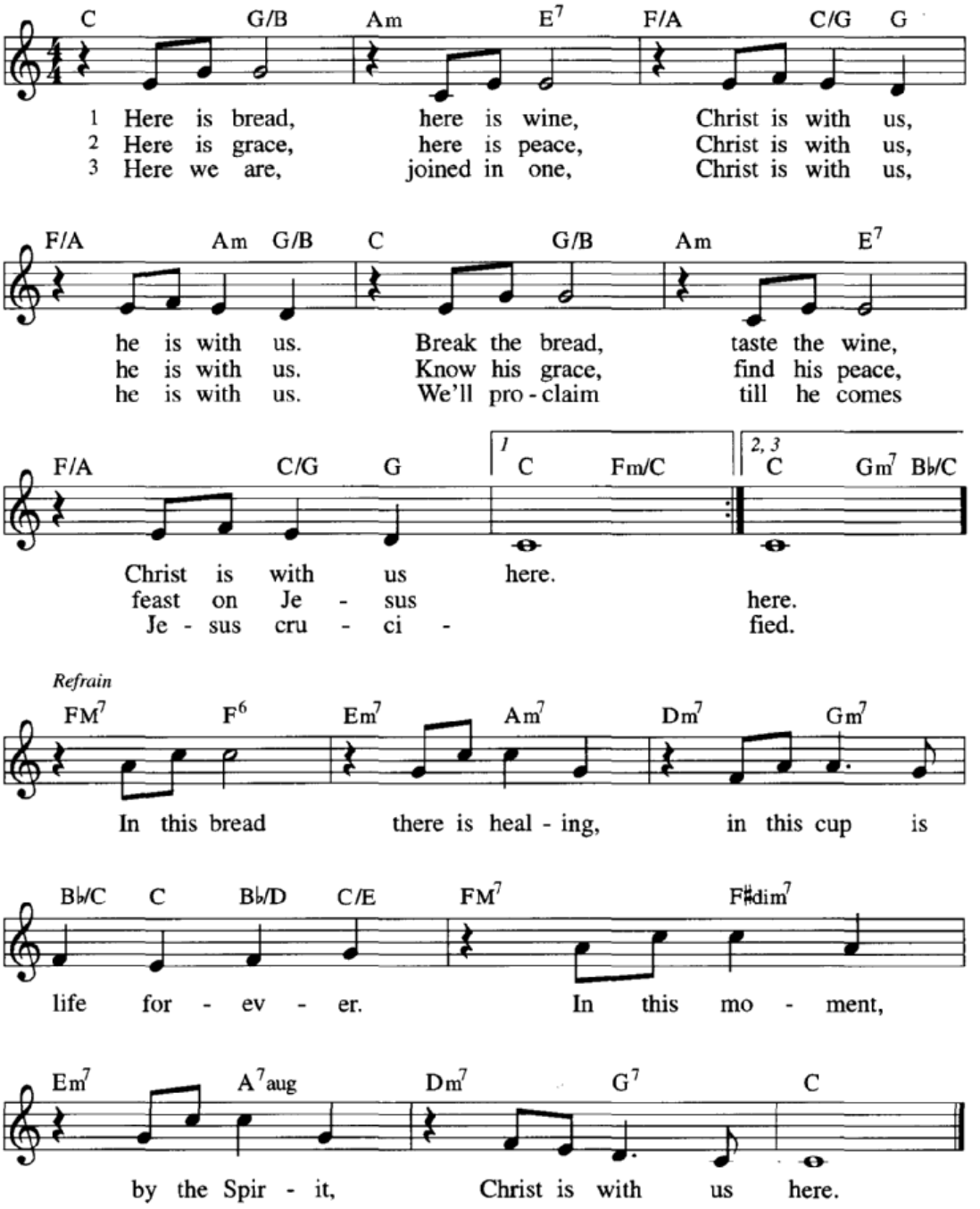
Communion Invitation

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 W&P #58 "*Here is Bread*"



