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Holy Cross & Homecoming Sunday
September 12, 2021



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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.

The restroom is located in the gym; exit the sanctuary through
the left door behind the altar and follow the hallway down the
stairs.

Children's Message

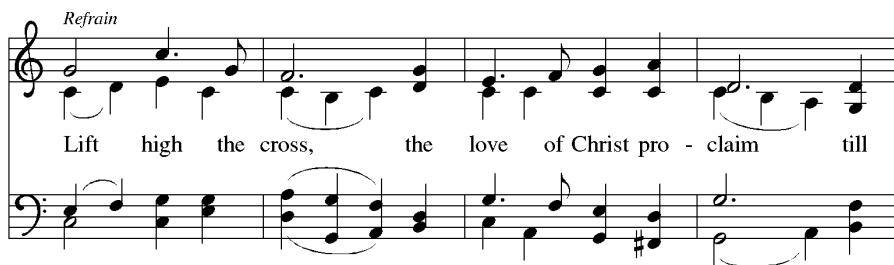
Prelude

"Fanfare" by Gerald Near

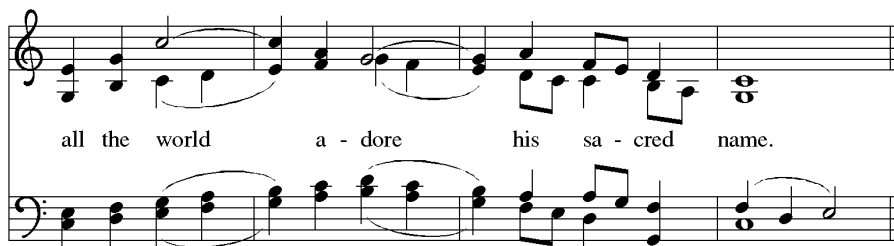
Opening Hymn

ELW 660 "Lift High the Cross"

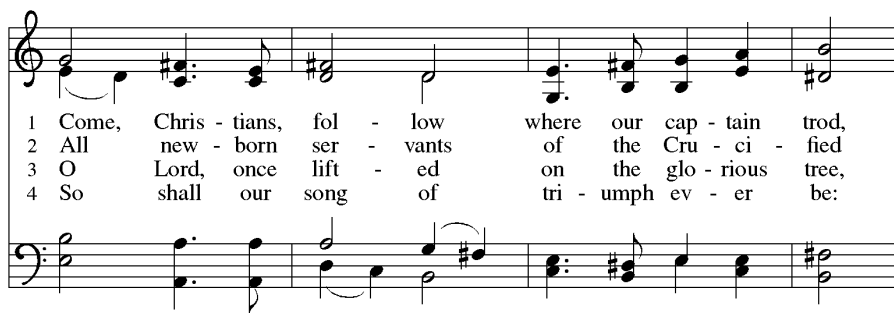
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

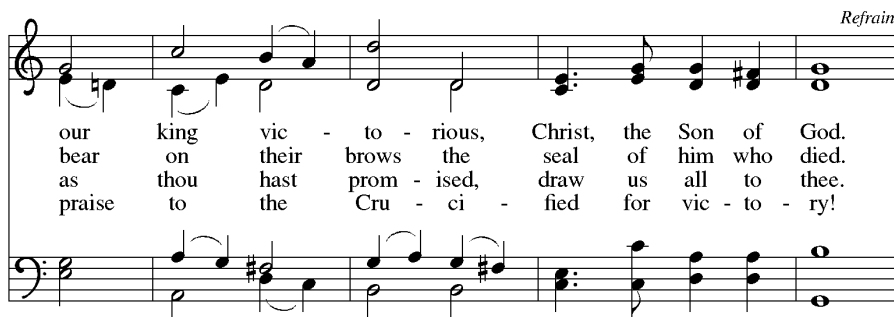


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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.

Dedication of Processional Cross

Hymn of Praise

“Send us Your Spirit”

Congregation sings refrain & choir sings verses

The image displays two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Send us Your Spirit". Both staves are written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half-note on the second staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the syllables.

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, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:Amen.

