

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Concordia Lutheran Church



40 Pitkin Street
Manchester, Connecticut, 06040

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

September 15, 2024

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Introduction: *Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Welcome!



Prelude *Andante* - George Friedrich Handel *John Anderson, Organist*

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for
healing.

*Please kneel as you are able. Silence is kept
for reflection.*

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
**We confess that we have honored you
with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our
tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first**

**we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the
suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of
need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus
Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering

Gathering Hymn

If God My Lord Be for Me

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Greeting

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

And also with you.

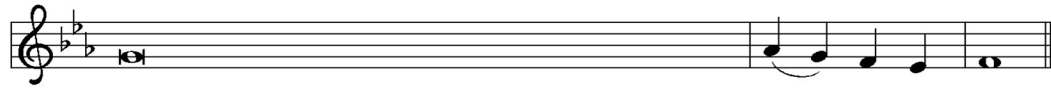
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



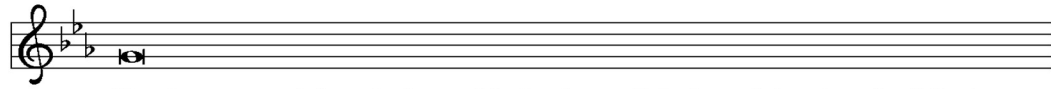
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



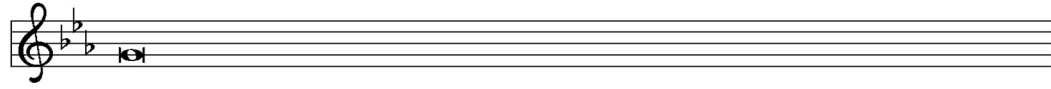
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

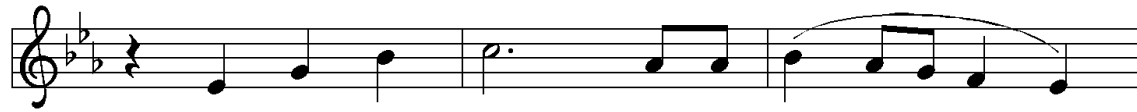


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Gloria



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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

Prayer of the Day

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

All are seated.



Word

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

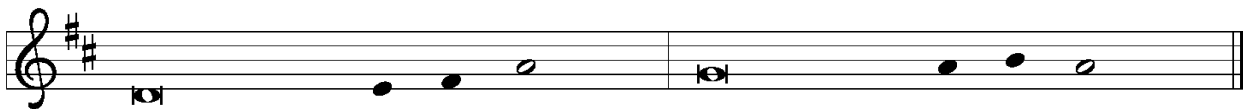
⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to
shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-9



Tone



¹I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
²**for the Lord has given | ear to me**
whenev- | er I called.
³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.
⁴**Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:**
“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.” R

⁵Gracious is the | Lord and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.

⁶**The Lord watches o- | ver the innocent;
I was brought low, | and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.
for the Lord has dealt | well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my | life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence | of the Lord
in the land | of the living. **R**

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of

iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All Stand as able.



The Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are

setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All are seated.



Sermon

Reverend Rolf Hedberg

All stand as able.



Hymn of the Day

Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said

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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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve *especially those in our prayer list*. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



All are seated.

