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Season of Advent 2025

## Prelude

## Opening Hymn

## ELW #257 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

## 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.

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

## Children's Message



# Kyrie

# Taize #45 "Sing Out My Soul"

Canon

1. Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - fi - cat á - ni - ma  
*Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the*

2. me - a Dó - mi - num. Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat,  
*Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.*

3. Ma - gni - fi - cat á - ni - ma me - a!  
*Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!*

4.

## 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.

## Psalm

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## 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

### Taize #16 "Glory To God"

Canon

♩ = 80

The musical score is written on a single staff in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two lines of music. The first line contains measures 1 through 4, with chord markings Dm, Gm, C, and F above the staff. Measure 1 is circled with an 'A'. The second line contains measures 5 through 8, with measure 5 circled with a 'B' and measure 7 circled with a 'D'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a. glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

**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.**

## 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 #18 "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.**

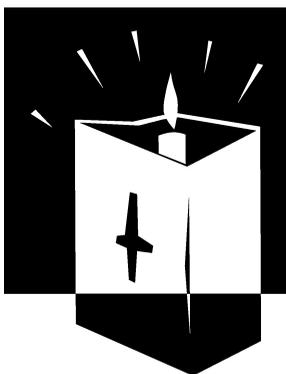
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

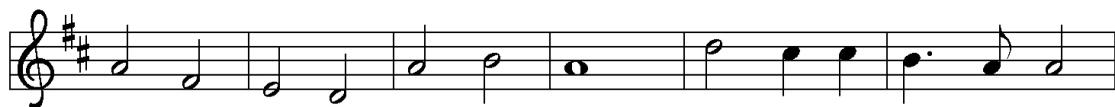
### Preface

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 send empty away.

- P: Your own Son came among us as a servant,  
to be Emmanuel, God 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: 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 our Lord 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 #490 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard on the way;  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
 as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
 veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

### **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 ~**

## **Today's celebrants:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Nicholas Zook

**Deacon:** *printed in insert*

**Lector:** *printed in insert*

**Greeter:** *printed in insert*

**Section Leaders:** Marisa Buchheit, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski

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**Organist & Choir Director:** Paul Dykstra

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## **Important Upcoming Events**

**November 30th**—First Sunday of Advent

**December 7th**—Greening of the church

**December 12th**—Lakeshore Brass Christmas Spectacular at 7pm; tickets available at [concordiafaith.org/concerts](http://concordiafaith.org/concerts) and [lakeshorebrass.com](http://lakeshorebrass.com)

**December 21st**—Children's Christmas Drama during 10am worship service

**December 24th**—Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm

**December 25th**—Christmas Day service at 10:00am

**December 28th**—RECORDED SERVICE ONLY; no in-person worship this day

## 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! We are also collecting \$20 Visa gift cards for teens in our programs. Thank you for your support!



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# Children's Christmas Play

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am**

Be part of Concordia's annual Christmas drama! The Christmas Drama tells the story of Jesus' birth.

**Children ages 3-11 years are invited to participate.**

Roles will be assigned at the first rehearsal.

Participants must be able to attend rehearsal on December 14th during 10am worship and arrive at 9am on December 21<sup>st</sup> to dress and prepare.

Questions? Reach out to Desirae Contreras, Parish Administrator, at [dcontreras@concordiafaith.org](mailto:dcontreras@concordiafaith.org).



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Thursday, December 25t at 10am

**December 28<sup>th</sup> Service**

Service of Lessons and Carols

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



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

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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](mailto:dcontreras@concordiafaith.org)

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### Opening Hymn

### ELW #257 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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### Kyrie

### Taize #45 "Sing Out My Soul"

Text: Luke 1:46, *My soul magnifies the Lord*; Taizé Community, 1978  
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### Gospel Acclamation

### Taize #16 "Glory To God"

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### Offertory Hymn

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### Communion Hymn

### ELW #490 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.  
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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