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
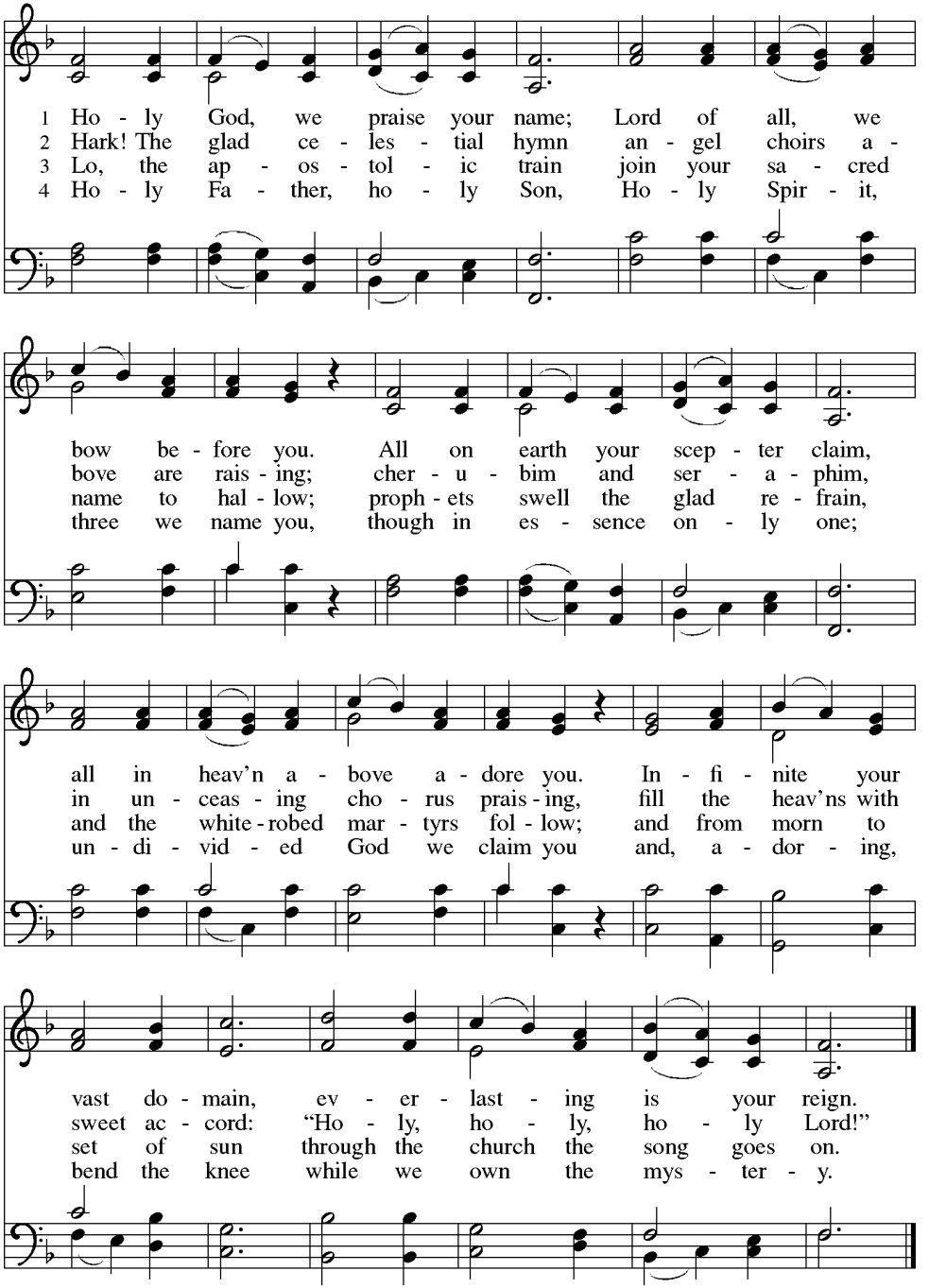
A: Let us pray.

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 #414 *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*



Announcements

Dismissal

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C: Amen

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *"Once We Sang and Danced"*
by the Babylonian River Latvian Folk Tine
arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Christina Mitchell
Lector:
Greeter: Guenter Seidel
Song Leaders: Marisa Mladenovic, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney
Choir members: Dan Lantvit, Bates McIntyre Larson, Maggie Larson, Kunying Li, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Paul D. Dykstra
A/V Engineers: Matt Flanagan and Katherine Beberman

Announcements

Worship is held each Sunday at 10am and available both in-person and via livestream.

We welcome visitors to fill out a visitor card so that we can connect with you further. Please also be sure to receive a 'Welcome bag' in the back.

Send your Pet Photos!
On October 4th, we'll honor St. Francis of Assisi, and we want photos of your pets! We will be putting together a slideshow of Concordia's pets to be shown during the service as we pray for our pets and animals in our lives. Please send your photos via email to Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org.

Sunday School
Sunday School will resume on October 4th and be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month this fall. The lesson for the day will focus on the theme or readings for that day and include a story and craft or activity. All kids are welcome to join and will leave service with their Sunday School teachers before the readings begin.

