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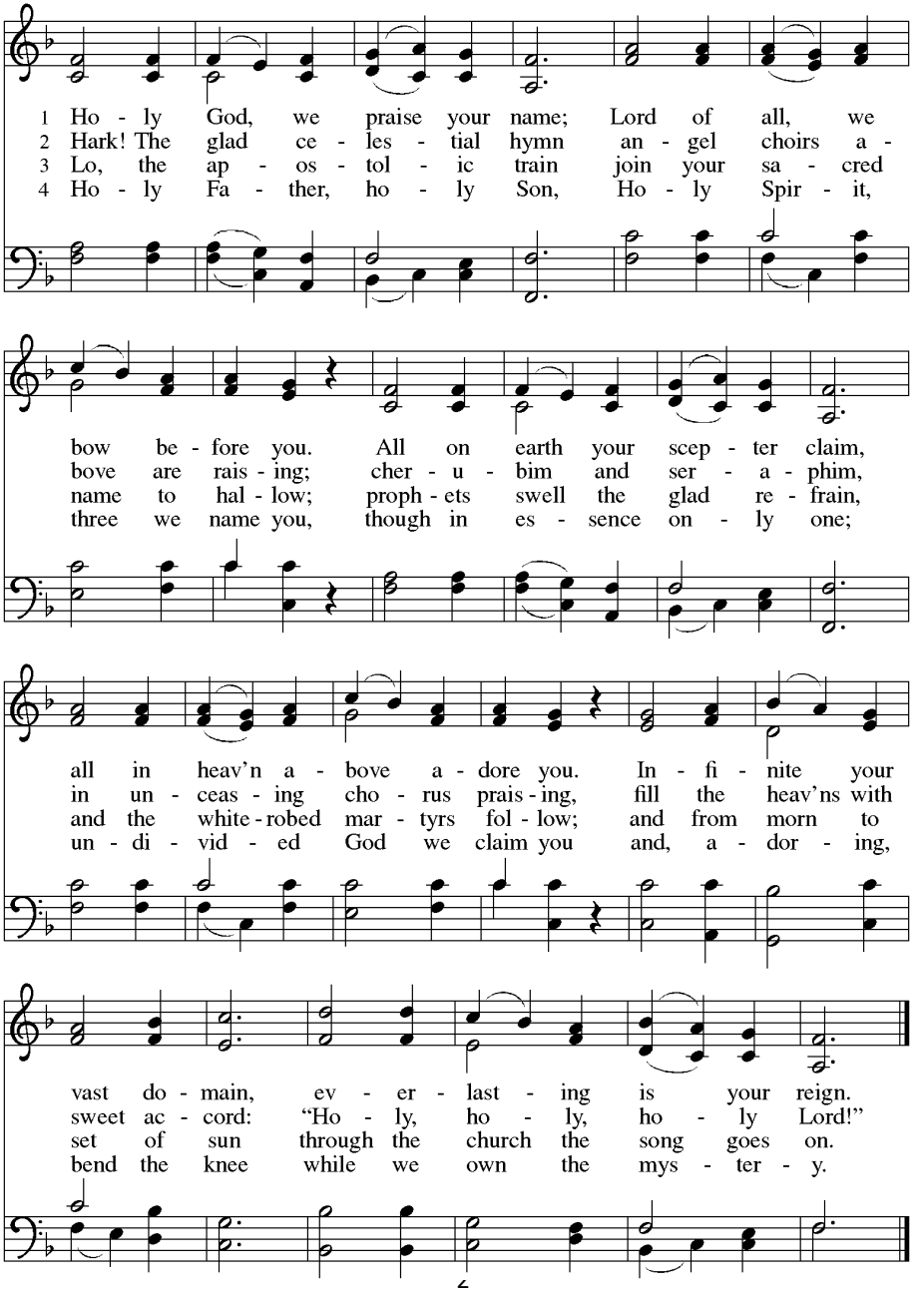


All Saints Day

November 1st, 2026

Prelude *"Peaceful Meditation"*
Dedicated to Gene Lloyd by Paul Fey

Opening Hymn ELW #414 "*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*"



