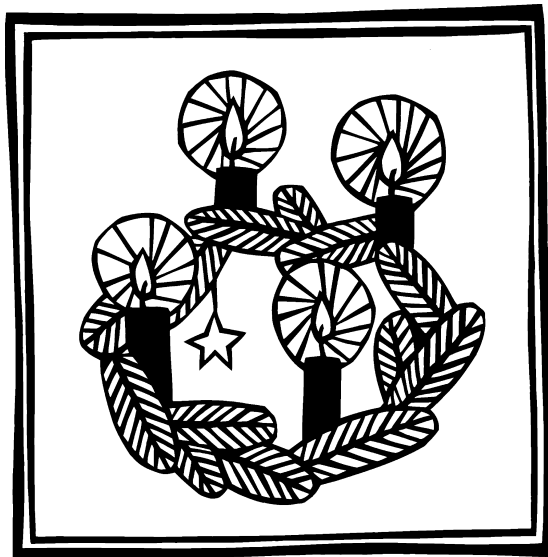




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## Prelude

## 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.**

## Advent Dialog

P: Blessed is He who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

P: I will hear what the Lord God has said—

**C: a voice that speaks to peace.**

P: Peace for all people and for his friends

**C: and those who turn to him in their hearts.**

P: His help is near for those who fear him,

**C: and his glory will live in our land.**

P: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

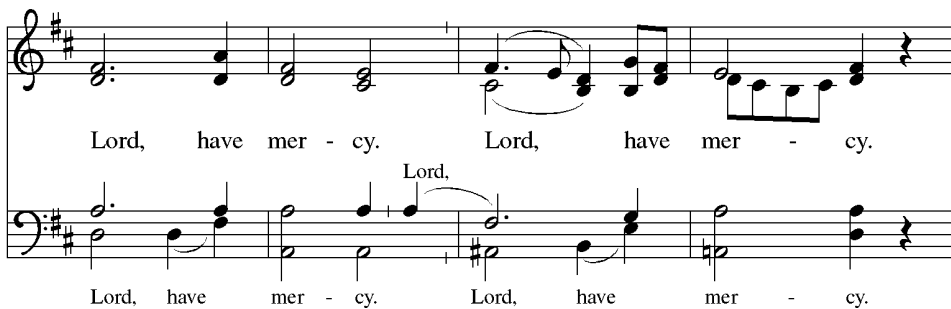
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## Children's Message



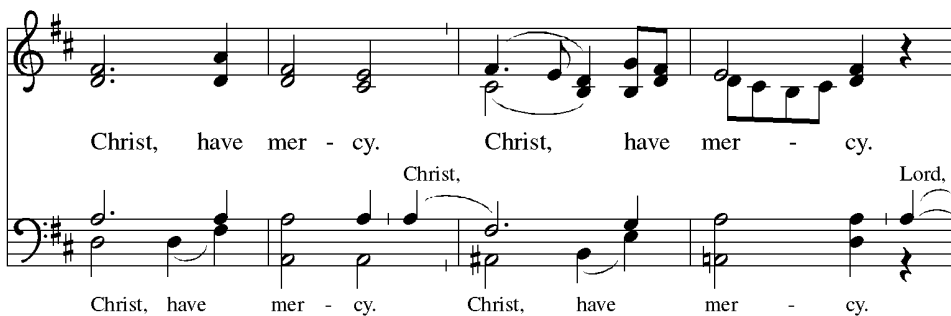
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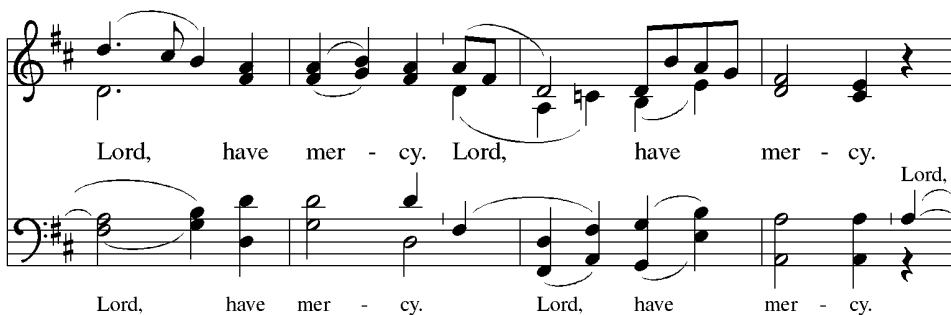
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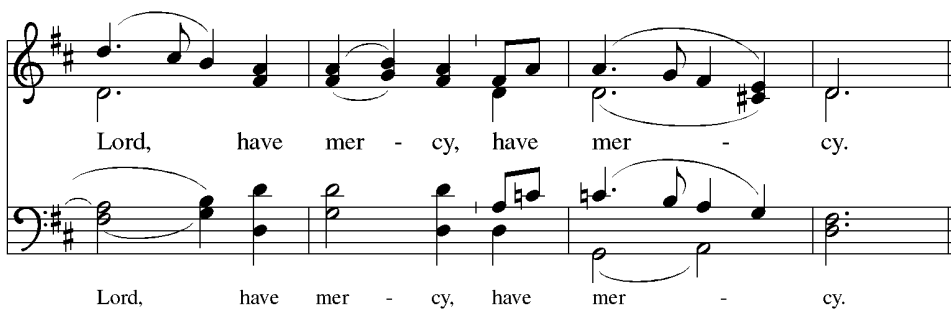
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## Prayer of the Day

