

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## Concordia Lutheran Church



40 Pitkin Street  
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### *Concordia's WHY/Purpose Statement*

**To be a welcoming and inviting community empowered by the Word of God;  
So that we may work for social justice and exhibit compassion for all**

**August 25, 2024**

# NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Marty Haugen

**Prelude:** *O Lux Beata Trinitas* Amy Summers *John Anderson, Organist*

**Welcome.**

*All stand as able.*

## **Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*Presider:* If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please Kneel as you are able. Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

*Presider:* Most merciful God,

*Congregation:* **have mercy on us.**

**All: We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

*Presider:* With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin (+) and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God!**

*All stand as able.*



*Presider:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - men.

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

# NOW THE FEAST

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God.

*to Refrain*

**Verse 2**  
*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and  
 might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
 for ev - er. *to Refrain*

**Verse 3**  
*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
 make us peo - ple of God; to make  
 all things new. *to Refrain*

*Presider:* Let us pray

### **Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*All are seated.*



## First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

*In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.*

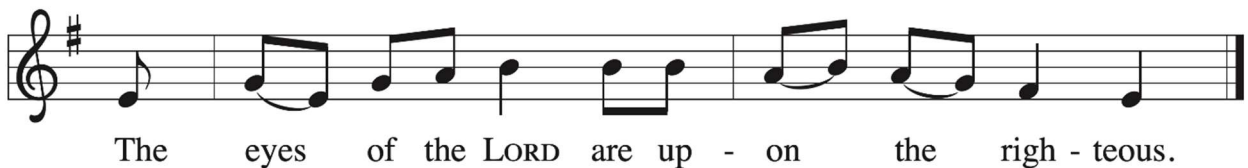
<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** Psalm 34:15-22



**Tone**



*The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)*

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the Lord are up- | on the righteous,  
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the Lord is against those | who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and | the Lord hears them  
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The Lord is near to the | brokenhearted**

**and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed. R**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles | of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers them from | every one.

<sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe | all their bones; not one of them | shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death | to the wicked and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>**O Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. R**

## **Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20**

*Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.*

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*All stand as able.*

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

### The Gospel John 6:56-69

*The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"*

The Holy Gospel according to John.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh

is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



*All are seated.*



**Sermon**

Reverend Rebecca Bourret

*All stand as able.*

**Hymn of the Day**

*Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

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### **Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts, especially those in our prayer list. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

**Amen.**

## Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



*All are seated.*

## Offertory Hymn

# As the Grains of Wheat



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Refrain*



*All stand as able.*

## Offertory Prayer

*Assistant:* Let us pray.

*Assistant:* Merciful God,

*Congregation:* **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.



# Proper Preface

*Freely*

*Presider:*



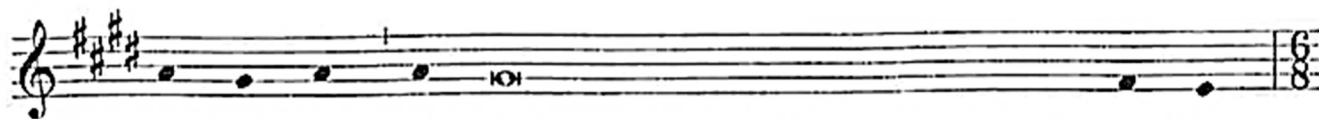
It is our duty and de - light that we should everywhere and always offer



thanks and praise to you, O God, through Je - sus Christ...



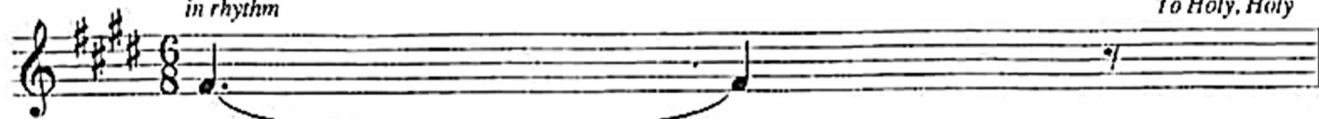
who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the



host of heaven we praise your name and join their un - end - ing

*in rhythm*

*To Holy, Holy*



hymn:



# HOLY

*Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Presider:* You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God;  
everything is filled with your glory.