Opening Dialog — Psalm 34:1-10, 22
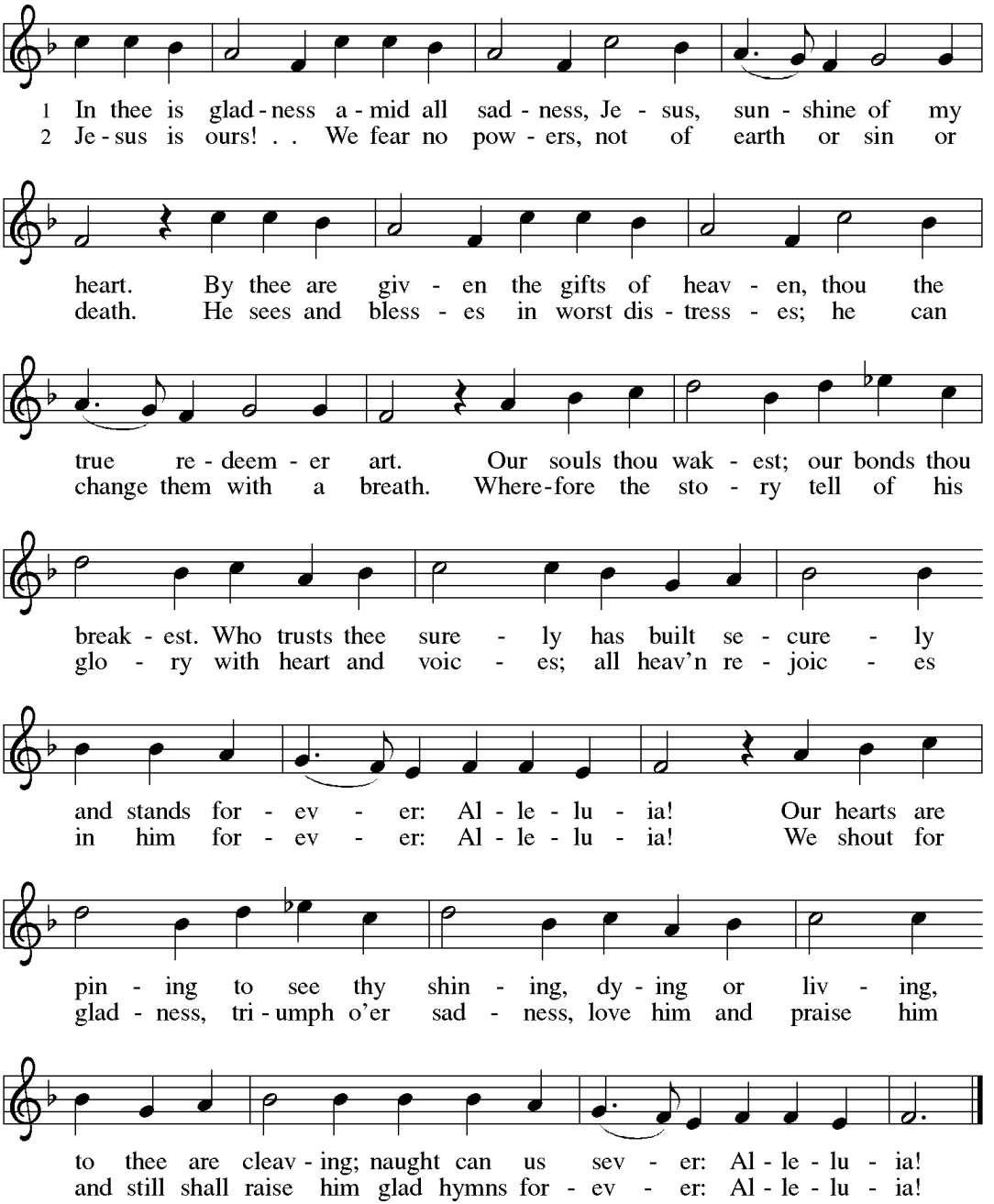
A: I will bless the Lord at all times;
C: the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
A: I will glory in the Lord;
C: let the lowly hear and rejoice.
A: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
C: let us exalt God's name together.
A: I sought the Lord, who answered me
C: and delivered me from all my terrors.
A: Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
C: and let not your faces be ashamed..
A: I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
C: and saved me from all my troubles.
A: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
C: and delivers them.
A: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
C: happy are they who take refuge in God!
A: Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
C: for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
A: The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
C: but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
A: O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
C: and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

ELW #867 *"In Thee Is Gladness"*



First Reading — Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who
knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great
ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Psalm Anthem — *"An Hour of Hallowed Peace"*

by William B Tappan
arranged for SATB Choir by Steve Danyew

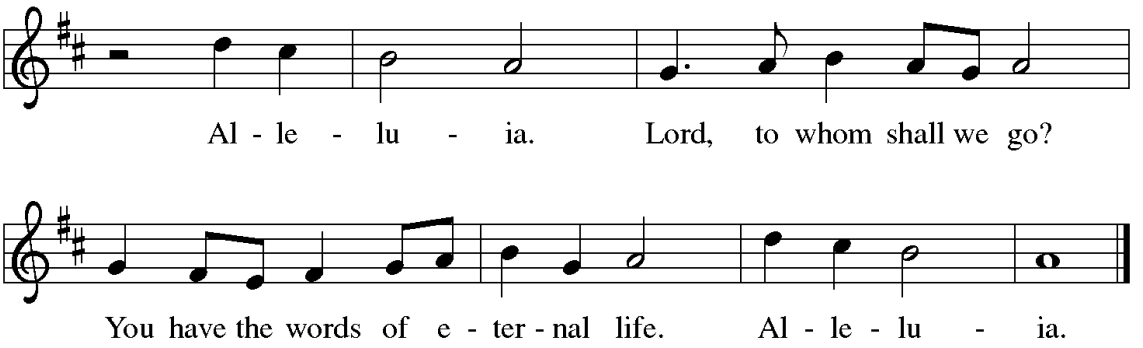
Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God,
and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not
know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been
revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we
will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as
he is pure.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation





