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## Prelude

*"It Is Well"* by P Bliss, arr: C. Szczepanek

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we were baptized into his death.

We were buried therefore with him  
by baptism into death,

so that as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,

we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,

we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**C: Merciful God, we praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us in the gifts and promises of baptism, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. Amen.**

P: May Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, forgive us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Greeting

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Opening Hymn

ELW #856 "How Great Thou Art"

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

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# Opening Hymn con't

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou  
art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to  
thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

P: O God of grace and glory,

we remember before you today our *brother Edwin*

We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love  
as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.

In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.

Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up  
in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,

so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call,

we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

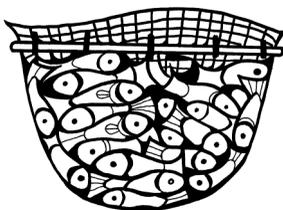
Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm

ELW #778 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,

in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

*“Alleluia”*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



P: The Gospel according to John.

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

## **Gospel**

**John 14:1-6**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)**

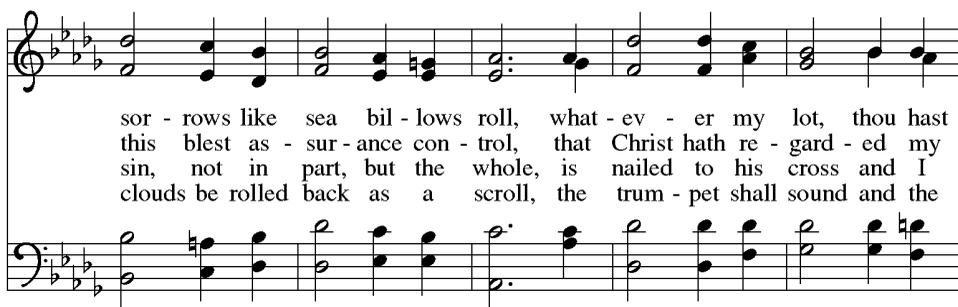
## **Remembrances of Ed Lauermann**

## **Sermon**

Rev. Nicholas Zook



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

## 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.

## Prayers of Intercession

**A:** Remembering the Church, the world, and all those in need, let us offer our prayers to God. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**A:** Blessed be God, who gave us the light of the world and who desires that all people should come to know Christ's love and grace. Fill our hearts with your radiance and truth that we might walk as children of light. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**A:** God of light and truth, whose love knows no bounds in your Son, Jesus. Bring us to a deeper understanding of the Gospel, help us to accept the challenge of Christian living, and lead us to the joy of faith in the family of your church. Lord, in your mercy,

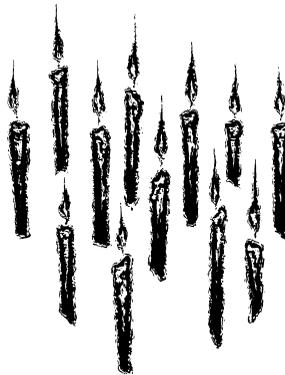
**C:** Hear our prayer.

A: Lord God, through the ministry of your Son we have received grace upon grace. Bring light to those who dwell in darkness, joy to those in sorrow, hope to those in fear and despair. We pray especially for: Bonnie, Glen, Lupe, Galen, Mike, Sandie, Julie, Sandy, and for those we name before you or silently in our hearts *[pause for names]* ...Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: God of all grace, we give you thanks for the life of Edwin Lauermann and for the promise of eternal life because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**



## 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

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



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## Offertory Anthem

*“You’ll Never Walk Alone”*

Offertory Hymn

ELW #182 "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.



## Offertory Prayer

A: God of wisdom,

**C: As the magi offered gifts to the Christ child, receive the treasures of ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body that we may be a light to all nations; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, 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.**



P: We give you thanks, Father,  
through Jesus Christ,  
your beloved Son,  
whom you sent  
in this end of the ages  
to save and redeem us  
and to proclaim to us your will.  
He is your Word,  
inseparable from you.  
Through him  
you created all things,  
and in him you take delight.  
He is your Word,  
sent from heaven  
to a virgin's womb.  
He there took on our nature  
and our lot and  
was shown forth as your Son,  
born of the Holy Spirit  
and of the virgin Mary.  
It is he, our Lord Jesus,  
who fulfilled all your will  
and won for you a holy people;  
he stretched out his hands  
in suffering  
in order to free from suffering  
those who trust you.  
It is he who,  
handed over to a death  
he freely accepted,  
in order to destroy death,  
to break the bonds  
of the evil one,  
to crush hell underfoot,  
to give light to the righteous,  
to establish his covenant  
and to show forth  
the resurrection,

taking bread and  
giving thanks to you, said:  
Take and eat;  
this is my body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
In the same way he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and  
gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This is my blood  
poured out for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, then,  
his death and resurrection,  
we lift this bread and cup  
before you,  
giving you thanks that  
you have made us worthy  
to stand before you  
and to serve you  
as your priestly people.  
And we ask you:  
Send your spirit  
upon these gifts of your church;  
gather into one  
all who share  
this bread and wine;  
fill us with your holy spirit  
to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise  
and glorify you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Through him  
all glory and honor are yours,  
Almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church  
both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