Meal

Offertory Hymn

We Place Upon Your Table, Lord

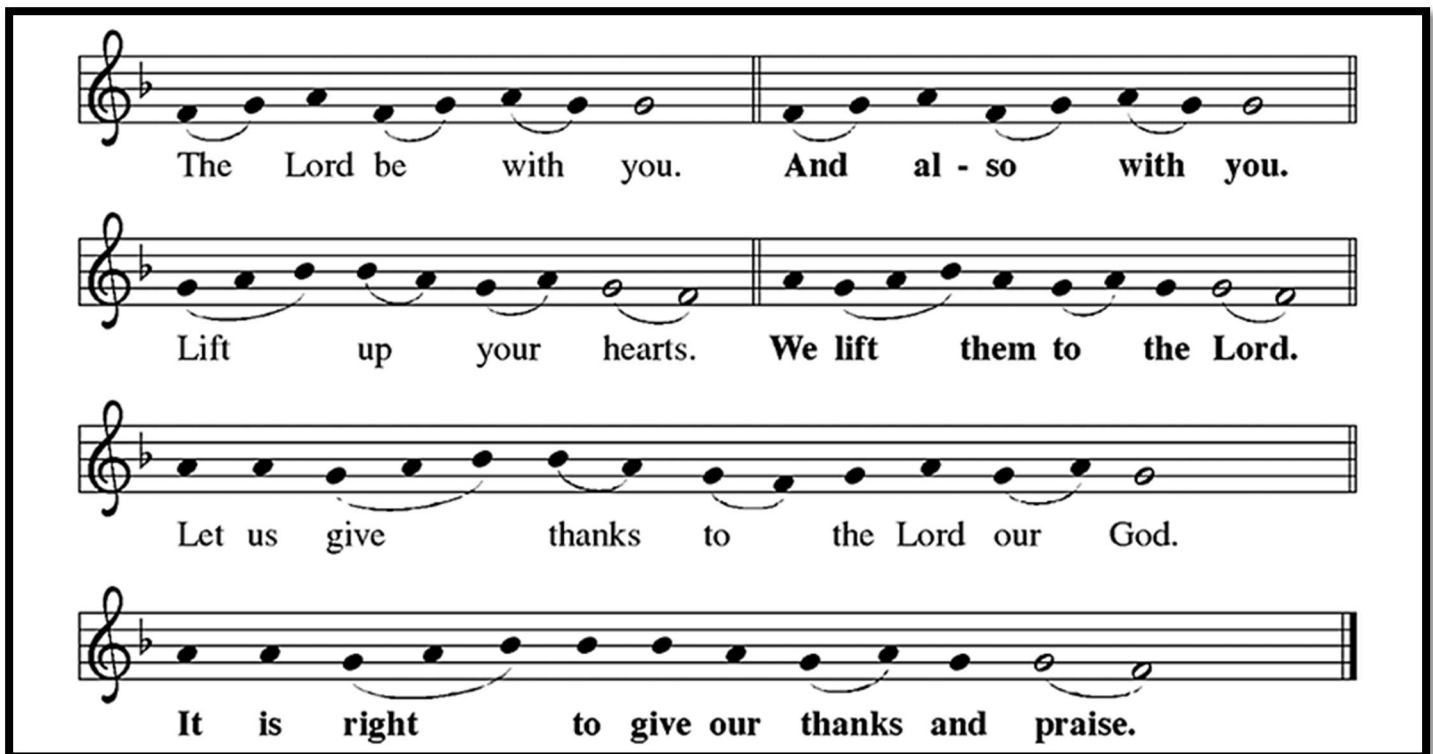
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All stand as able.