We give thanks for your promise and presence which have  
sustained the faithful in this and every generation.

Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary,  
who in word and deed announced your gentle  
rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal,  
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.

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.

Remembering his command to love one another,  
his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension,  
we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

*Presider:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

*Congregation:*

men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord

Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

*Presider:* Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
 that all of your promises  
 may come to us  
 and your whole creation.

*Presider:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

*Congregation:*

men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly

Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

*Presider:* This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
 u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
 yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
 A - men.

## Lord's Prayer

With hearts set on God's kingdom and hands open to serve our neighbor, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

<b>Our Father in Heaven,</b>	<b>As we forgive those</b>
<b>Hallowed be your name,</b>	<b>Who sin against us.</b>
<b>Your kingdom come,</b>	<b>Save us from the time of trial</b>
<b>Your will be done,</b>	<b>And deliver us from evil.</b>
<b>On earth as it is in heaven.</b>	<b>For the kingdom, the power</b>
<b>Give us today our daily bread.</b>	<b>And the glory are yours,</b>
<b>Forgive us our sins</b>	<b>Now and forever,</b>
	<b>Amen.</b>

*All are seated.*



# Invitation

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!


## LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of      the  
 you break the chains of ha - tred      and  
 you are the way of jus - tice      and  
 you are the way of mer - cy      and


*Congregation:*



world:      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.


### Final Stanza

*Congregation or Assistant:*




mer - cy      on      us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of      the world:      grant      us peace,



grant      us peace,      grant      us      peace.

## Communion Hymn

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

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*All stand as able.*

## Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

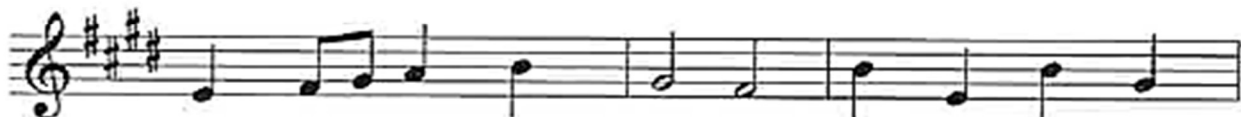
**Amen.**

# THANKS BE TO YOU

*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your



love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of



life with us. 3. Praise to you, O



God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Rais-ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

## Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing



May God bless us and keep us.  
May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.  
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.



Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Trumpet Tune Jeremiah Clark John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

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Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: Reverend Rebecca Bourret Assisting Minister(s): Mark Winzler
Usher: Tom Taylor Wendy Donagher
Organist: John Anderson

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B R I E F A N N O U N C E M E N T S

- Pastor Hedberg and Lois will be spending the majority of the months of July and August at their summer place in northwestern MA.
The Wall That Heals will be at Charter Oak Park in Manchester from September 19 - 22, please check out the flyer for more details!
Kindly check out the flyer for Hispanic Heritage Month - MNC is [icon] for volunteers!

DAILY READINGS

August 26 - September 1



Table with 4 columns: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 1, Lectionary 22. Rows contain Bible verses for each day.

## Prayers of the Community



Contact parish office for Prayer requests. Names will be held in prayer for 1 month, unless otherwise requested. (\*Member of Concordia) *(Request by Member)* ***(New Intention)***  
*Those who are sick or in any need,*