Stewardship this Fall
Our Stewardship campaign for the fall will kick off on Sunday, October 11th. This year, we are focusing on our connections - connections to each other, to our online worshippers, and our larger community. On three different Sundays this fall, we will take time during the worship service to share about our connections in these three areas and dream about what we can do to extend and strengthen these connections. The schedule will be as follows:

October 11th - Connections within our Concordia community
October 25th - Connections with our Neighborhood and Larger Community
November 8th - Connections with our Hybrid worship attendees

We invite you to take part in these discussions as you ponder and pray about your stewardship commitments of time, talent, and financial gifts as we prepare for 2027.

Healing Sunday
On October 18th, we'll host a service of healing at 10am. We will pray especially for those who are sick and lift up those who are suffering.

Fall Schedule of Events

October 4th

St. Francis of Assisi Sunday at 10am - Send us photos of your pet(s)! We will put together a slideshow of photos for our pet blessing. Send photos via email to Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org.

Sunday School begins! - During worship, kids will learn about pets and animals as part of God's creation and our responsibility to care for them.

Verses and Voices at 4pm (Free concert!) - This performance presents original poetry and musical compositions created by young adults at the DC jail through an arts program. Through these works, participants share their stories and creativity, inviting audiences into a powerful reflection on voice, resilience, and connection.

October 7th

Walk and Wonder at 6:30pm - Meet out front of church to walk through the neighborhood together!

October 11th

Stewardship Campaign begins (Week 1) - Our first Stewardship Sunday is this week as we explore and share about our connections with each other within our Concordia family.

Youth Group Kick-off event at 12pm - Parents and kids ages 9-14 years meet at Concordia Church for pizza and get-to-know-you activities. After eating together, kids will meet in the gym and parents in the sanctuary to learn more about the Youth Group program.

October 15th

Tech Together at 6:30pm – FREE! - Tech troubleshooting session! Bring your device(s) and get answers to your question(s). No question is too big or too small.

October 18th

Healing Sunday at 10am - A special service of healing as we pray for those who are sick or suffering.

Sunday School during Worship

Navigating Grief and Loss: Tools to Cope Workshop at 11am - Veronica McMillion, LPC, will present a workshop on grief. Losing a loved one is a universal experience, yet the bereavement process can make us feel incredibly alone. Emotional and physical symptoms of grief after losing a friend, family member, or pet may feel overwhelming and confusion. In this presentation, you will learn how to reflect on

Fall Schedule of Events

loss, build strategies for healthy grieving, and care for yourself during this difficult time.

October 25th

Stewardship Campaign continues (Week 2) - Our Stewardship campaign continues as we consider ways we connect to our larger community.

Council Meeting following worship

November 1st

All Saints Sunday - We will be naming the honored dead during the service this week. Please send names you'd like read to Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org or fill out the insert in your bulletin in late October.

Sunday School during Worship

November 6th

'A British Invasion!' by Lakeshore Brass at 7pm– A British Invasion is a concert celebrating the songs, sounds, and traditions of the British Isles. The program features music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Gustav Holst, Malcolm Arnold, and a few other proper legends — stirring melodies, rich harmonies, and just enough cheeky charm to keep things interesting. Popcorn and drinks with ticket purchase; purchase tickets at lakeshorebrass.com.

November 8th

Pledge Sunday - Today is the third and final week of our Stewardship presentations. This week, we'll explore how to better connect with our hybrid worshippers.

November 15th

Thanksgiving Service – We will worship together in gratitude for our good gifts.

Sunday School during Worship

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WALK & WONDER

Join us for casual one(ish)-hour walks around our neighborhood. Walk at your own pace, stay for as long as you'd like, and enjoy friendly conversation along the way.

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beginning September 9th

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TECH TOGETHER



Learn, ask questions, and discover new ways technology can help in everyday life. Each month we'll explore a different topic in a friendly, no-pressure environment.

Why Don't My Photos Look Like That?

Thursday, September 24th @ 6:30pm

You CAN take good photos with your smartphone! Learn how to take good pics, organize them, and share them with friends and family.





Can You Help Me With This?

Thursday, October 15th @ 6:30pm

Having problems with your devices or have questions about how to use a certain app or program? Bring your devices and your questions!

What is A.I. and How Can It Help Me?