P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12

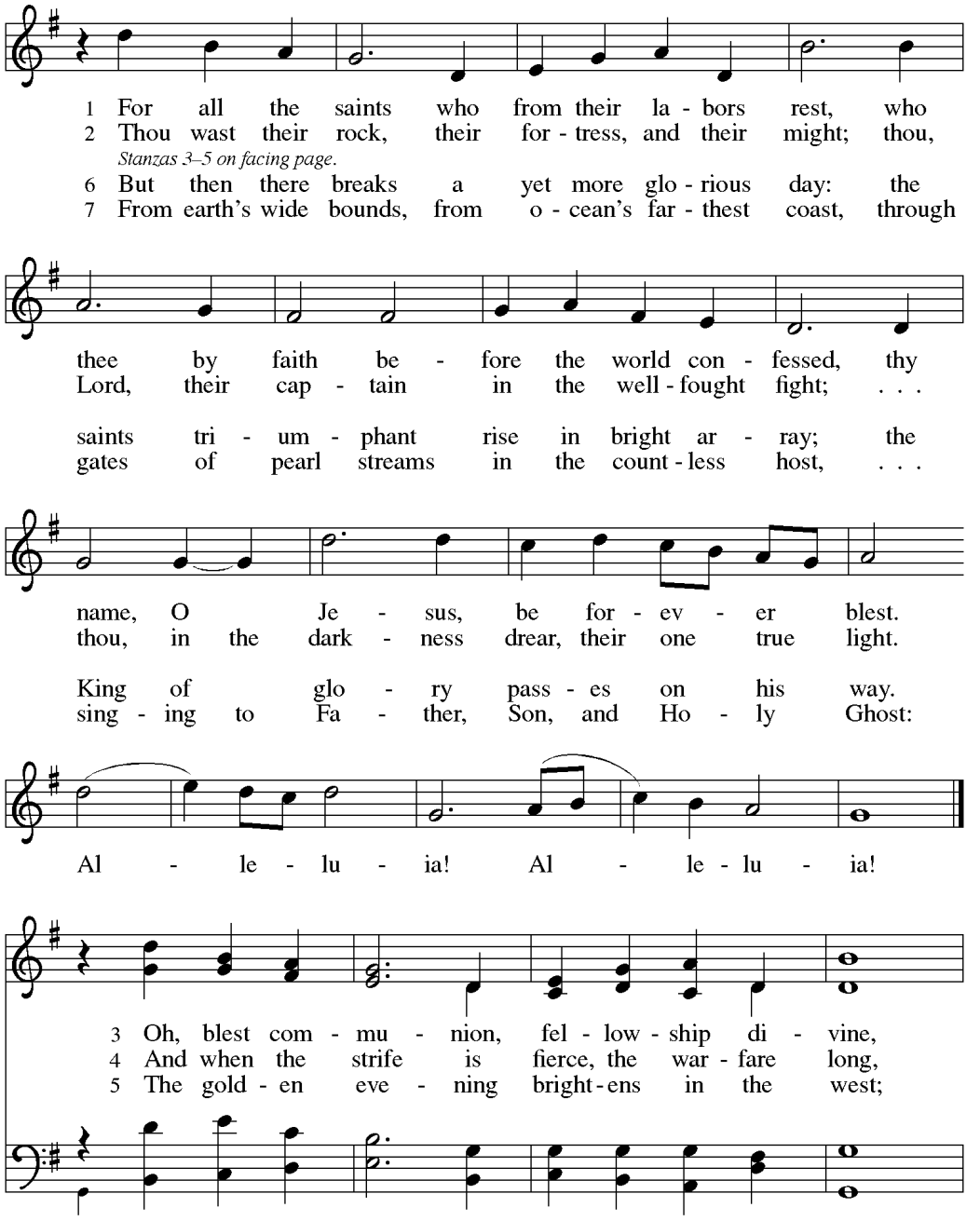
1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you."