First Reading

Numbers 21:4b-9

[From Mount Horeb the Israelites set out,] but the people became impatient on the way. Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

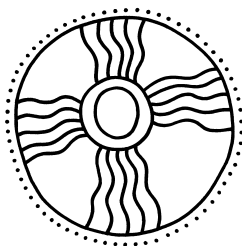
Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



The Congregation stands and sings the acclamation

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' with a fermata over the final 'ia,'. The second staff continues with 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a repeat sign. The third staff is a single line of music labeled 'Repeat alleluia'.

P: The Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

John 3:13-17

[Jesus said:] No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

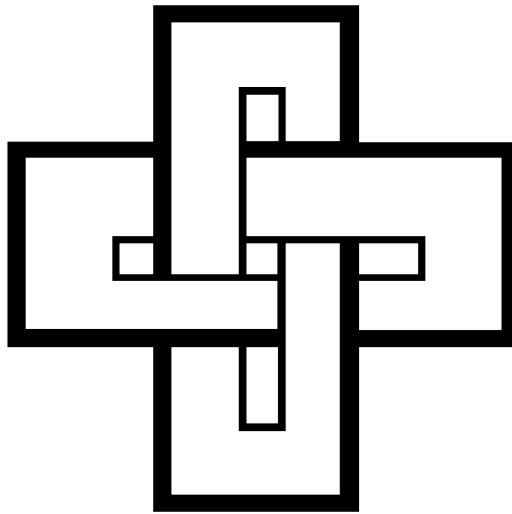
#454 "Remember & Rejoice"



- 1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
- 2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,
- 3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,
- 4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
- 5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.



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 our world. Bring an end to all war, violence, injustice and suffering, that all people may know the peace and joy of Christ's rule your coming kingdom will bring.

Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for your Church throughout the world. You gather people from every nation and place into communities of faith. 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 Concordia's ministries. 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 and bless the members, staff and leaders who work in our ministries to share your love with all we serve.

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. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who seek your presence, especially those we now name before you or silently in our hearts. We remember especially those we name before you... *Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve Swanson, Jean, Guy, Perry, Rose, Cindy, Corie, Sandy, Gary, Michael, Will, Gerry, Bob & Sue, Jennifer, Dave, Barbara, Susie, David, Betty, all those diagnosed with COVID-19,* 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 with your redeeming presence in their lives.

Let us pray to the Lord,

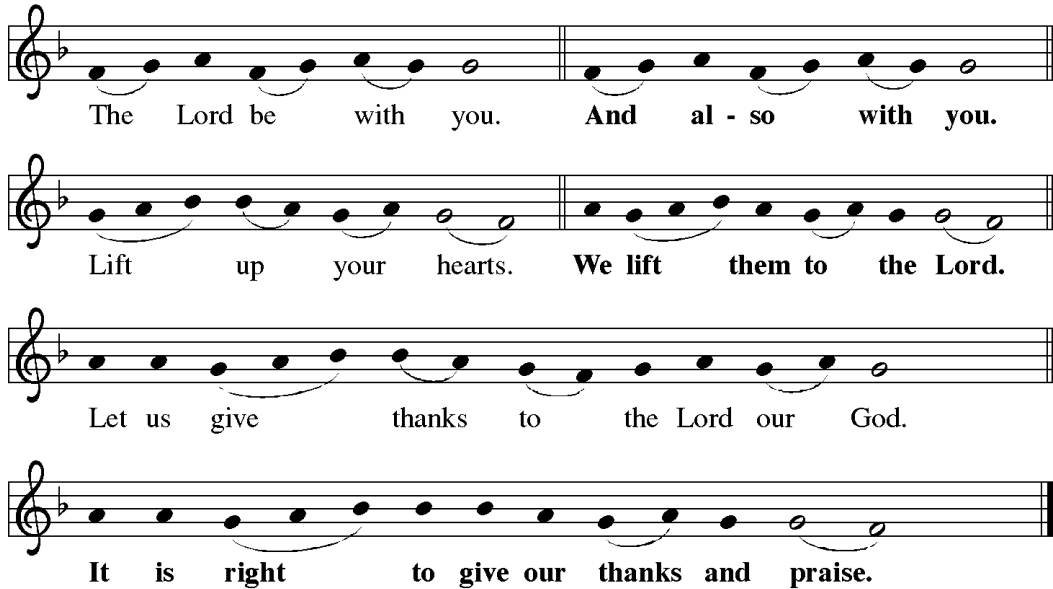
C: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