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Dialogue



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

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

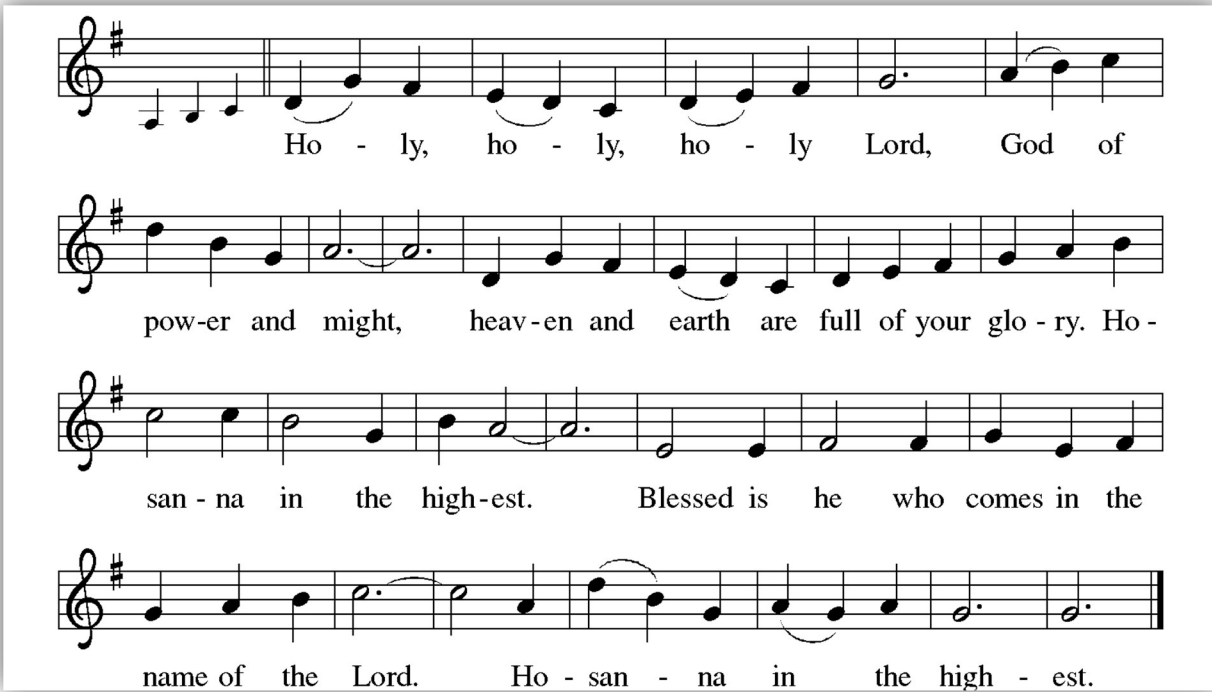
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

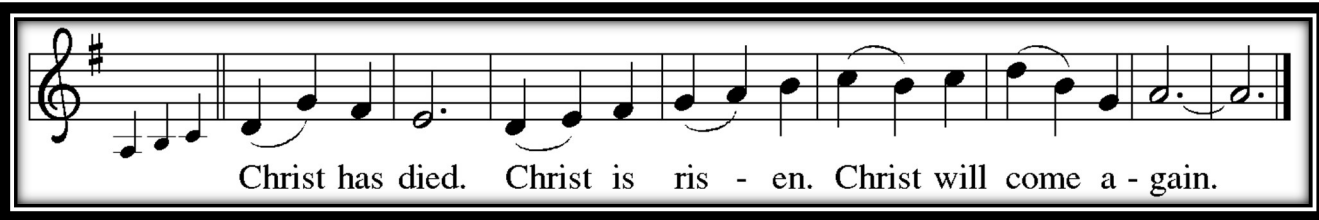
You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.
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.

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



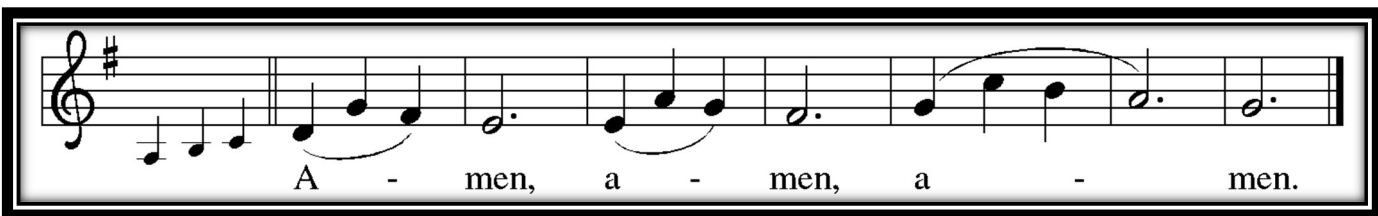
With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