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Repeat Acclamation)
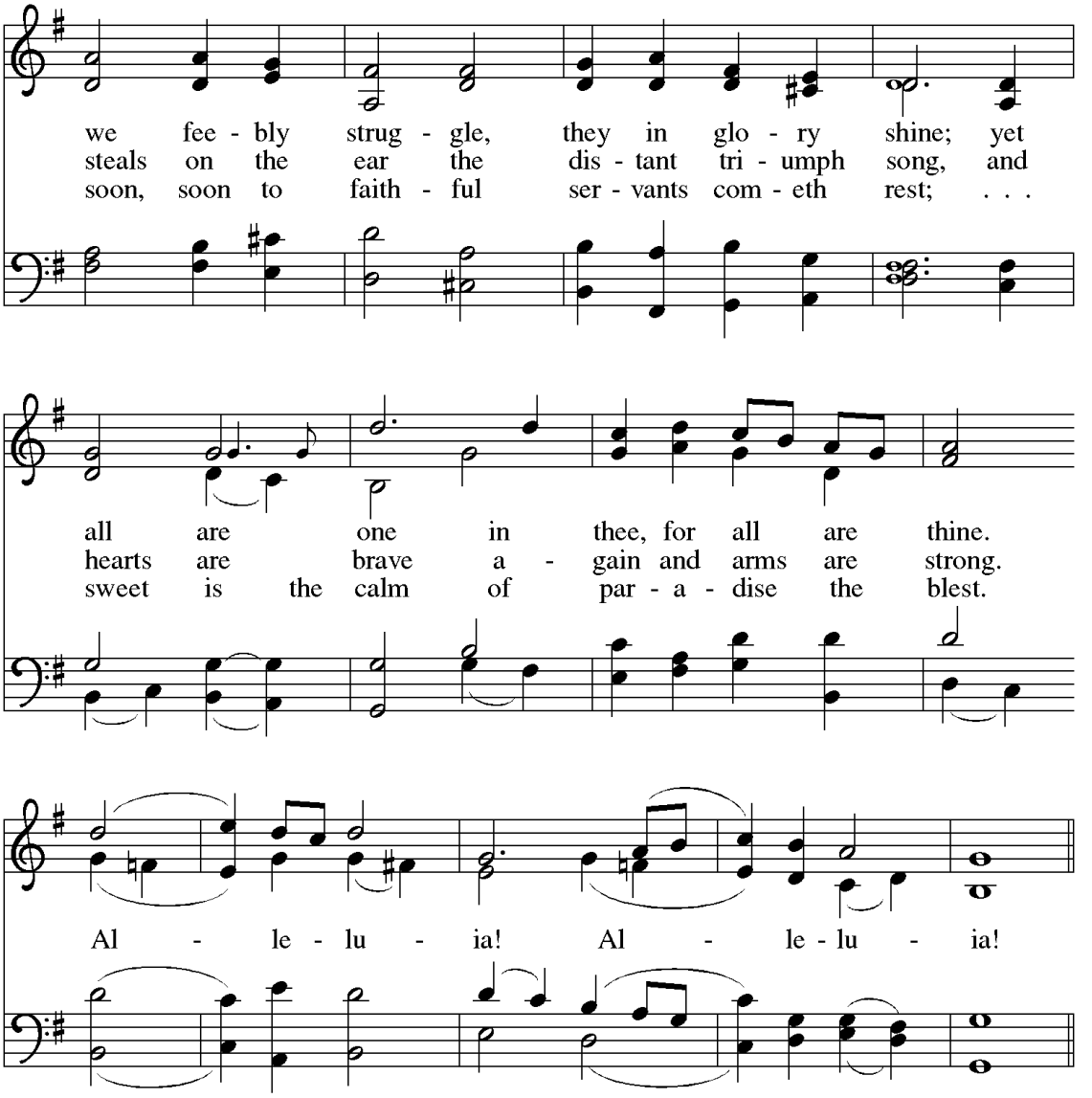
Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook

