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Season of Epiphany
January & February 2025



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Concordia on Seeley

3855 N. Seeley

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.

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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.

Masks and hand sanitizer are located in the back of the sanctuary should you need either.

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

Prelude

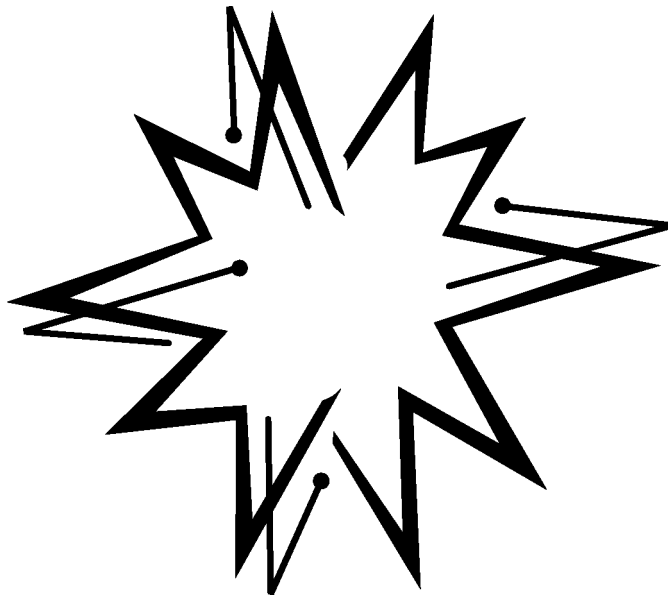
Opening Hymn

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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.

Children's Message



Canticle of Praise

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

First Reading

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L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

[printed in insert]

Choir sings antiphon

Psalm read responsively by lector and congregation

Second Reading

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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.

P: The Gospel according to ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

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Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon

Rev. Nicholas Zook

Hymn of the Day

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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: 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: Praise to you, almighty God and Father, you proclaimed Christ your Son at his baptism in the waters of the Jordan. Make your church holy that we who have been born again by the power of the Holy Spirit may live as witnesses to your grace and love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Almighty God, you call us to witness to Christ's love in our community. We give you thanks for Concordia Place and the children, teens, and families we serve; for Concordia Music Ministry and the musicians and neighbors we bring together to experience God's love through inspiring music; for Concordia Ministries and our welcoming outreach to newly arriving migrants. 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: (*named listed in insert*), 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 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.

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Lord our God, through Jesus Christ, for your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