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P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

## First Reading

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L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Taize

## *“Benedictus” | “Blessing and Praise”*

Canon

♩ = 58

Be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit, be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit, in  
Bless - ing and praise be giv - en, bless - ing and praise be giv - en to

no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.  
Christ who comes, who comes for us, comes in the name of the Lord.

## Second Reading

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L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands and sings the acclamation

**Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW #175 "Alleluia"**

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal lines. Each system has a soprano line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to....

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

**The Gospel**

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**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Acclamation (Repeat)**

**Sermon**

Rev. Nicholas Zook

## Apostle's Creed

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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

A: God of majesty, we pray for the advent of your kingdom, and your reign of peace throughout the world, when violence and war give way to healing and life and the veil of darkness is cast off your world. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

A: God of grace and truth, let the light of your church shine forth in the world. Illuminate your church with the grace and love of your Son and fill your people with gratitude and faith. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

A: Father in Heaven, we pray for the advent of your Son as glorious Lord of all; bringing light to those who dwell in darkness, joy to those in sorrow, hope to those in fear and despair. We pray especially for those we name before you now and silently in our hearts (*read names and pause for moment of silence*); Lord hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

A: Blessed are you, O God, Lord of all creation, we give you thanks for the ministries of our congregation, and the blessings of Concordia Church and Concordia Place. Use us to make radiant the lives of those you have called us to serve. We ask this through him whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Song, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

*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

## Taize "Raise a Song of Gladness"

Two-voice canon

$\text{♩} = 84$

Ⓐ D G A Ⓑ

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. Above the staff are circled letters A, D, G, A, and B. The lyrics are: "Ju - bi - la - te De - o, om - nis ter - ra. Raise a song of glad - ness, peo - ples of the earth." The second staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Ser - vi - te Do - mi - no in lae - ti - ti - a. Christ has come, bring - ing peace, joy to ev - 'ry heart." The third staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!" The fourth staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!"

Ju - bi - la - te De - o, om - nis ter - ra.  
Raise a song of glad - ness, peo - ples of the earth.

Ser - vi - te Do - mi - no in lae - ti - ti - a.  
Christ has come, bring - ing peace, joy to ev - 'ry heart.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!

## Offertory Prayer

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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.**

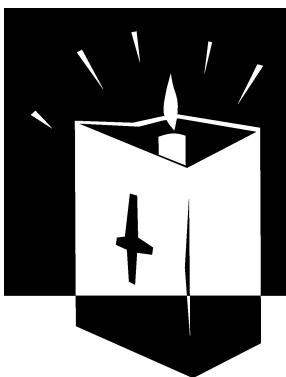
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