Hymn of the Day

ELW #422 *"For all the Saints"* v 1-4



Hymn of the Day *con't...* ELW #422 *"For all the Saints"* v 1-4



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: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you call forth your church by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Renew your church by your spirit that it may bear witness to your grace and love. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. As we go to the polls to vote for the next president of the United States, fill this nation with a spirit of peaceful deliberation, tolerance of difference, and freedom of choice. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially *[pause for names]* and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [*pause for names*] ...Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

Naming of the Honored Dead

P: In our congregation, we remember who has died this year:
Shih-liang Fine. We give thanks for this life and celebrate her ministry in our community of faith.

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

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

P: Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Grant to us, your servants, so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

Offertory Anthem

"Table of Grace"
Music and text by Victor C Johnson

The Offering

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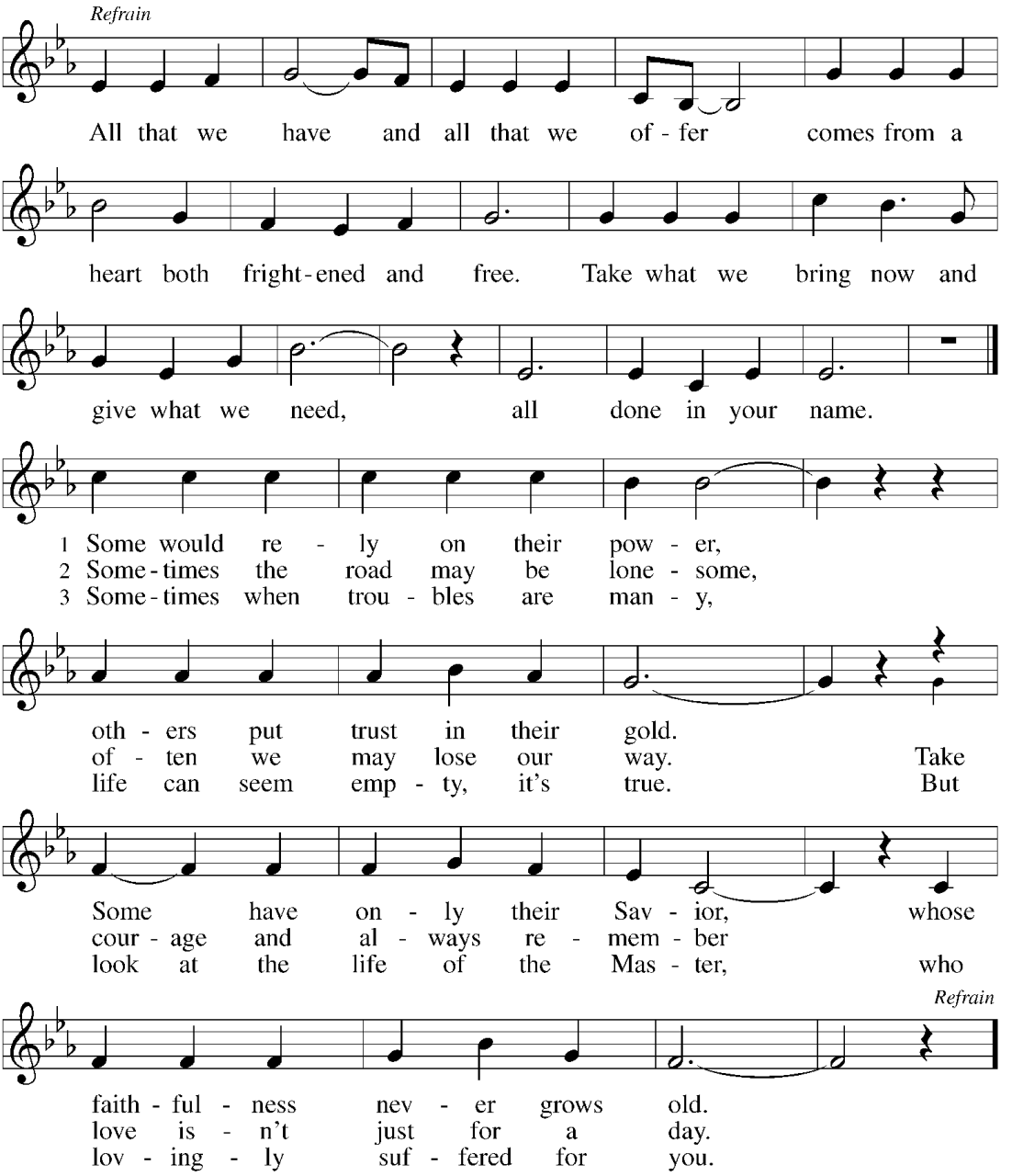
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2) Online: Visit www.onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give
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Offertory Hymn

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

verse 3



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

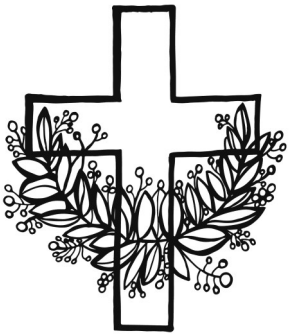
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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

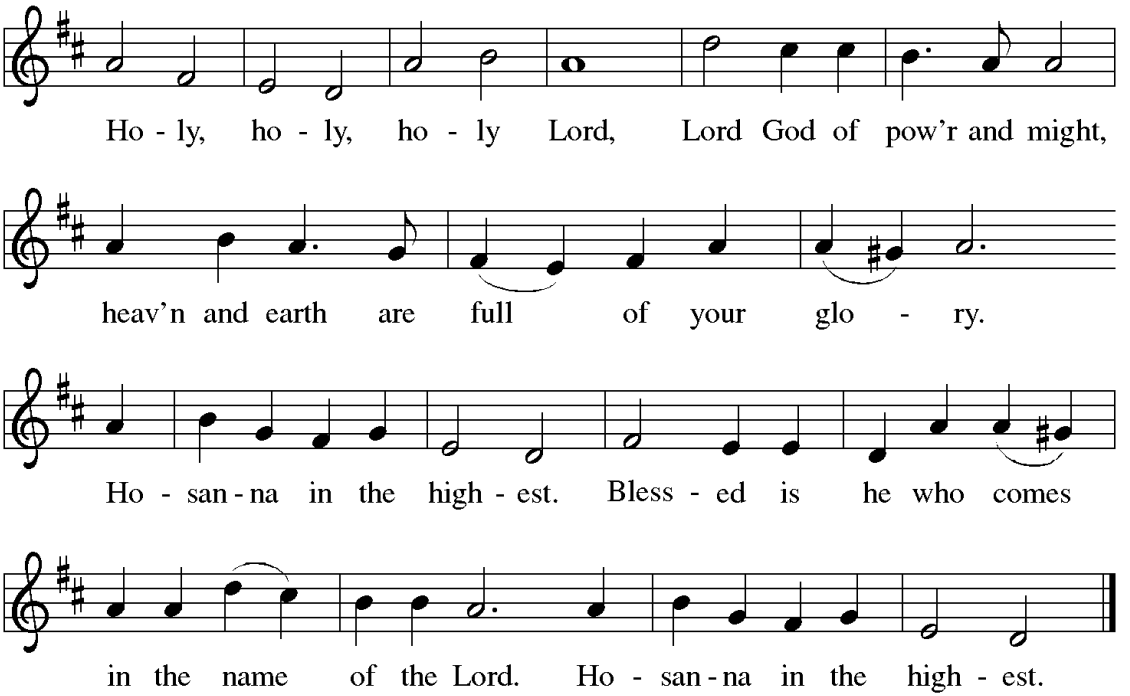
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.



