



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 22, 2024



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Sunday mornings:

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

Join the 10:00am livestream on Sunday mornings or view recordings of our past services on our YouTube channel.



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

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall; exit the sanctuary through the back and follow the stairwell downstairs.

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Questions? Contact Desirae, Parish Admin, at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org



Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

ELW #689 "Praise and Thanksgiving"



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.**

Children's Message—Adam & Eve Bible Story

Children's crafts & activities available in Family Space

Hymn of Praise

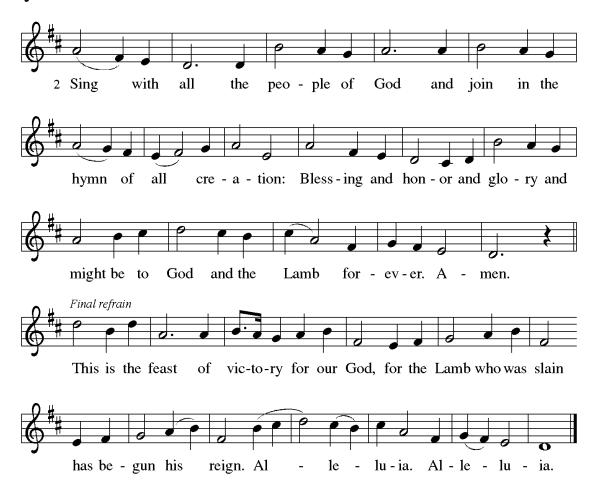
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"This is the Feast"



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.

Jeremiah 11:18-20

First Reading

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

Read responsively; congregation reads bolded text Choir sings antiphon indicated by 'R'

¹Save me, O God, ¹ by your name;

in your might, de-¹ fend my cause.

²Hear my [|] prayer, O God;

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give ear to the words <sup>|</sup> of my mouth.
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³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have ¹ sought my life, those who have no re-¹ gard for God.

⁴Behold, God[|] is my helper; it is the Lord who sus-[|] tains my life. R

⁵Render evil to those who ¹ spy on me;

in your faithful-¹ ness, destroy them.

⁶I will offer you a ¹ freewill sacrifice

and praise your name, O LORD, for $^{|}$ it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from ¹ every trouble, and my eye looks down ¹ on my ensemble. **R**

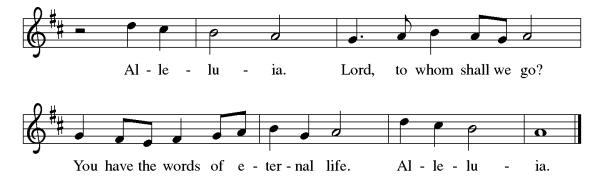
Second Reading

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.



Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The 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

Rev. Nicholas Zook





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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: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

- A: Let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you call forth your church by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Renew your church by your spirit that it may bear witness to your grace and love. **C: Hear our prayer.** A: Holy God, you are the source of all true words and wisdom. Grant us your spirit of wisdom and truth that our actions be guided by your will. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. We especially pray for the people of Israel, Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, and Venezuela. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, 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 with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,

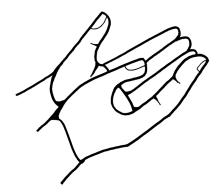
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially Lupe, Raymond, Bonnie, Bob, Melanie, Roz, Lena, Tom, Rachel, and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [*pause for names*] ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.

C: Amen.



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.

Offertory Anthem

"Sunshine in My Soul"

Benjamin Burney & Avery Sujkowski

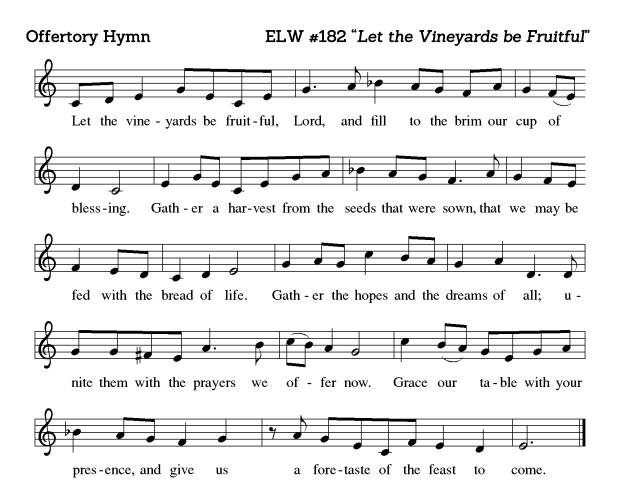
We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

The Offering



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Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

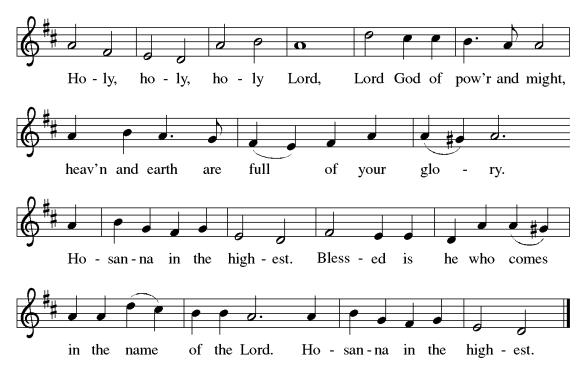
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times...... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Sanctus

- P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
- P: We give you thanks for your saving grace revealed in your Son, Jesus, who on the cross opened his arms to all. By his love we are called to follow where he has shown the way.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



- P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: Our Father in heaven,

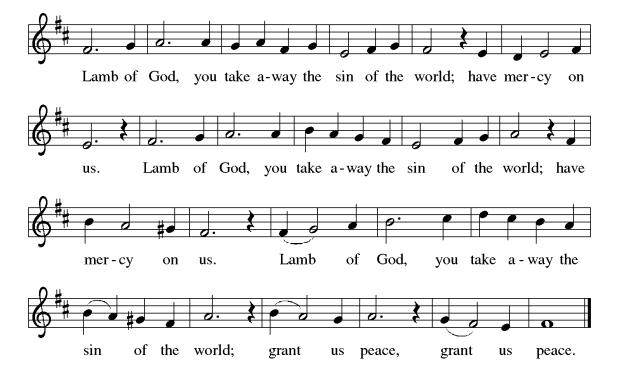
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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.