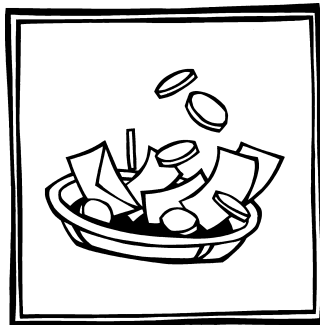
The Offering

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



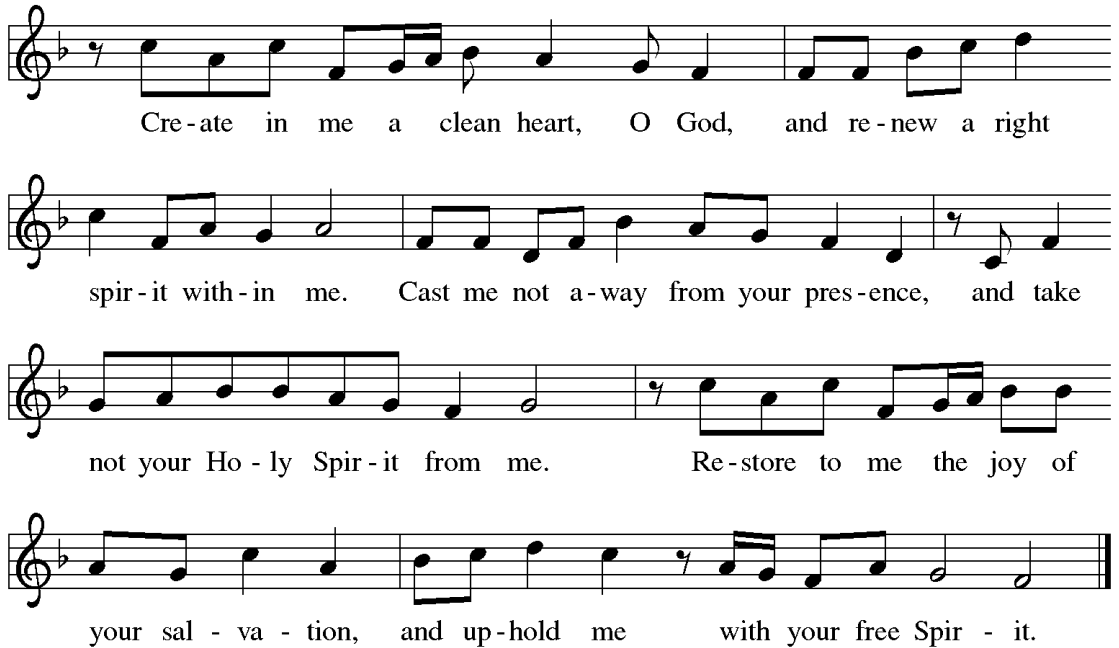
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establish a recurring gift.*

Offertory Anthem



Offertory Hymn

ELW #186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Offertory Prayer

A: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and 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.

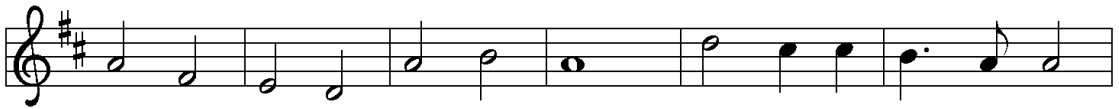
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: 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.

P: Holy are you, Heavenly Father. In the fullness of time you revealed yourself in your Son, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Through him we are saved and baptized into your service.

P: In his baptism and in his table fellowship he took his place with sinners. He preached good news to the poor, proclaimed release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, set free the oppressed, and announced that the time had come when you would save your people.

P: On the night his disciples betrayed him 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 of it, in remembrance of me.

P: Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may be joined to you in the presence of his living Christ; be one body in him, and look forward to his coming 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 for ever. **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, 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

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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.

Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sunday School

Sunday School is held on the first and third Sundays of each month. Children will go to Sunday School with their teachers following the children's message on those mornings. Each Sunday School lesson will focus on a Bible story and/or theme and will contain a craft or activity. On the other Sundays of the month, the Bible story will be presented during the children's message, and there will be crafts and activities available to children and families in Family Space in back of church.

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Thank You from Concordia Place

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Wishing Stars program at Concordia Place this past holiday season. Thanks to your generosity, Concordia Place was able to bless over 100 individual children with 300+ gifts for Christmas.

Concordia
Concerts
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3855 N Seeley Ave
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Second Sundays

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



Jordan Thomas, harp

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 9
12 pm

Free
admission



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



3855 N Seeley Ave
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'Love Your Neighbor' Gala

February 15, 2025

~ featuring ~



Très Belle & Lakeshore Brass

at Concordia Church on Seeley

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7PM /

2 Complimentary
drinks + sweets
included

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Important Dates to note:

- January 19th: Sunday School during 10am worship
- January 26th: Council Meeting at 11am
- February 2nd: Sunday School during 10am worship
- February 9th: Second Sundays concert at 12pm
Jordan Thomas, harp
- February 15th: Valentine's Day Gala at 7pm with Lakeshore Brass
& Tres Belle
- February 16th: Sunday School during 10am worship
- February 23rd: Council meeting at 11am
- March 5th: Ash Wednesday service at 7pm
- March 9th: Second Sundays concert at 12pm
Andrew Marlin, bassoon

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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia" Setting 4

Offertory Hymn

ELW #186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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Sanctus

Setting 4

Communion Hymn

"Lamb of God" Setting 4

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