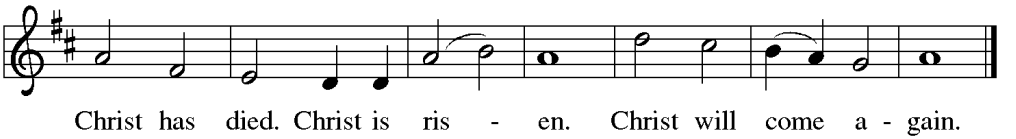
Sanctus



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.

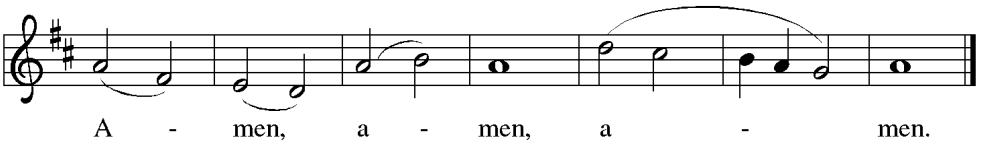
P: On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
the Lord Jesus took bread.
After giving you thanks, he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
When the supper was over, he took the cup.
Again he returned thanks to you,
gave the cup to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



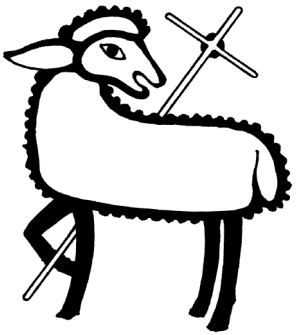
The Lord's Prayer

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

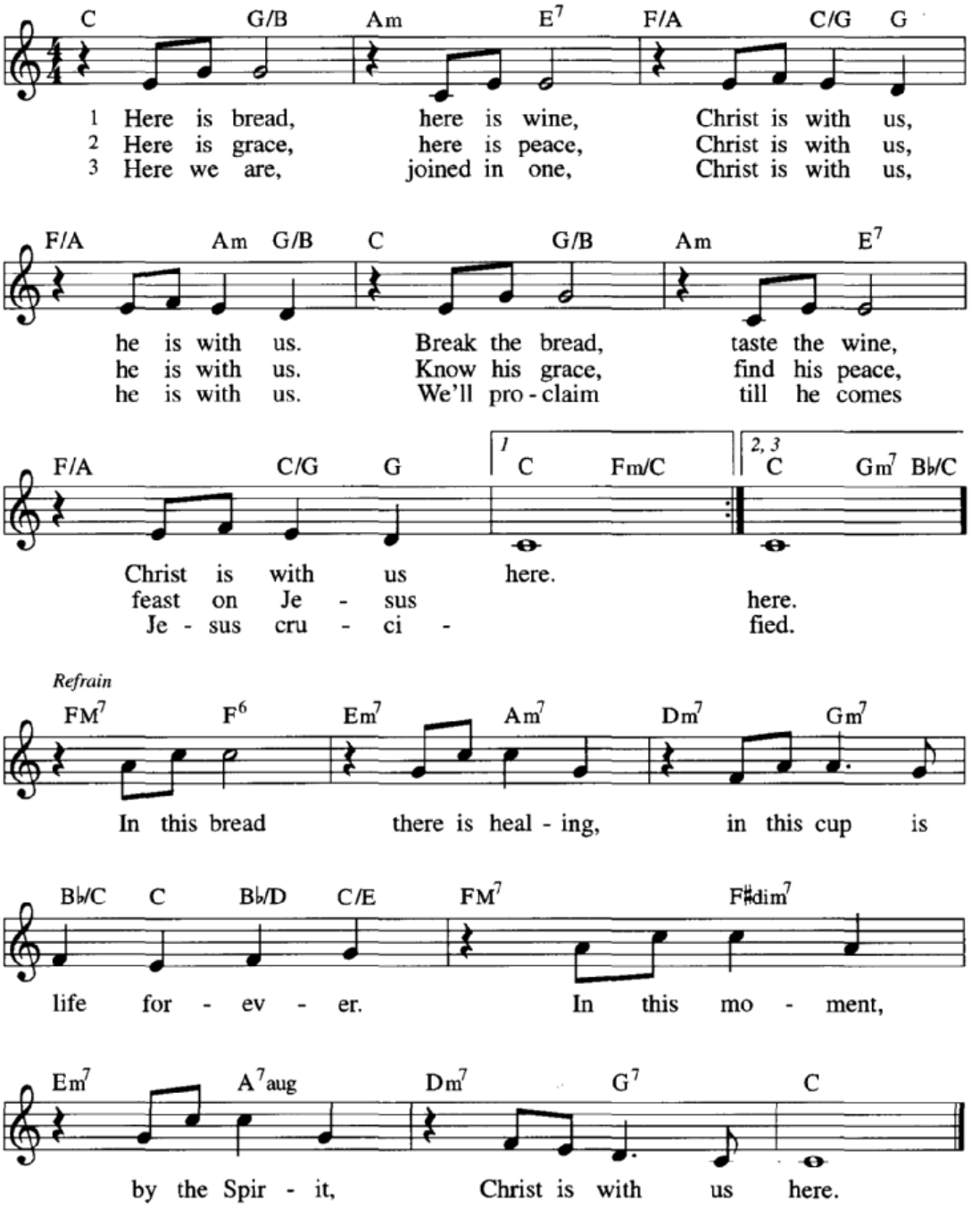
We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