*Family of David Kaufman (as they grieve his loss, a very dear friend of \*Lanie Turner), Family of \*Lois Feder (as they grieve her loss), \*Joanne Murphy, \*Dan Burnett (recovering), Kaushik (David S.), Yolanda (Lucy's sister), Elaine Arace (Hedberg's friend who suffered serious fall), all those across the country who have suffered loss through gun violence, Marti Barclay (Ruth S.), \*Robert Feder, Sandy (friend of Dave S.), Max (Elaine B.), Rebecca (Elaine B.), Sam Sirois, Diane Decarli (friends of Joanne M.), Cori Mackey, Ralph Sullivan (Laura Hart's father), Ava (Wendy D.), Linda Longtin Watson (Jane C.), Juliette Theroux (friend of Joanne M.), Beverly Spikers (John C.), Twylar Williams (friend of Joanne M.), Matilda Keinath (7-year-old daughter of Hedbergs' friend who is undergoing treatment for brain tumor), Kenneth Wall (friend of the Hedbergs who is undergoing treatment for cancer), Lynelle Knauff (Nancy K's mother). Alicia and Erika (friends of Ruthie L.) who have significant health issues, \*Linda Lange.*

For Concordia's ongoing transition process.

### *The Intentions of this Community:*

- For all affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Concordia Nursery School Students and their families
- The work of MACC
- For our Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop
- For Licensed Lay Minister Beatrice Luciano and Ministerio Nueva Creación
- For Pr. Simpson and the people of New Horizons
- For our friends at Emanuel Lutheran and former members of St. Mary's now merged with St. John's Episcopal Church (Vernon)

## Concordia Lutheran Church

Reverend **Rolf Hedberg**, *Transitional Pastor*

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## Pastoral Care for July and August

With the exception of one Sunday in July and one Sunday in August, Pastor Hedberg will be away for most of July and August.

If there is any need for pastoral care (hospital, severe illness etc.) during the months of July and August, you are asked to:



- a) Contact Margie (new Parish Administrator) in the Church Office at 860-649-5311 during office hours (Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m-2:00 p.m.)

If it is not an emergency, you can leave a message on the answering machine outside of office hours.

- b) After office hours as well as on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, please contact Mark Winzler at (860) 643-1913 (home) or (860) 690-8651 (cell).

Margie or Mark will then reach out to the Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson to inform her of the need for pastoral care and she will be in touch with you.

### The Wall That Heals



A three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center, is coming to Manchester, CT on September 19- 22 at Charter Oak Park and will be open 24 hours a day and **free** to the public.

The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. How You Can Help: we need your support to make it a success!

**1. Sponsor or In-Kind Donations:** Your sponsorship or in-kind donations will help us bring this tribute to our community; please email: [promotionsTWTH@manchestereilks.org](mailto:promotionsTWTH@manchestereilks.org)

**2. Volunteer:** We need [volunteers](#) for various roles.

**3. Motorcycle Escort:** We are organizing a [motorcycle escort](#) to accompany. The Wall That Heals to Manchester. If you or your organization would like to participate, please let us know.

You can also commemorate the visit of The Wall That Heals by purchasing a challenge coin, tee shirt or cap, available at the Town Hall Customer Service & Information Center, **860-647-5235**.



**When:** September 21<sup>st</sup>, More Details to Follow!

Hi Everyone!

Pastor Bea is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help set up and decorate and clean up!

We also need volunteers for a possible arts and crafts table sponsored by Ministerio Nueva Creacion and Concordia Lutheran Church.

**Volunteer times are as follows:**

- Set up/Decorate - 9:30am-11am
- Arts and Crafts tent - 11a-1p and 1pm-3p
- Clean up - 3pm-4pm

This year the festival will be held at Charter Oak Park entrance on Spruce Street. More information will be sent out.

Please let me know if you are available to volunteer on September 21st by **no later than Friday, August 23, 2024.**

Thank you

Yours in community!

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# WALK OR DONATE

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## Fill The Freezer

to benefit Walk & Fundraiser

**MACC**  
CHARITIES



Thursday, September 12th, 2024 | Urban Lodge | 4:30PM

### Farmers Market at Forest St.



Every Saturday rain or shine through October 26th.

Fresh local fruits, vegetables, flowers, herbs, honey etc. WIC Coupons accepted.

Town parking lot at corner of Main St. and Forest St., Manchester 8:00am-12:00pm.

