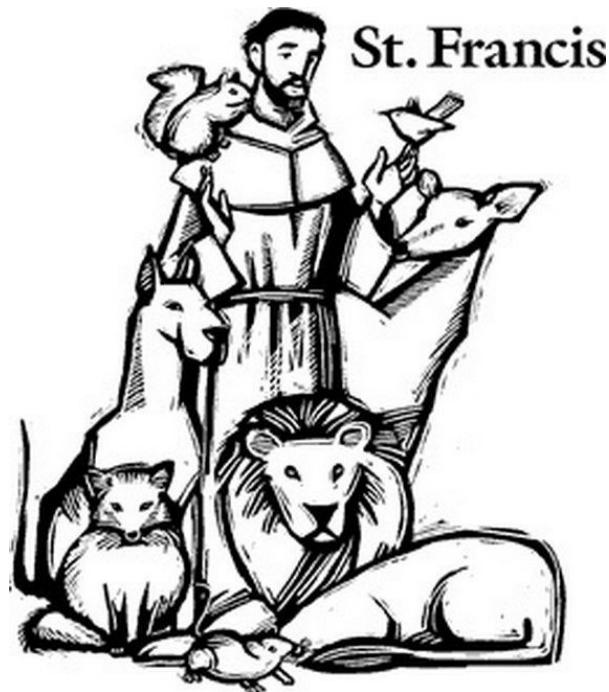


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the left door behind the altar and follow the hallway down the  
stairs.

# The Feast of Francis of Assisi — October 3rd

St. Francis is commemorated on October 4th. St. Francis lived in the 12th century, and as a young man gave up his position and wealth to take up a closer walk with God. He lived a simple life, emulating the teachings of Christ in the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. His devotion, works of charity and poverty so appealed to those around him that many came to follow in his path. He is remembered as an example of Christian disciple and humility, and is honored across divisions of faith and church—a saint for all people.

Prelude

“Adagio” by Josef Hector Fiocco

*During the Prelude, we prepare ourselves for prayer and praise.*

## Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

# Opening Hymn

# ELW 876 "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

## Greeting

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.

## Hymn of Praise

## “Send us Your Spirit”

*Congregation sings refrain & choir sings verses*



Come Lord Je-sus, send us Your Sp-irit, re- new the face of the Earth



Come Lord Je-sus, send us Your Spirit, re- new the face of the Earth

## Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, we praise you for your servant Francis, whom you sent to call the Church to its tasks and renew its life. Raise up in our own day teachers and prophets inspired by your Spirit, whose voices will give strength to your Church and proclaim the reality of your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord.

C:Amen.

## First Reading

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 80:7-15

Sung by Choir

## Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



The Congregation stands and sings the acclamation

**Gospel Acclamation**

**“Alleluia”**

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

**Gospel**

**Matthew 11:25-30**

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)**

**Sermon**



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Alleluia.

- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
 Alleluia.

## 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.

## The Prayers

**A:** God our Father blesses us daily with gifts that renew our lives. Trusting in God's goodness, we remember and pray for the world, the Church, and all those in need.

Let us pray to the Lord,

**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**A:** Holy God, we pray for your Church throughout the world. Make every faith community a place where your people live out their calling to witness to your saving grace through Christ our Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord,

**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for all who suffer. Your grace and healing presence is never far from any who call upon you. We remember especially those we name before you... (pause for names) and those we carry with us in our hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, we give you thanks. You have blessed us abundantly with gifts to serve you and one another. Open our eyes to see your blessings in our lives, and open our hearts to share them, that all may be blessed by your redeeming love in their lives.

Let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers, bless our hopes, and fill us with your grace, peace, and love.

