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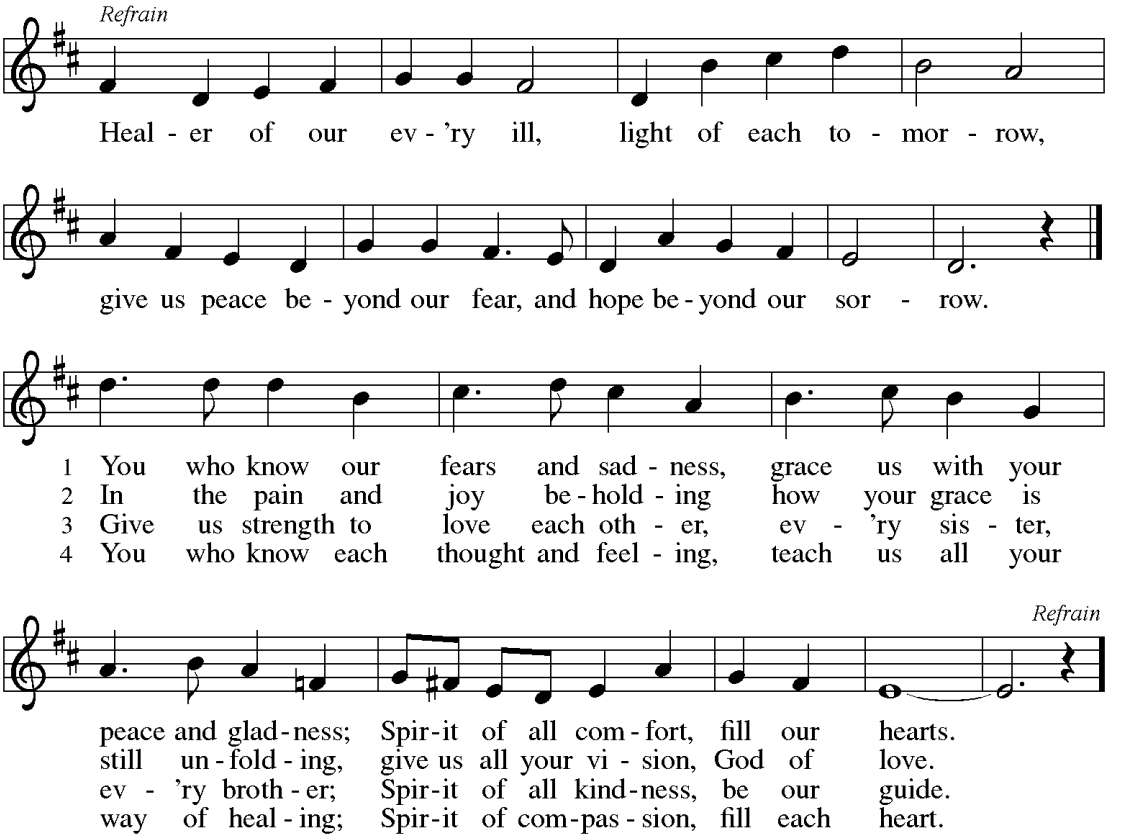
Healing Sunday

October 18th, 2026

Prelude *"Come, Let Us Eat"*

tune by Billema Kwillia, Liberian Evangelist Composer
setting by J Wayne Kerr

Opening Hymn **ELW #612 *"Healer of our Every Ill"***



Opening Dialog — Psalm 121

A: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
C: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
A: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
C: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
A: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
C: The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

A: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
C: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.



Hymn of Praise

ELW #867 *"In Thee Is Gladness"*



First Reading — Isaiah 43:8-13

8 Bring forth the people who are blind yet have eyes,
who are deaf yet have ears!
9 Let all the nations gather together,
and let the peoples assemble.
Who among them declared this
and foretold to us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,
and let them hear and say, "It is true."
10 You are my witnesses, says the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.
11 I, I am the Lord,
and besides me there is no savior.
12 I am the one who declared and saved and proclaimed,
not some strange god among you;
you are my witnesses, says the Lord, and I am God.
13 Indeed, since that day I am he;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work, and who can hinder it?

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Anthem — *"Table of Grace"*

words / music by Victor C Johnson

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:5-11

[The apostle writes:] [5] As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

[6] As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. [7] I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. [8] From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

[9] Do your best to come to me soon, [10] for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. [11] Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me in ministry.

