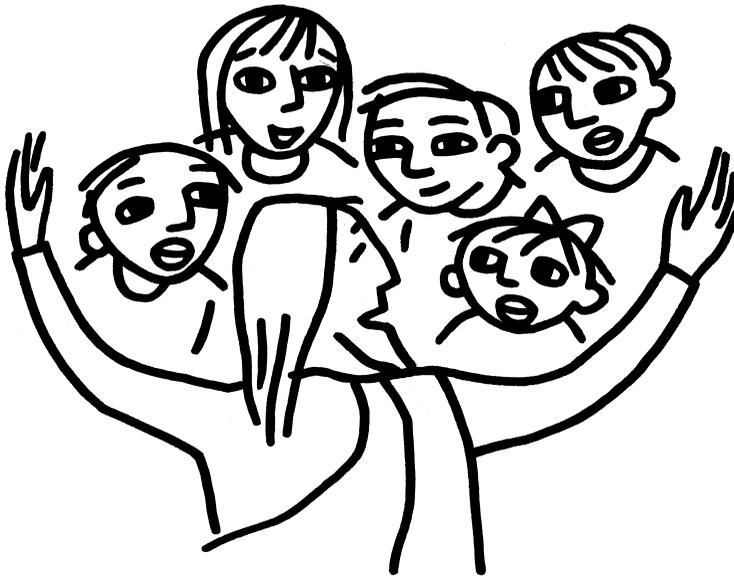


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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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.

Prelude

"Chant Béarnais" by César Franck

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

Opening Hymn

ELW 595 "Jesus Loves Me"

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C:Amen.



First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

Sung by Choir

Second Reading

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

P: The Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

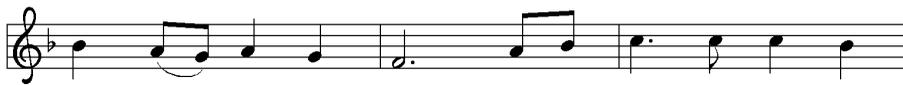
#641 "All are Welcome"



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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. 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.

Offertory Anthem

'This Touch of Love'

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

Dedication of Eucharistic Paten and Chalice

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

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 #815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Closing Hymn con't ELW #815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Blessing

Dismissal

A: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Es ist Gewisslich an der Zeit” attrib. J.S. Bach

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.

Confirmation classes have resumed. The first class was today! COVID safety protocols are in place in the gym for these classes. Class instructors will be Gary Radtke, Kim Baratta and Christina Formeller. We are happy to be able to resume our preparations for full membership in the church by our young adult members. Parents: please refer to the class schedule sent to you via email. 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** led by Christina Formeller started today! This class is using a hybrid format: you can attend in-person on Sunday mornings or 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? It's not too late! 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.

Save the date: October 31st at 2pm for the first of our **Concordia Concerts!** This will be a fun, family-friendly event complete with some famous movie music, Halloween costumes, and a magician! Questions or want to volunteer to help with this awesome event? Reach out to Marisa (mbuccheiht@concordiafaith.org) or Luke (ldurocdanner@concordiafaith.org).

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Hymn of Praise

"Send us Your Spirit"

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Gospel Acclamation

Setting Two

Hymn of the Day

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Anthem

"This Touch of Love"

Closing Hymn

ELW #815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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