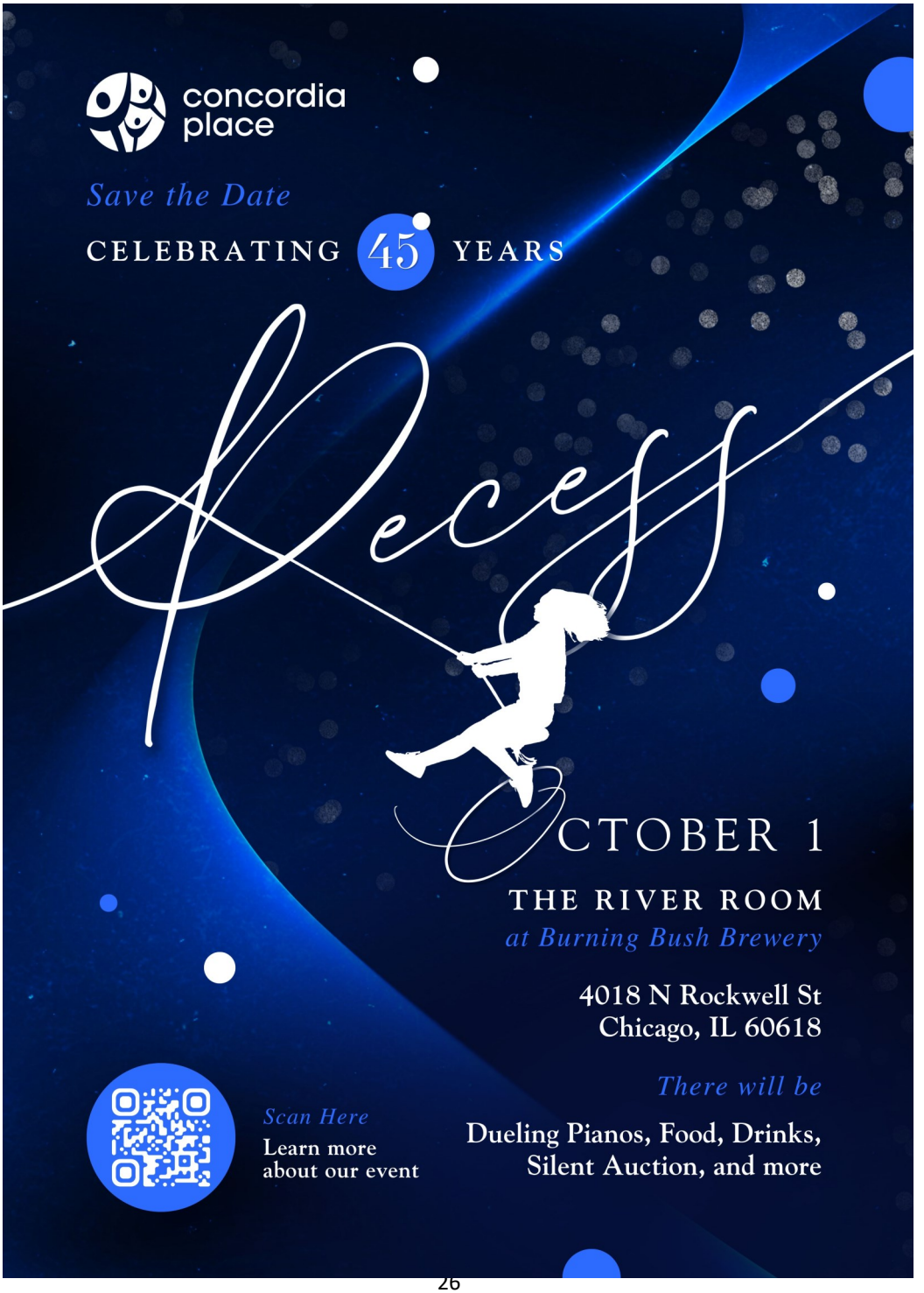
Thursday, November 12th @ 6:30pm

Learn how A.I. works and discover practical ways it can save time, spark ideas, and simplify everyday tasks.



– All sessions are FREE and open to the public! –

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NAVIGATING GRIEF AND LOSS:
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FREE WORKSHOP

Sunday, October 18th
11:00am

Losing a loved one is a universal experience, yet the bereavement process can make us feel incredibly alone. Emotional and physical symptoms of grief after losing a friend, family member, or pet may feel overwhelming and confusing. In this presentation from a Licensed Therapist, you will learn how to reflect on loss, build strategies for healthy grieving, and care for yourself during this difficult time.





Workshop led by Veronica McMillion, LPC

Veronica is a Licensed Professional Counselor with a Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from DePaul University. She has experience supporting individuals through grief, trauma, anxiety, and life's challenges, and brings a compassionate, relationship-centered approach to her work.

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Opening Hymn — **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.

Hymn of Praise — **ELW #823 *"Praise the Lord. O Heavens"***

Text: *Foundling Hospital Collection*, London, 1796
Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

Gospel Acclamation — ***"Hallelujah, Praise the Lord"* from "Gospel Mass" by Robert Ray**

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Hymn of the Day — **ELW #864 *"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"***

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Offertory Hymn — **W&P #5 "*All That We Have*"**

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776
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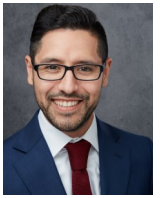
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