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 Saint Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel — Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

1 Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have
been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed on to us by those who from the
beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, 3 I, too, decided, as one
having a grasp of everything from the start, to write a well-ordered account for
you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may have a firm grasp of the words in
which you have been instructed.

24:44 [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I
spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the
law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."45 Then he opened
their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is
written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day 47
and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all
nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And
see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until
you have been clothed with power from on high."

50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed
them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up
into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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 #613 "*Thy Holy Wings*"



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.

Bringing Healing Into Our Community

P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

In this Service of Healing, we give our prayer embodiment - the personal laying on of hands and embrace of our community in Christ, and the anointing with oil. Anointing with oil recalls our baptismal relationship with God, when we were anointed with oil with the cross of Christ forever. Oil gives visible sign to our prayer and our right as God's children to approach our Father with our needs.

Prayer Petitions

A: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon all who call on you for healing; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver us from the power of evil; and preserve us in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Almighty God, source of human knowledge, we pray for all who provide health and medical care. We lift up doctors, nurses, therapists, pastors, visitors to those who are sick and homebound. Pour upon them the gifts of skill, wisdom, and compassion.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Sustaining God, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of all who are suffering. Support and sustain them with your Spirit and fill them with confidence in your never failing love and presence that they may be strengthened in their ministry of care.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Forgiving and grace giving Lord, forgive the sins of all who have failed to live by your love. Heal them of their hurtful spirits, guide them in paths of restoration and healing with those they have harmed, remove the weight of guilt and pain that they may be restored in their relationships to others and to you through the experience of Christ's loving forgiveness.
In your great mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: We invite all who seek prayer by laying on of hands and anointing with oil to come to the Altar. May God our Father, whose will for us is ever good, do to us what is best and right in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Anointing Hymn **ELW #751 *"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"***



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

"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"
Irish Melody "St Columba"
with Text by Fred Kaan; arr. for Chorus by Jane Holstein

The Offering

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Offertory Hymn

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

verse 1



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

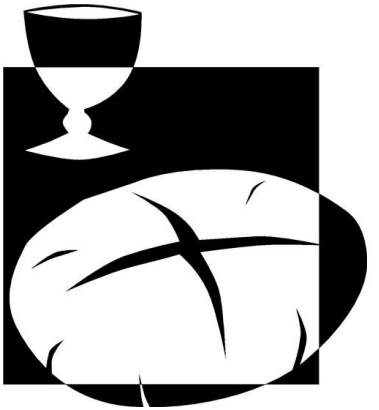
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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

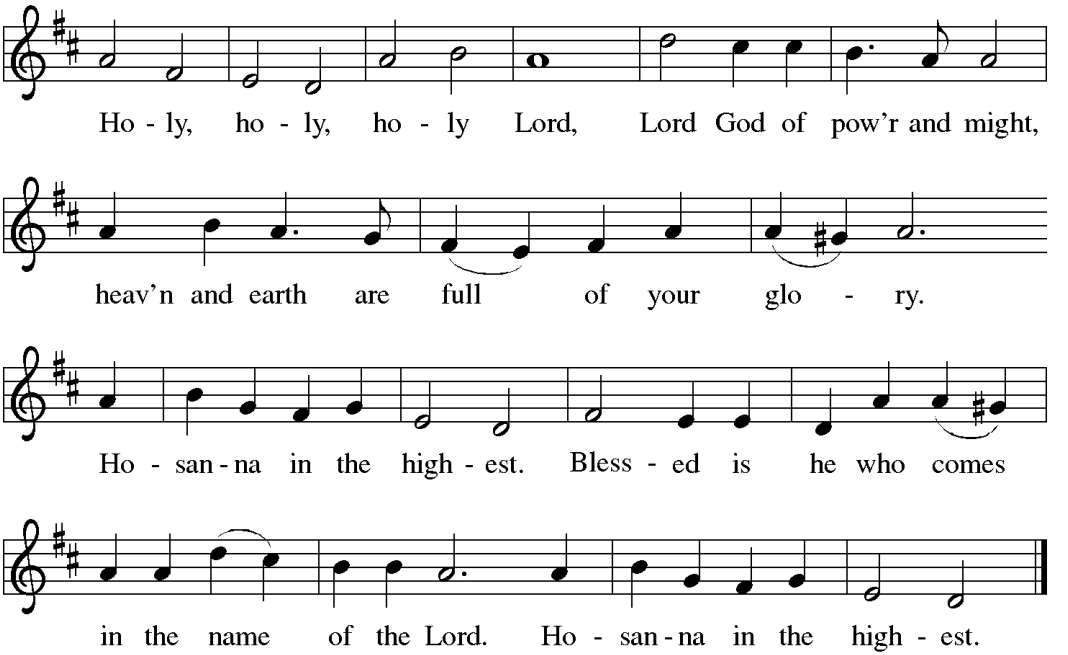
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.