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



**Our Father in Heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

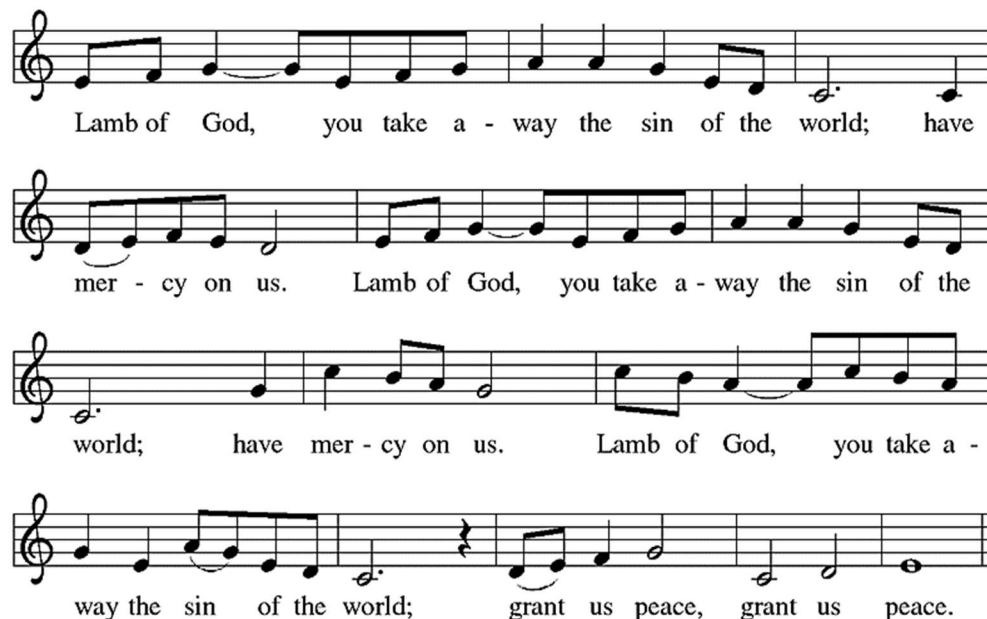
**As we forgive those
Who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever,
Amen.**

Invitation

Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Come, here is your God.

All are seated.

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.

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**

Prayer after Communion

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✝ bless you, keep you,
And give you peace.
Amen.

Sending

Sending Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Toccata from the Plymouth Suite - Percy Whitlock* *John Anderson, Organist*

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

<i>Presiding:</i>	Reverend Rolf Hedberg	<i>Assisting Minister(s):</i>	Mark Winzler
<i>Ushers:</i>	Paul Goodrich		Sandy Baranowski
<i>Organist:</i>	John Anderson		

Brief Announcements

- **Friendly reminder: Transition Meeting** is right after worship today! *Please stick around!*
- Please check out the flyers for upcoming community events!
- The *Wall That Heals* will be at Charter Oak Park in Manchester from September 19–22, please check out the flyer for more details!
- Our scheduled Council meeting will take place on Sunday, September 22nd shortly after worship.

DAILY READINGS



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 119:169-176	Psalm 119:169-176	Psalm 119:169-176	Psalm 54
1 Kings 13:1-10	1 Kings 13:11-25	Isaiah 10:12-20	Judges 6:1-10
Romans 3:9-20	Colossians 3:1-11	John 7:25-36	1 Corinthians 2:1-5
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, September 22, Lectionary 25</u>	
Psalm 54	Psalm 54	Jeremiah 11:18-20 or Wisdom 1:16—2:1, 12-22	
1 Kings 22:24-40	2 Kings 17:5-18	Psalm 54	
Romans 11:25-32	Matthew 23:29-39	James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a	
		Mark 9:30-37	

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Prayers of the Community



Contact parish office for Prayer requests. Names will be held in prayer for one month, *unless otherwise requested.*

Praying for (person/family)	Prayers for	Requested by:
The Donagher Family	As they grieve for the passing of Tom's father and Wendy's father-in-law	Wendy Donagher
Bob and Isaiah	Cancer treatment	Ruthie Lynch
Family of Zachary Clapp	As they grieve his loss	David Beauregard
Family of David Kauffman	As they grieve his loss	Lanie Turner
Nancy Lynn Kauff	As she grieves her Mother, Lynn's passing	Mark Winzler
Dan Burnett	Health	Carol Burnett
Family of Lois Feder	As they grieve her loss	Mark Winzler

For Concordia's ongoing transition process.

