



Homecoming Sunday
September 8, 2024



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

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

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1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er will be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Opening Hymn con't

ELW #733 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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

Commissioning of Teachers & Opening of Sunday School

Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast" (Setting 4)

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

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Hymn of Praise con't

"This is the Feast" (Setting 4)



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Numbers 21:4b-9

[From Mount Horeb the Israelites set out,] ^{4b}but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98:1-4

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

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations. R**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing. R**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Setting 4



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



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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel

John 3:13-17

[Jesus said:] ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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 #324 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bid.

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 raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, by your cross you have redeemed the world. May this sign of salvation bring healing and renewal to our broken world. 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. 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, Marthe, and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [*pause for names*] ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. 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

“Blessed Assurance”

Maris Buchheit & Benjamin Burney

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

The Offering



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establish a recurring gift.*



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: 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

Setting 4



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

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 Jesus, who for the sake of the world that was set before
him, endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and who has now taken his seat
at God's right hand.

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:

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

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.

C: 
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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”

Setting 4



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



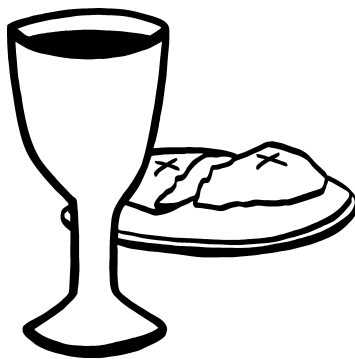
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Communion Hymn

ELW #496 "One Bread, One Body"



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

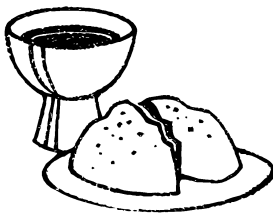


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|---|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | Gen - tile | or Jew, | ser - vant | or free, |
| 2 | Man - y | the gifts, | man - y | the works, |
| 3 | Grain for | the fields, | scat - tered | and grown, |



wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain



Post Communion Blessing

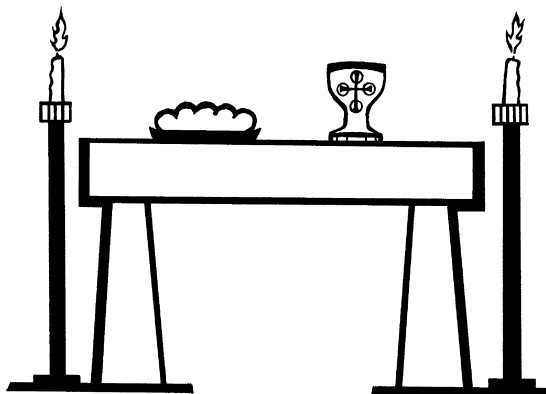
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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 #660 "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Prelude in D dur” by J.S. Bach

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook

Deacons: Kim Baratta & Christina Formeller

Lectors: Wilma Stevens & Robin DeCoudres

Greeter: Guenter Seidel

Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit, Katherine Dalin, 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

Potluck & Concert Following Worship

Join us after worship today in the fellowship hall for a potluck lunch as we continue the Homecoming Sunday celebration! There will be plenty of food and drink for all, and we invite you to enjoy some time with your fellow Concordia family members.

Following at noon, come back to the sanctuary to enjoy the first of our 'Second Sundays' concert for this season. Today's concert features two of Concordia's own—Avery Sujkowski, baritone, and Paul Dykstra, piano. The two will perform pieces by Vaughan-Williams and Mahler, while Avery will also display his talents on guitar. This concert is FREE, so we encourage you to enjoy the event!

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'The Sound of Musicals' with Lakeshore Brass

Make plans to come to Concordia Church on Friday, September 20th for a fun concert by Lakeshore Brass. Concert begins at 7pm. This performance will feature all your favorite show tunes from your favorite musicals, including Phantom of the Opera, The Lion King, and of course, the Sound of Music. It will be a fun event for sure! Tickets are \$40 per person and include two drink tickets. You can also purchase a season subscription to all three concerts (9/20, 11/1, and 3/28) and save 10%! Scan the QR code to get your tickets today!

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Join us for **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

For ages 3-11 years



**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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Concordia Concerts 2024-25 Season



Church Holidays

Free to the community

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve concert

April 20 – Easter Sunday concert

Second Sundays

Free Community concert on the 2nd Sunday of each month at noon!

- 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!



Gala series

Ticketed 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



Bringing our neighbors together to experience God’s love through inspiring music.



The Sound of Musicals

Music of the
biggest stages on
Broadway

9/20/2024
7:00pm

Going West!

Music inspired by
the American West

11/1/2024
7:00pm

CHICAGO!

Music that has
shaped Chicago's
vibrant culture!

3/28/2025
7:00pm

Join us for our inaugural concert series as Lakeshore Brass beings its residency as Concordia Ministries Ensemble-in-Residence. Enjoy themed performances, complimentary refreshments, and just plain fun! The whole family is guaranteed to enjoy!

Order your tickets or subscriptions now and receive up to a 25% discount before September 1st using the code: **EARLY**



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Join us as we celebrate 3 anniversary milestones at Concordia Place! This event will also include special music by Concordia musicians!

Save the Date!



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.

This incredible achievement will be celebrated with community, food, and a fireside chat on the impact of early childhood professionals in our society. Join us for insights from our own Grace Araya and Mariana Souto-Manning, President of the Erikson Institute.

More details will be coming soon!

Date: Saturday, October 19

Time: 4pm to 6pm

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

For questions or sponsorship information, contact Katie Bernabei:
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Important Dates to note:

- September 20th at 7:00pm: Lakeshore Brass concert “The Sound of Musicals”
- September 29th: St. Michael & All Angels Sunday
- October 6th: St. Francis & Blessing of 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 27th: Reformation Sunday
- November 1st: ‘Going West!’ Lakeshore Brass concert at 7pm

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Hymn of Praise

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ELW #324 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

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

ELW #496 "One Bread, One Body"

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Closing Hymn

ELW #660 "Lift High the Cross"

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