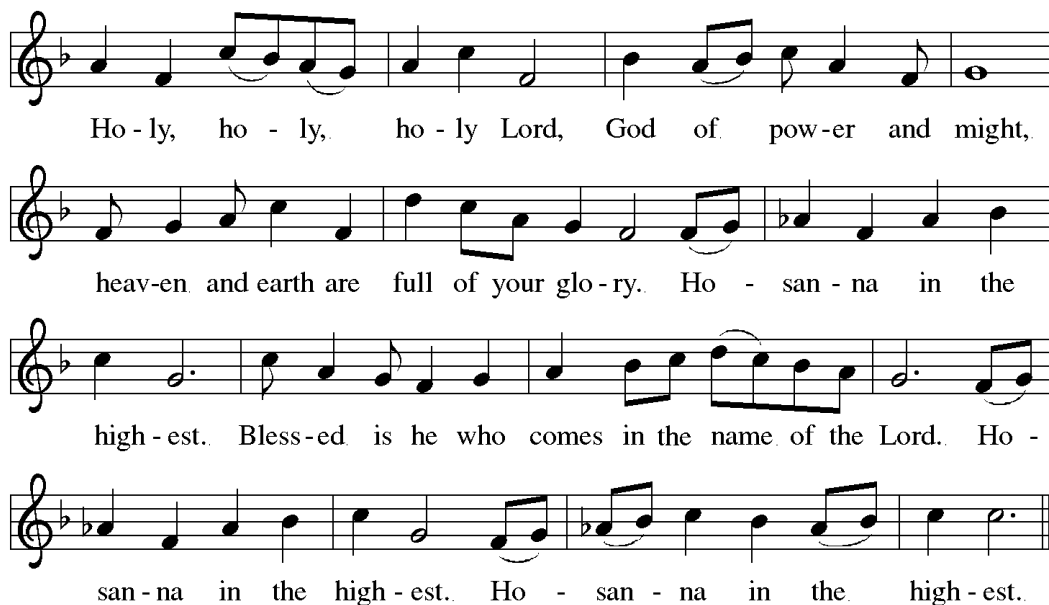
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are quarter notes, and the lyrics are written below the staves. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The third staff has a double bar line at the end. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end.

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:



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

"Sing a New Song"

Post Communion Blessing

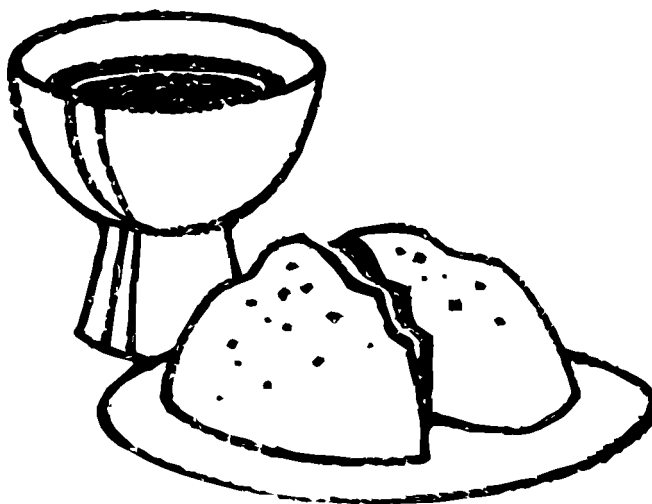
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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.