**C: Amen.**



## Offertory

*We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude  
as we prepare for communion.*

## Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

### 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.**

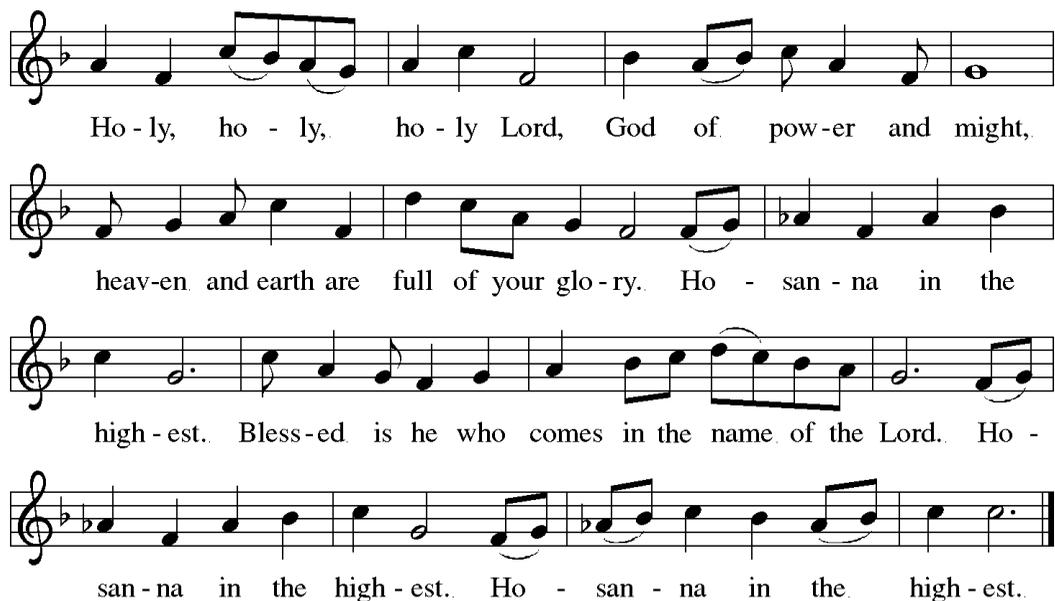
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Eucharistic Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God.  
 Your abundant grace fills our lives with blessings.  
 All of Heaven and earth sing of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 Who preached good news to the poor,  
 And who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

By our baptism, you have united us into one body in Christ.  
 You have set us free from bondage to sin and  
 You have redeemed our lives from the grave  
 so that as Christ was raised from the dead  
 we too might walk in newness of life.

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.”

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.”

We give you thanks and praise for  
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**P:** Send 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 your Son.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
And one in witness to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and gather us all in your everlasting kingdom.

May your saving acts be proclaimed  
and your name forever be praised, Almighty Father.  
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
with your Holy Spirit in your holy church throughout the world.

**C: Amen. Your Kingdom come.**

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**

**Anthem**

**"Duetto Buffo di Due Gatti" by Gioachino Rossini**

## **Post Communion Blessing**

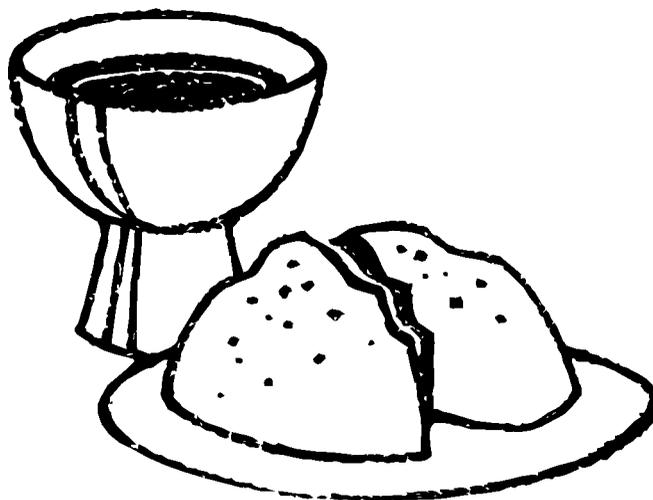
**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**A:** Holy and gracious God, you have blessed us at this holy meal and united us in the fellowship of our savior, Jesus Christ. Your generous blessings renew us to go forth to serve as your faithful people until your kingdom comes and your rule is established throughout the whole world.