The Intentions of this Community:

- ❖ 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 in Vernon.

Concordia Lutheran Church

Reverend **Rolf Hedberg**, *Transitional Pastor*
 Mrs. **Margie Gallagher**, *Parish Administrator*

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Community Upcoming Events



We encourage everyone to attend!

Transition Meeting

*Facilitated by:
Associates to the Bishop
Pastor Sara Anderson
Pastor Maria Hammons*

**Sunday, September 15
Immediately after Worship
Kaiser Hall**

The Wall That Heals Arrives Sept. 17!

THE WALL THAT HEALS
VIETNAM VETERAN'S MEMORIAL
REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER

September 19-22, 2024
Charter Oak Park | MANCHESTER, CT
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Be a part of this extraordinary event of welcoming The Wall That Heals into our community. On Tuesday, September 17 at approximately noon, a large motorcycle and police escort will accompany the oversized trailer carrying The Wall That Heals into Downtown via exit 3. It will proceed up Main Street, right on Center, and right down Spruce Street into Charter Oak Park, where it will be greeted and welcomed into Town. Please come out to honor veterans and show your pride and support by lining the streets as the motorcade goes by!

Be Involved!

**MANCHESTER'S
HISPANIC HERITAGE DAY
CELEBRATION**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 11 AM - 3 PM
153 & 163 SPRUCE STREET, MANCHESTER, CT

- Live musical & cultural performances
- Shop from a local food & vendor market
- Rec on the Run, free activities & more!

To learn more about the Hispanic Heritage Day Celebration, please call the Neighborhoods & Families Division at: (860)647-3089.

SPONSORED BY:



MARC's Charity Golf Tournament

Swing fore a cause at MARC's 25th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 26th, 2024! Enjoy a full day of golf on the beautiful Manchester Country Club course to raise funds that will directly benefit adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Secure your spot in the tournament today for just \$225 per golfer!

Register Today!

Contact
(860) 646-5718

MANCHESTER MATTERS



Sharing important Town news, information, and events.

22nd Annual Family History Day



The 22nd Annual Family History Day will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024; from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Manchester Historical Society, 175 Pine Street, Manchester, CT

The Office of the Town Clerk together with the Manchester Historical Society will host this year's Family History Day. This event is open to the public. Professional genealogists from a diverse cultural background will be on hand to provide consultation and assistance on researching individual's family lineage.

This year the Family History Day will include genealogists that specialize in European, African American, Caribbean and Latino family ancestry.

Anyone interested in meeting with a professional genealogist for a consultation will need to contact the Office of the Town Clerk to schedule an appointment and complete a questionnaire regarding one's own family history before October 11, 2024.

Appointments can be scheduled by stopping in person at the Office of the Town Clerk at 41 Center Street, Manchester, CT or by calling the office at (860) 647-3037.



THE JOURNEY
A Musical Production
Fundraiser

October 4th & 5th
Doors Open: 7:00 PM
Showtime: 7:30 PM

Manchester High School's Bailey Auditorium
134 Middle Tpke E, Manchester, CT 06040

Produced By:



Tickets: \$35



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Manchester Road Race



Registration for the 88th Manchester Road Race will begin on September 1st! The world-famous race, one of America's largest and most popular turkey trots, will be held on Thanksgiving Day (November 28, 2024) at 10 a.m.

It is run on a 4.737-mile loop course through Manchester's central streets that starts and finishes on Main Street, in front of St. James Church. The Committee has also announced that the non-profit Lutz Children's Museum in Manchester will be the beneficiary this November of the road race's annual "Honors Club" Program.

OCTOBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, October 10th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



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