"Lamb of God"





Communion Hymn





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: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**



Closing Hymn

ELW #823 "Praise the Lord, O Heavens"



Announcements

Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook Deacon: Kim Baratta Lectors: Mark Croll & Guenter Seidel Greeter: Jocelyn Lemish Song Leaders: Isabel Schmitz, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

Announcements

Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals have resumed! Rehearsals are each Sunday morning at 9am in the sanctuary prior to the worship service. Anyone is welcome to join the choir. Interested in learning more? Connect with Paul (sdnorthsider@gmail.com) or Marisa (mbuchheit@concordiafaith.org).

Sunday School

This week, children are invited to the altar for the Bible story of Adam and Eve. Following the message, children will have a craft activity they can do in the Family Space. The next Sunday School lesson will be held next week on September 29th. It will be focused on the topic of Angels, in recognition of St. Michael and All Angels. Sunday School will also be held on October 6th as we honor St. Francis of Assisi with a lesson on animals, pets, and nature.

On Sunday School weeks, following the children's message at the beginning of the service, children will accompany their teachers downstairs to the preschool room for their lesson. The lesson will include the story, a craft activity, and discussion. Sunday School is free and open to children ages 4-11 years. There are two different classes (upper and lower) based on children's ages. If you have questions about Sunday School, please connect with either Pastor Zook (nzook@concordiafaith.org) or Desirae (dcontreras@concordiafaith.org).

Adult Study

Adult Study is being held each Sunday at 9am in the church office. The group is being held both in-person and virtually. Pastor Zook is leading the study, and the topic of these classes are focused on the topic of Prayer. A Zoom link is available for those unable to attend in person. Please connect with Pastor Zook (nzook@concordiafaith.org) for the materials and any additional information.



Beginning Homecoming Sunday September 8th at 10am



Register here

Teacher-led, focused on a Bible story, including a lesson and activity

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Second Sundays

Free Community concert on the second Sunday of each month at noon!



Anita Graef, cello Louise Chan, piano



Performing works by Kapustin, Beach, Pärt, and Brahms

Sunday October 13th 12pm

FREE admission



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Church Holidays

Free to the community Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve concert April 20 - Easter Sunday concert

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Sept. 8 - Avery Sujkowski, baritone Oct. 13 - Anita Graef, cello & Louise Chan, piano Nov. 10 - Paul Dykstra & Dana Brown, pianos Jan. 12 - David Nakozono, trumpet Feb. 9 - Jordan Thomas, harp March 11 - Andrew Marlin, bassoon May 11 - Celebrate Concordia musicians!

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Gala series

Ficketed evening events

Dec. 13 – Lakeshore Brass & friends Christmas spectacular!

Feb. 15 – "Love Your Neighbor" St. Valentine's Day Gala Concert

Lakeshore Brass residency

A special evening series featuring our resident brass quintet. Ticketed event

Sept. 20 - The Sound of Musicals

Nov.1-Going West!

March 28 - Chicago



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Date: Saturday, October 19

Time: 4pm to 6pm, doors open at 3:30pm

Attire: Cocktail Casual

Location: Swartz Pavilion, Concordia Place (3300 N Whipple St Chicago, IL 60618)

Join us in celebrating lifelong dedication with a fireside chat and cocktail hour!

On October 19, we'll honor three remarkable milestones: Heather Gunter and Sarah Spraker's 20th employment anniversaries, and Kiki Collias's 40th anniversary.

These incredible achievements will be celebrated with community, food provided by our Teen Leadership participants, a welcome by Rev. Stephen Bouman, and a fireside chat on the impact of early childhood professionals in our society. This chat will feature our own Grace Araya, President and CEO, and Dr. Mariana Souto-Manning, President of the Erikson Institute.

Tickets for this event are available on a sliding scale just like our tuition because, at Concordia Place, we believe every child deserves a world-class education, regardless of financial circumstances. By purchasing a ticket at a price that works for you, you directly support our mission and help provide education for every child in our community.

Join us in building a place where every child has the chance

Get tickets!



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Important Dates to note:

- September 29th: St. Michael & All Angels Sunday Sunday School: Angels
- October 6th: St. Francis & Blessing of Pets Sunday School: St. Francis/Pets
- October 13th: 'Second Sundays' concert at 12pm with Anita Graef, cello and Louise Chan, piano
- October 19th 12-4pm: Monster Mash Bash for kids ages 4-11 years old
- October 19th 4-6pm: Concordia Place milestone anniversary celebration at Swartz Pavilion, 3300 N Whipple St.
- October 20th: Sunday School: Jesus is Baptized
- October 27th: Reformation Sunday
 Council Meeting
- November 1st: 'Going West!' Lakeshore Brass concert at 7pm
- November 3rd: All Saints Sunday

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Hymn of the Day

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

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Offertory Hymn

ELW #182 "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923 Text and music © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Communion Hymn

ELW #496 "One Bread, One Body"

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Closing Hymn

ELW #823 "Praise the Lord, O Heavens"

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