**C:** Amen. Come Lord Jesus, Come.



Closing Hymn

WP #95 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;  
 Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;  
 It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

*Last time to coda* ⊕



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;  
 where there is dark - ness, . . . . . on - ly light;  
 in giv - ing of our - selves that we re



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

## Pet Blessing

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the wonderful order of all creation filled with the creatures that live in our homes, on our farms, in havens of refuge, and in the world. Make us every mindful of these creatures.

We ask a heart of compassion, gentle hands and kind words for those who care for them.

Bless our pets, the creatures given to us to care and love, and from whom we receive a full measure of love and devotion in return.

Help us to be true friends to them all, your creatures. We ask this through the one in whom all creation is made new, Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

## Blessing

### Dismissal

A: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

## Improvisation on “*Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott*”

*The Postlude continues the feeling of our time together as we leave worship and go share God’s love with our family, friends, and the community.*

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Our **next picnic fellowship** is after worship next Sunday, October 10th! Visit [www.concordiafaith.org](http://www.concordiafaith.org) to register at the link on the homepage. We invite you to bring a dish to share with others. Our very own Matt Flanagan is going to prepare pork BBQ for everyone to enjoy! You can also find the registration event on Realm.

Check out our **NEW News page on the church website!** Visit [www.concordiafaith.org/news](http://www.concordiafaith.org/news) for a weekly “Top 5 Updates” video, as well as detailed information about what you need to know for the week. If you'd be interested in recording an announcement video one week, please let Desirae know at [ddiehl@concordiafaith.org](mailto:ddiehl@concordiafaith.org) or call the church office. We are always happy to include new faces!

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**Save the date:** October 31st beginning at 1:30pm for the first of our **Concordia Concerts!** This will be a fun, family-friendly event complete with some famous movie music, treats, Halloween costumes & parade, and a musical magician! Questions or want to volunteer to help with this awesome event? Reach out to Marisa ([mbuchheit@concordiafaith.org](mailto:mbuchheit@concordiafaith.org)) or Luke ([ldurocdanner@concordiafaith.org](mailto:ldurocdanner@concordiafaith.org)).

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We continue to ask for help in supporting our neighbors facing food insecurity – either via donations of (shelf-stable) food and toiletry items or through financial contributions. **Concordia Church is partnering with the Common Pantry**, to support a ‘Take What You Need’ food pantry in the lobby of Swedish Covenant hospital -- created for patients to grab grocery and toiletry staples they need on their day of discharge. Our neighbors (and their immediate families) who are utilizing this food pantry are often facing a double challenge of (1) already experiencing food insecurity and (2) being sidelined from work and the ability to care for themselves/families while being in the hospital. This food pantry aims to lessen the stress for these patients leaving the hospital.

**We have a scheduled delivery the first Tuesday of every month.** Please bring shelf-stable groceries (examples are: canned goods, pasta, jarred sauces, rice, boxed mixes, etc.) and/or new toiletry items (examples: shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, etc.) to the marked container in the church’s main entrance *on or before Sunday, October 3rd*. Donations received after this will be included in a future delivery. **Concordia, We are looking for 10 more sponsor families to commit to providing \$30 a month (in donations or equivalent items) to this ministry. If you are unable to commit monthly, but you’d still like to give, simply Text the word "CONCORDIA" to 73256 to give using your mobile device** and use the drop down list to choose our ‘social impact’ fund. All donations to this fund benefit our neighbors in need and is a tangible way we express our faith and gratitude for the blessings we’ve received. Please connect with Jen Phillips if you have any questions.

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### Gospel Acclamation

### Setting Two

### Hymn of the Day

### ELW #835 "All Creatures Worship God Most High"

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### Anthem

### "Duetto Buffo di Due Gatti" by Gioachino Rossini

### Closing Hymn

### W&P #95 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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