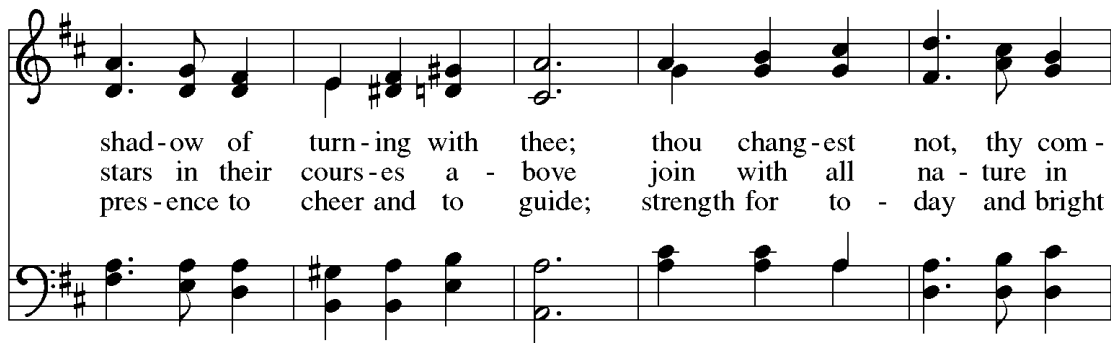


Closing Hymn

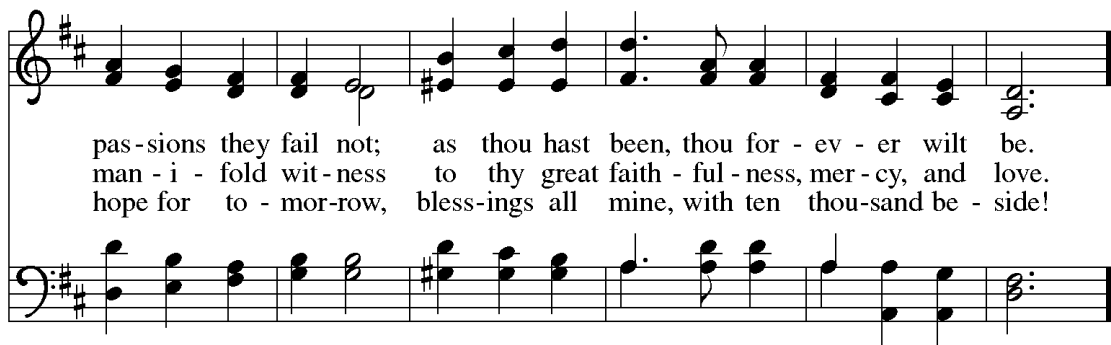
ELW #733 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Closing Hymn con't ELW #733 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

The image shows a three-system musical score for the hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness". Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace on the left. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The first system is labeled "Refrain" in italics. The lyrics for the first system are "Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by". The second system continues with "morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy". The third system concludes with "hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me." The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with some measures containing rests.

Blessing

Dismissal

A: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Voluntary XI” G.F. Handel

A **Picnic lunch** follows worship today! Join your Concordia family for a meal and fellowship.

Confirmation classes resume this Fall after our long hiatus with the first class meeting on Sunday, September 19th at 9 AM in the church gym. Tables will be set up so that students may be seated 6 feet apart and everyone is encouraged to wear masks while in class. Class instructors will be Gary Radtke, Kim Baratta and Christina Formeller. We are looking forward to being able to resume our preparations for full membership in the church by our young adult members. Please reach out to Pastor Nicholas Zook if you have any questions or would like to learn more about our program.

Our 5 week **Fall Adult Study** will be led by Christina Formeller starting Sunday, September 19th at 9 AM via Zoom. The study book will be “Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times” by Jonathan Sacks, published last year and available at book stores or on Amazon. Rabbi Sacks addresses the shifting cultural times in which we live and lifts up the changing role faith plays in our self identity and value choices. Challenges and opportunities are explored and the tension between self interest and common good is placed in the light of a more fulsome picture. Interested in participating in the class? Please let Pastor Zook know (nzook@concordiafaith.org) and purchase the book for the class. We will send you a weekly Zoom link and discussion questions for each chapter.

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Opening Hymn

ELW 660 *"Lift High the Cross"*

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Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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Hymn of Praise

"Send us Your Spirit"

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Gospel Acclamation

Setting Two

Hymn of the Day

ELW #454 *"Remember & Rejoice"*

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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Communion Hymn

"Sing a New Song!"

Closing Hymn

ELW #733 *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960
Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957
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