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

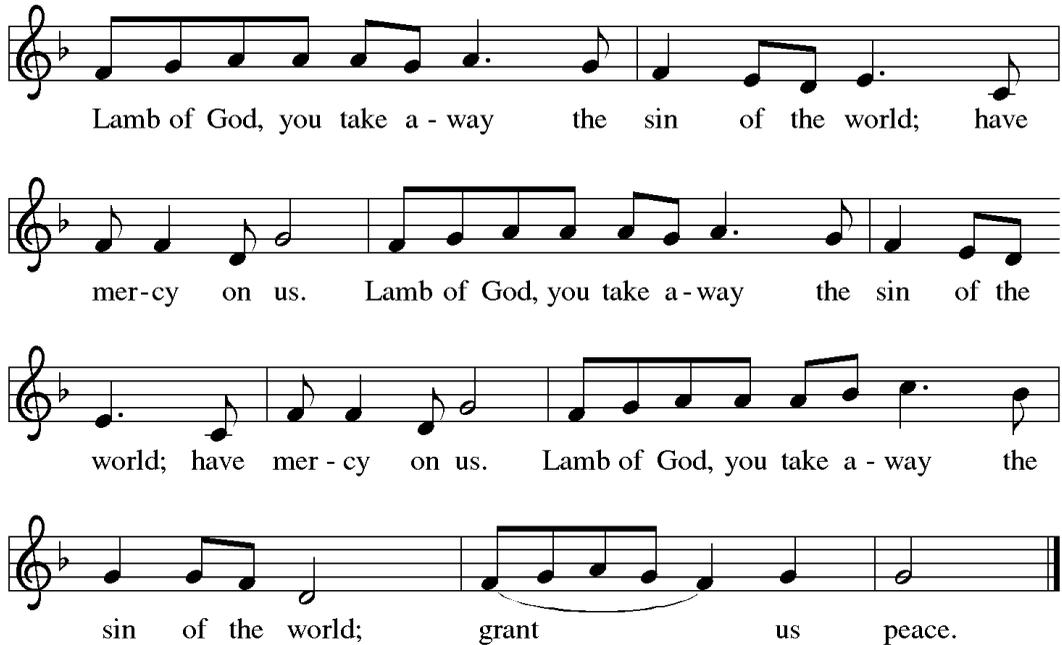
*We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.*

*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.

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

C: Amen.

## Post Communion Prayer

P: God of glory, in this sacrament you unite us in the body of your Son. May we who have been guests at this table grow in love for one another, that through us your light may shine in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

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## Closing Hymn con't...

*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.

## Announcements

### Benediction

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Dismissal

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*“Vorspiel in C dur” by JS Bach*

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**Edwin Lauermann**  
**June 26, 1942–December 6, 2023**



Ed or “Eddie” as he was affectionately known, has been a member of our church for over 35 years. He has shared his gifts for many years, singing in the choir and has served on the Church Council. For all of his public leadership roles in ministry at Concordia, Ed preferred a quiet, reserved presence. Always encouraging, he was quick to compliment others in their accomplishments. He particularly supported the outreach ministries with his gifts.

Because Ed was a modest person, a few things you may not know about him. Ed was a star athlete in College football at Kalamazoo College. He had a love of sailing, a joy he shared with his close friend, Rich Gaul. Ed and his wife, Rita, were married here at Concordia Church in 1992. They enjoyed 16 years of marriage until her death in 2008. Ed worked at American Mattress well into retirement, preferring to keep active. Ed is survived by his sister, Pearl, and his children, Mark, Brian and Michelle. Today, we give thanks for his life and for his impact here at Concordia.

### **Fellowship following worship**

This morning following worship, join us in the gym for a time of fellowship together in honor and remembrance of Ed Lauermann. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served.

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### **Year-End Giving Statements**

Giving statements for 2023 were issued last week. You should have received an email with your statement. If you would like to receive a printed copy and have not already, please reach out to Desirae ([dcontreras@concordiafaith.org](mailto:dcontreras@concordiafaith.org)).

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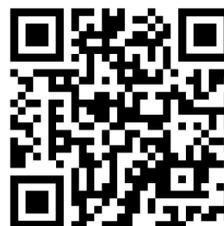
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- **February 11th:** Second Sundays concert at 12pm (FREE for all!)
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- **February 28th:** Council meeting following worship

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### Hymn of Praise

**Setting 3**

### Gospel Acclamation

**"Alleluia" Setting 3**

### Hymn of the Day

**ELW #785 "When Peace Like a River"**

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888  
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

### Offertory Hymn

**ELW #182 "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"**

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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### Communion Hymn

**"Lamb of God" Setting 3**

### Closing Hymn

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

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934  
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson  
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