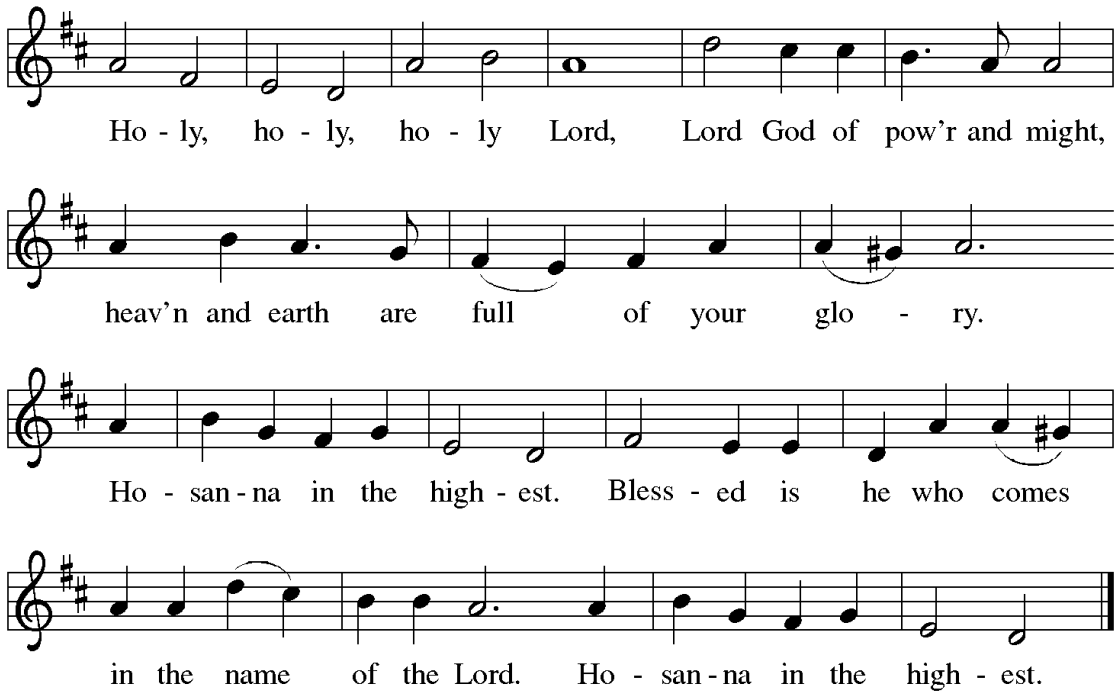
### Preface

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.



## Sanctus



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.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy is your name .  
and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,  
whom you sent in the fullness of time  
to be a light to the nations.  
You scatter the proud  
in the imagination of their hearts  
and have mercy on those who fear you  
from generation to generation.  
You put down the mighty  
from their thrones  
and exalt those of low degree.  
You fill the hungry with good things,  
and the rich you sent empty away.

- P: Your own Son came among us as a servant,  
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.  
He humbled himself in obedience to your will  
and freely accepted death on a cross
- P: On the night he offered 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.”
- P: 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; for 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.
- P: By his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you delivered us from captivity to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant
- P: Therefore, in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
- P: Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts  
that in the breaking of the bread  
and the drinking of this wine  
we may know the presence of the living Christ;  
as we look forward to that day foretold by prophets and apostles,  
when the One who came in humility  
and who comes today in Word and Sacrament  
shall come in final victory.
- P: Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty God,  
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.*

Communion Hymn

ELW #199 "Jesus, Lamb of God"

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, 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: Let us pray.

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.**

### **Closing Hymn**

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### **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

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**

~ Please return this bulletin at the end of the service ~

# Announcements

## Wishing Stars

Wishing Stars is Concordia Place’s annual tradition of helping provide holiday gifts for families. Our goal is to ensure that all children feel the love and warmth of the holiday season, while relieving the burden from parents who may not be able to purchase gifts.

If you’d like to support our tradition, we have an [Amazon Wishlist](#) of gifts you may purchase directly for our families. Scan the QR code to access the list! Thank you for your support!



For any questions, please either contact Gabriela Servin at [gservin@concordiaplace.org](mailto:gservin@concordiaplace.org).

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## Choir Rehearsals

Join the choir! 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](mailto:sdnorthsider@gmail.com)) or Marisa ([mbuchheit@concordiafaith.org](mailto:mbuchheit@concordiafaith.org)).

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## Sunday School

In December, Sunday School will be held following the children’s message in the preschool room downstairs. The lessons will focus on preparing for the Children’s Christmas drama on December 22nd.

Children will learn about the Christmas story, select the role they would like to play in the story: shepherd, angel, magi. We have costumes for each child to wear.

Rehearsals will be during Sunday School time with the last dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 22nd at 9:30am for the Christmas Drama during the 10am worship service.





# JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS!



## CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR WITH LAKESHORE BRASS & FRIENDS

December 13th at 7:00pm

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## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE POTLUCK LUNCHEON FOLLOWING WORSHIP

December 22nd at 10:00am

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24th at 5:00pm

## CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

December 25th at 10:00am

## DECEMBER 29TH SERVICE

Recorded service only at 10am; no in-person worship

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# Concordia Concerts 2024-25 Season



## Church Holidays

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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!

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**Important Dates to note:**

- **December 1st:** First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday School
- **December 8th:** Church Greening following worship  
Council Meeting
- **December 13th:** Christmas Spectacular with Lakeshore Brass at 7pm  
Tickets at [concordiafaith.org/concerts](http://concordiafaith.org/concerts)
- **December 22nd:** Children's Drama & Christmas Potluck after worship
- **December 24th:** Christmas Eve service at 5pm
- **December 25th:** Christmas Day service at 10am
- **December 29th:** NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP; service will be available online at 10am

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