

Eighteenth 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 22, 2024

*****Hearing devices for the service are available, please contact an Usher*****

Introduction: *Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Welcome!



Prelude

Elegy - James Biery

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

God is Here!

ELW 526

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.

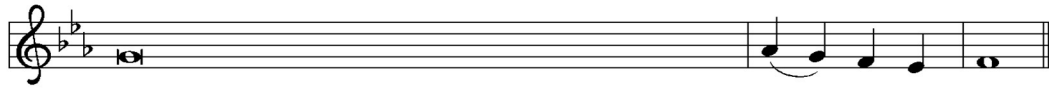
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



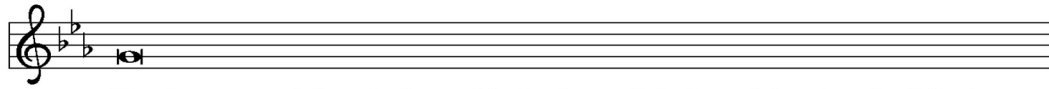
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



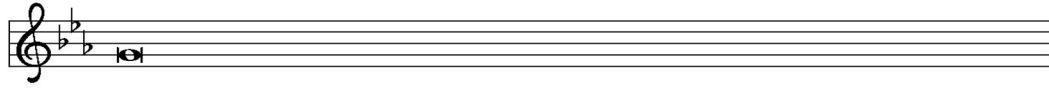
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

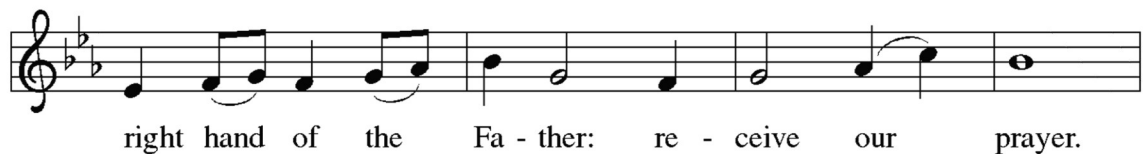
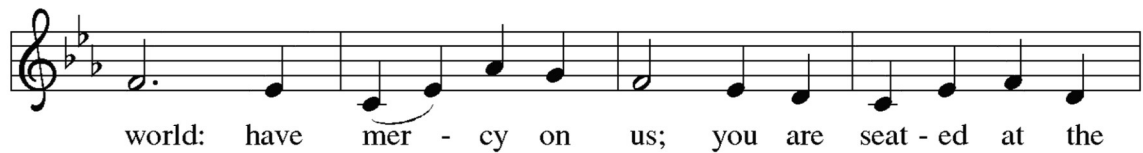
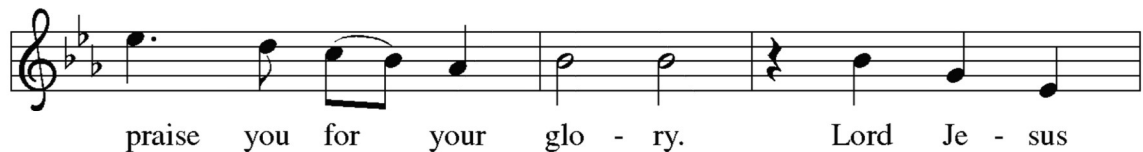
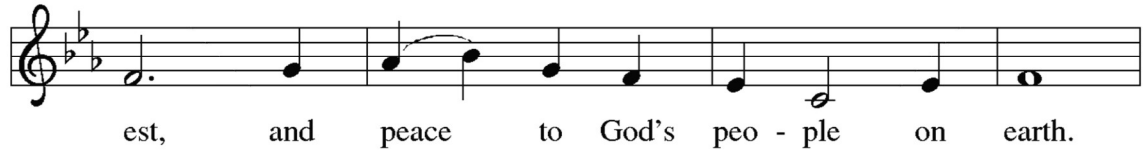
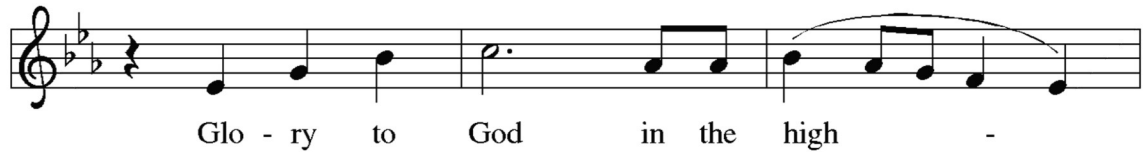


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Gloria





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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

All are seated.



Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;

then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb

led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me

that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,

let us cut him off from the land of the

living,

so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,

who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,

for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 54

God is my help - er; it is the
LORD who sus - tains my life.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, with some rests and a fermata over the word 'er;'.

Tone

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G-clef, representing the tone for the psalm. It consists of a series of notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, with a fermata over the final G4.

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²Hear my | prayer, O God;

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have | sought my life,

those who have no regard for God.
**⁴Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my
life. R**
⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
⁶I will offer you a freewill sacrifice

**and praise your name, O LORD,
for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every
trouble,
and my eye looks down on my
enemies. **R**

Second Reading

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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 - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them,

"What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

All are seated.



All stand as able.



Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

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.

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer especially those in our prayer list. Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life 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

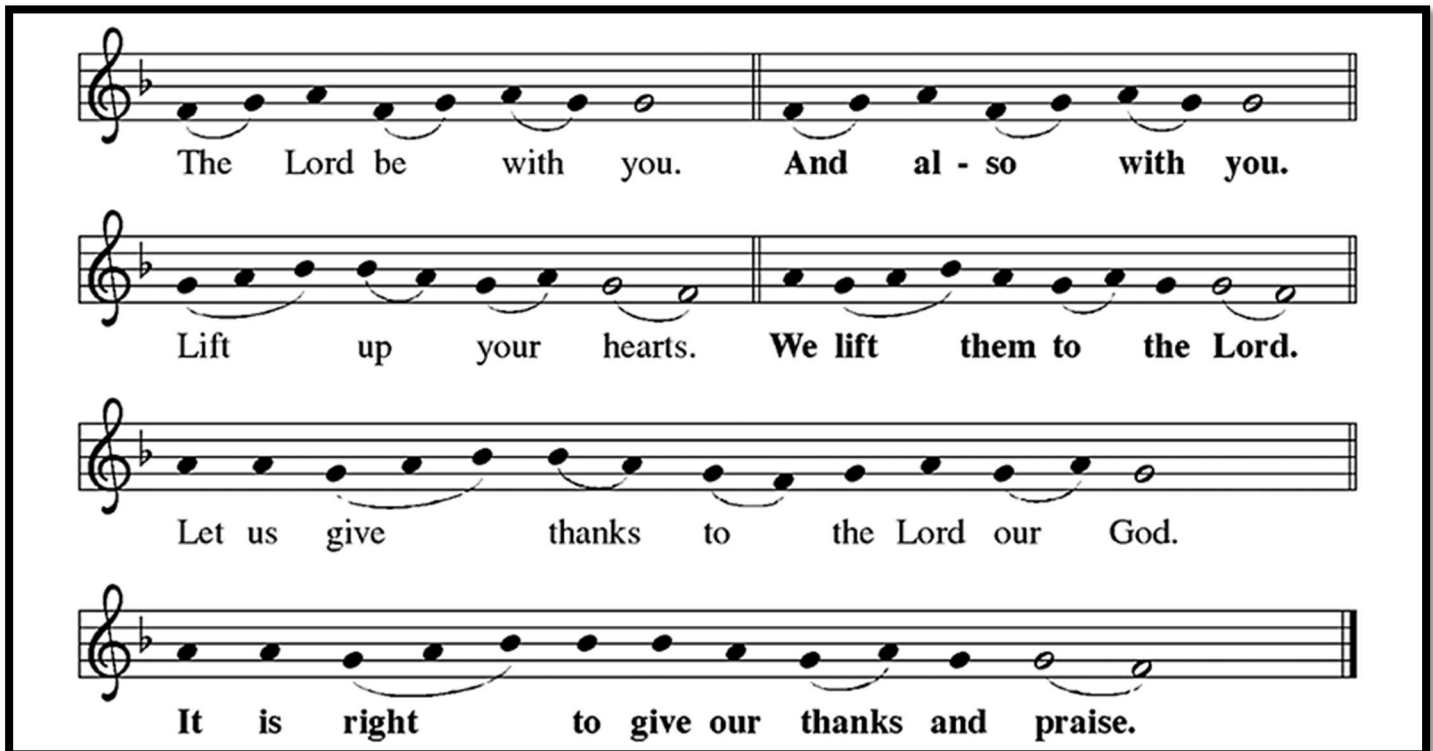
ELW 467

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.

