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Thanksgiving Service

November 21, 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.

Prelude

*“Nun Danket alle Gott”* by Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

Message from Concordia Council President

Dan Formeller

Opening Hymn

A Medley of Thanksgiving Songs

Hymn

ELW #693 “Come Ye Thankful People”

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.

Hymn

ELW #879 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Refrain*

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

Hymn

ELW #689 “Praise and Thanksgiving”

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

## 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 our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C:Amen.

## First Reading

## Psalm 104

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

<sup>2</sup>wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

<sup>3</sup>you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

you make the clouds your chariot,

you ride on the wings of the wind,

<sup>4</sup>you make the winds your messengers,  
fire and flame your ministers.  
<sup>5</sup>You set the earth on its foundations,  
so that it shall never be shaken.  
<sup>6</sup>You cover it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains....

<sup>10</sup>You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills,  
<sup>11</sup>giving drink to every wild animal;  
the wild asses quench their thirst.  
<sup>12</sup>By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;  
they sing among the branches.  
<sup>13</sup>From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.  
<sup>14</sup>You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to use,  
to bring forth food from the earth,  
<sup>15</sup>and wine to gladden the human heart,  
oil to make the face shine,  
and bread to strengthen the human heart.....

<sup>27</sup>These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;  
<sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.  
<sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.  
<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works —  
<sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

<sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.....  
Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Praise the LORD!  
L: Word of God. Word of life.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 126

### Second Reading

### Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Concordia Place Presentation

Brenda Swartz

Maria Ospina (15 years)

Fikirte Asefa (5 years)

Heidi Sosa (15 years)

Max Friedland (5 years)

Jill Certosimo (10 years)

Rene Pineda (5 years)

Steve Crow (10 years)

Diane Ruiz (5 years)

Darlene Favela (10 years)

Maria Ornelas (5 years)

Blanca Martinez (10 years)

Eric Williams (5 years)

Rachel Ozog (10 years)

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*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 6:25-33**

<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)**

## Hymn of the Day

## ELW #881 "Let All Things Now Living"



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

## **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: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We offer our thanks for the blessing of the gifts we receive from your bountiful goodness. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**A: You brought forth creation and filled our world with plants and animals, seas and skies. We give you thanks for fruit-bearing trees, abundant harvests, rain, soil, birds, lilies, and everything in all creation. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You desire that all shall have a peaceable life. We give you thanks for civil servants and volunteers, political and social leaders, and all people in authority, and we pray that they work for justice, peace and the benefit of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: We give you thanks for those who work in medical professions, that through their skills you provide healing, consolation, and well-being. We pray for a speedy end to the COVID pandemic we face and for the recovery of all who suffer. Today we pray especially for *Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve Swanson, Perry, Gerry, Bob & Sue, Lola, Morgan, Joe, James, all those diagnosed with COVID-19*, and those we name before you (pause for names). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for the ministry of service to our neighbors through Concordia Place and for the teachers, directors, administrators, Board members, and support team to care for our families and children. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You promise us life in your kingdom through the resurrection of Christ. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us and continue to inspire us in our lives of faith. We especially remember Linus, Rob, Karen, John, and Sandy. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

**C: Amen.**

## Offertory

### 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.**

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

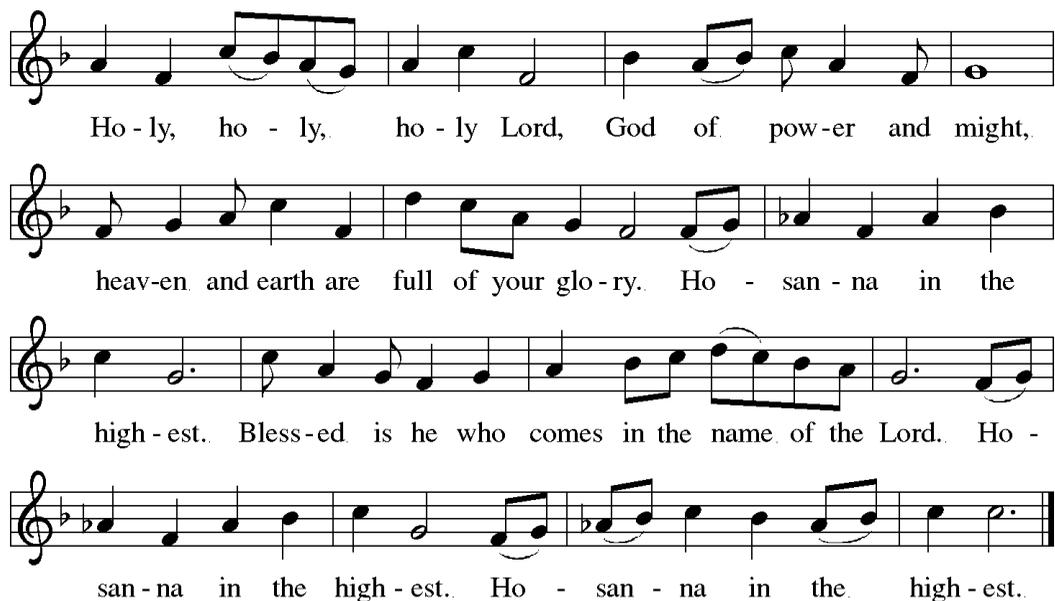
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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**

*“Thankful” arr. Mark Hayes*

## 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.

Community Service Temple Talk

Arlene Calderone



Closing Hymn

ELW #840 "Now Thank We All Our God"

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voice - es,  
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joice - es;  
 with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spir-it blest, who reign in high-est heav-en,

who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
 the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

## Announcements

### Blessing

### Dismissal

A: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

*"King of Kings,"* arr. Ralph Simpson

*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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Support Concordia's partnership with Common Pantry to support a 'Take What You Need' food pantry in the lobby of Swedish Covenant hospital for patients on their day of discharge. This food pantry aims to help patients leaving the hospital have needed items when they return home.

Text the word "CONCORDIA" to 73256 to give using your mobile device and use the drop down list to choose our 'social impact' fund or give via check with a designation of 'Common Pantry' in the memo line. Please connect with Jen Phillips if you have any questions.

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## Save the Date!

**December 1st:** Advent mid-week music releases begin

**December 12th:** Baptism of Dakota Six

**December 24th:** Christmas Eve Concert at 4:30pm

Christmas Eve Worship at 5:00pm

**December 25th:** Christmas Day Worship at 10:00am



# Hope for the holidays



We invite you to save the date for the following events this holiday season



## Mid-week Music Reflections

Enjoy readings & musical selections beginning on December 1st and released each Wednesday leading up to Christmas



## Christmas Eve Concert & Service

*Friday, December 24th*

Christmas concert with guest musicians at 4:30pm, followed by the annual Christmas Eve worship service at 5:00pm



## Christmas Day Worship

*Saturday, December 25th*

Celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning! Service begins at 10am.



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### Opening Hymn

ELW #693 "Come Ye Thankful People"  
ELW #879 "For the Beauty of the Earth"  
ELW #689 "*Praise and Thanksgiving*"

### Hymn of Praise

*"Send us Your Spirit"*

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### Gospel Acclamation

Setting Two

### Hymn of the Day

ELW #881 "*Let All Things Now Living*"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

### Anthem

*"Thankful" arr. Mark Hayes*

### Closing Hymn

ELW #840 "*Now Thank We All Our God*"

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878  
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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