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.

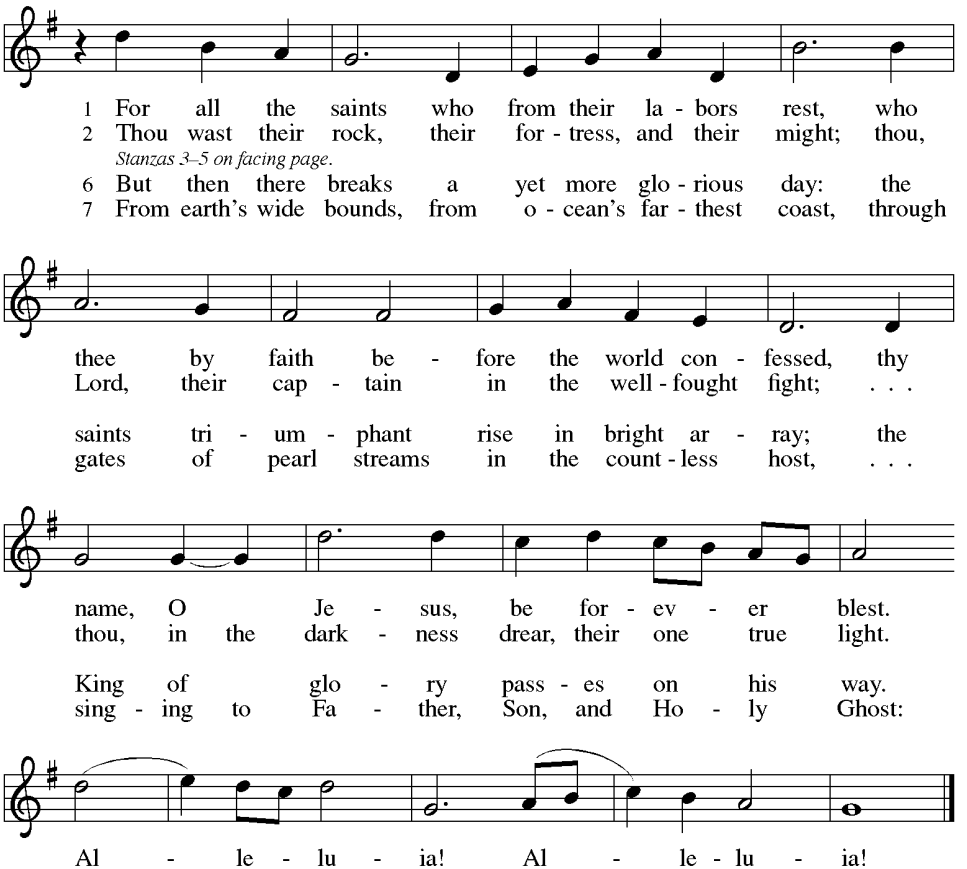
Post-Communion Prayer

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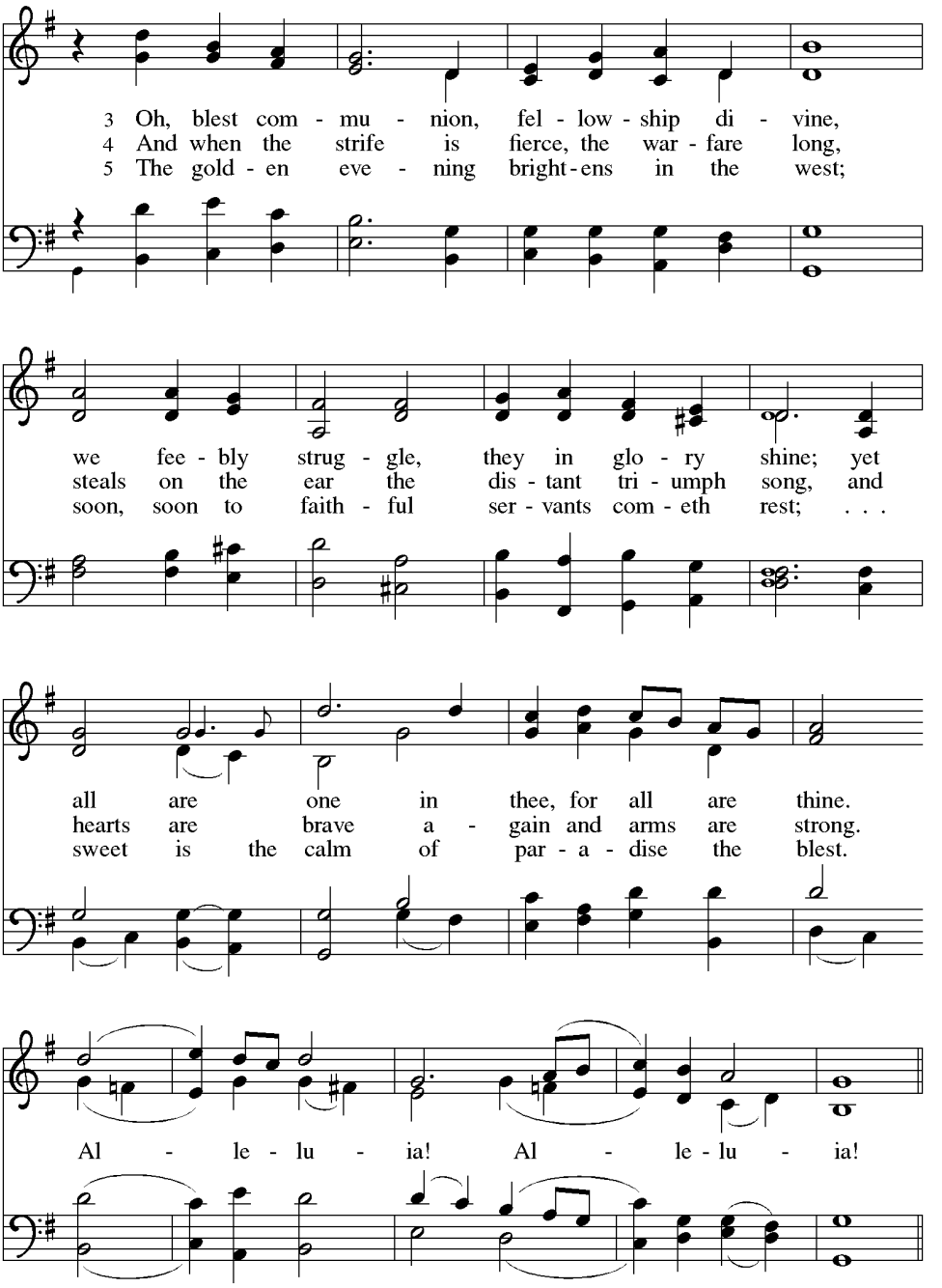
A: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn — ELW #422 *"For all the Saints" v 5-8*



Closing Hymn con't *ELW #422 "For all the Saints" v 5-8*



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: Marne Turner
Greeter:
Song Leaders: Marisa Mladenovic, Jade Dashá, Joe Dennis, 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.

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 'The History of the Christian Church' by Marty Martin. Connect with Pastor Zook for details.

Sunday School
Sunday School will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. There is a lesson today and next on November 15th. 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, November 8th. 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:

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

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.

Tech session at 11am: Smart Clicks, Safer Connections in the gym

November 11th

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

November 12th

Tech Together at 6:30pm: A.I. (Artificial Intelligence)

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!

Youth Group service project at 12pm—Whipple Campus

November 29th

First Sunday of Advent

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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.

Qustions? Email Desirae Contreras, Parish Admin, at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org

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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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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

10am Worship Service

Including special music + prayers
Sunday School for children

11am Thanksgiving Potluck

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

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

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Children's Christmas Play

Sunday, December 20th at 10am

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

Children ages 3-13 years are invited to participate. No prior relationship to Concordia is required.

Roles will be assigned at the first rehearsal.

Participants must be able to attend rehearsal on **December 13th** during 10am worship and arrive at 9am on **December 20th** 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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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.

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Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

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 #422 "For all the Saints"**

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
Outside USA: Music from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

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 ELW #422 "*For all the Saints*"**

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

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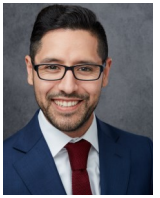
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