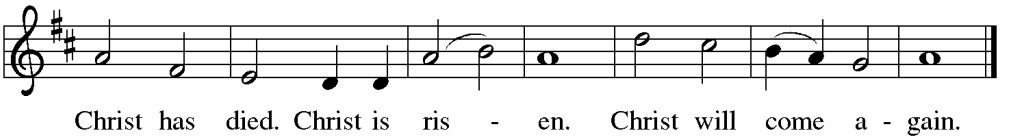
Sanctus



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.

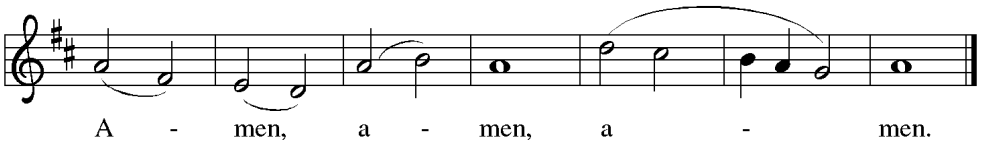
P: On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
the Lord Jesus took bread.
After giving you thanks, he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
When the supper was over, he took the cup.
Again he returned thanks to you,
gave the cup to 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 #614 *"There is a Balm in Gilead"*



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 From "*Trumpet Tune*" in C Dur for organ solo by Paul Fey 2023

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon:
Lector:
Greeter:
Song Leaders: Marisa Mladenovic, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski
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.

Vaccine Clinic
The Health and Wellness team is hosting a Vaccine clinic today from 9:30am to 12:30pm. A pharmacist from CVS will be on hand to administer flu vaccinations and COVID boosters.

Council Meeting
The next Council meeting is Sunday, October 25th following worship. Council will meet in the gym. Please review your materials in advance.

Adult Study
Adult Study is each Sunday morning at 9am in the church office. Pastor Zook leads the study. Currently, the group is reading and discussing 'Becoming a Hybrid Church' by Dave Daubert, in conjunction with our Stewardship campaign.

Sunday School
Sunday School will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. The next session will be on October 18th. 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 conversations continue next week on Sunday, October 25th. 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 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.

Fall Schedule of Events

October 18th

Vaccine Clinic 9:30am to 12:30pm

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 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

October 28th

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

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. You can also submit photos of loved ones passed to be included in a slideshow. Email photos and names to Desirae at the address above. **Deadline for both names and photos is Wednesday, October 28th.**

Sunday School during Worship

Fall Schedule of Events con't...

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 (Stewardship Campaign Week 3) - 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 11th

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

November 15th

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

Sunday School during Worship

Potluck following worship—bring a dish to share!

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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 at Innervoice Psychotherapy and Consultation 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.

Questions? Email Desirae, Parish Administrator, at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org

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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.

2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAYS EACH MONTH

beginning September 9th

6:30PM - MEET AT CONCORDIA CHURCH

Hosted by Concordia and open to everyone, Walk & Wonder is about community, curiosity, and light exercise —no religious program or expectations, just neighbors walking together.

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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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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

10am Worship Service

Including special music + prayers
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11am Thanksgiving Potluck

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Hymn of Praise — ELW #867 "*In Thee Is Gladness*"

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

Hymn of the Day — ELW #613 "*Thy Holy Wings*"

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
Text © 1983 Gracia Grindal, Selah Publishing Co., Inc., agent. www.selahpub.com.
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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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Closing Hymn — ELW #614 "*There is a Balm in Gilead*"

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

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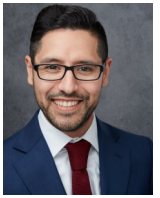
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