



Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023



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**Sunday mornings:**

**10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)**

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 **Concordia Church Chicago**

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## **Psalm 51**

**Performed by musicians**

### **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.

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading**

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

<sup>1</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—  
<sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness spread upon the mountains  
a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
nor will be again after them  
in ages to come.

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<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD,  
    return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,  
    for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
    and relents from punishing.

<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
    and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
    for the LORD, your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
    sanctify a fast;

call a solemn assembly;  
<sup>16</sup>gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation;  
    assemble the aged;

gather the children,  
    even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
    and the bride her canopy.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar  
    let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.

Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,  
    and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
    a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples,  
    'Where is their God?' "

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

## Gospel

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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<sup>16</sup>“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face,” <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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 #712 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

## Invitation to Lent

### Confession of Sin

A: Most holy and merciful God,

**C: We confess to you and to one another,  
And before the whole company of heaven,  
That we have sinned by our fault,  
By our own fault,  
By our own most grievous fault,  
In thought, word, and deed,  
By what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

A: We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

### **Imposition of Ashes**

P: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*You are invited to come to the altar for the imposition of ashes—a remembrance of your baptism into Christ and a sign of your journey of faith in Lent.*

Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:

P: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

### **Psalm 90**

Chanted by choir

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

**C: bring us with all you saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

P: Almighty God, have mercy on us,  
forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

P: Let us pray,  
**C: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. May these ashes serve as a reminder that from our creation out of dust to our return to dust in death, we are yours. Renew us through the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

**A:** Let us pray,  
Mighty and loving God, you make us your children through your word of promise in the water of baptism. For Jesus, the Word of life, we thank you.  
**C: Hear us, O God.**

**A:** You wash us from sin and make us clean and new. For the peace of forgiveness, we praise you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

**A:** You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

**A:** You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For strength to follow Jesus, we pray to you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

### 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.*

### The Offering

Offertory Anthem

*“A Prayer for Peace”*



## Offertory Hymn

## W&P #35 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"

F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C B♭ Gm

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve

C<sup>7</sup>sus C<sup>7</sup> F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C

you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that

Gm F/A C F Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>

I might be re - newed. So fill me and

Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> Gm/D C<sup>7</sup>sus C<sup>7</sup>

heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -

F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C Gm F/A C F

ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

## Offertory Prayer

A: God our provider,

C: you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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.

### Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

### Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na. 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.

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C:



A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical notation consists of three measures of music in common time with a key signature of one flat. The first measure contains a quarter note followed by a eighth note and a quarter note. The second measure contains a quarter note followed by a eighth note and a quarter note. The third measure contains a quarter note followed by a eighth note and a quarter note. The lyrics "A - men, a - men, a - men." are written below the notes.



## 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

*"Lamb of God"*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## 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:**Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## **Today's Worship Leaders**

*Pastor:* Rev. Nicholas Zook

*Organist:* Paul Dykstra

*Deacon:* Christina Formeller

*Song leaders:* Jade Ferrell &

*Lector:*

Benjamin Burney

*Usher:* Kim Baratta



## Social Ministry Forum

As we prepare for the kick-off of our 2023 stewardship campaign, we will begin hosting small group forums after worship on certain Sundays. The purpose of these forums will be to both provide educational information about various ministries and other aspects of our church, while also providing an opportunity for discussion for those who are either currently involved in these ministries or who would like to become involved.

The first of these small group forums will be held on Sunday, March 5th after worship in the sanctuary and will be on the topic of Social Ministry—specifically the Common Pantry partnership that the Community Service team has been nurturing over the past year+. Anyone is welcome!

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## Historical Quotes

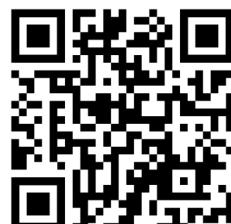
You have likely noticed historical quotes scattered throughout the bulletins these past few weeks, and also included in the biweekly newsletter. In celebration of the 125th anniversary of Concordia Church, the celebration team decided to share quotes from printed materials in Concordia's history. Enjoy these memories sprinkled throughout the year!

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# Friday, March 3

7pm @ 3855 N. Seeley Gym

\$15/Person OR \$100/Team of 8

Individual Players will be matched up to form teams

Pre-registration required by Feb. 26th

[concordiafaith.org/trivia](http://concordiafaith.org/trivia)

BYOB—Light snacks provided or bring your own

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**Build the art of connection!  
Enjoy friendship, food, and fun!**

Wednesdays, March 1 - April 5

12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

Concordia Place

3300 N. Whipple, Pavilion Entrance, Chicago

Each 90-minute session begins with lunch.

If you would like to participate in this program,  
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### **Opening Hymn**

**ELW #631 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Setting 3**

### **Hymn of the Day**

**ELW #712 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"**

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984  
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985  
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### **Offertory Hymn**

**W&P #35 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

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### **Sanctus**

**Setting 3**

### **Communion Hymn**

**"Lamb of God" (Setting 3)**

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