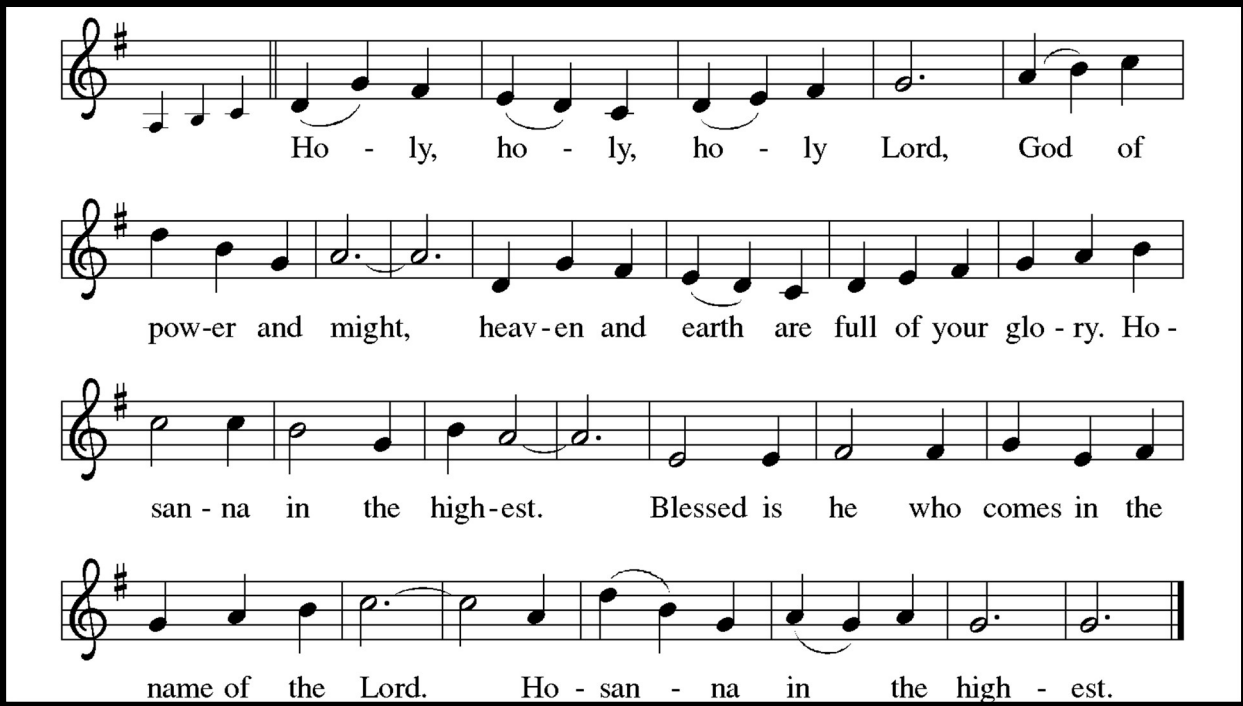
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



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,

Lord's Prayer

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



Invitation

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

All are seated.

Anthem

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

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

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in F Major - Johannes Krebs* *John Anderson, Organist*

Serving in Worship Today

<i>Presiding:</i>	Reverend Rolf Hedberg	<i>Assisting Minister(s):</i>	Sandra Baranowski
<i>Ushers:</i>	Jan Salvatore		Wendy Donagher
<i>Organist:</i>	John Anderson		

Brief Announcements

- Today is our scheduled Council meeting – kindly stick around to join us after worship.
- The Wall That Heals' last day in Charter Oak Park in Manchester is today, September 22nd. The closing ceremony starts at 1 p.m. and Wall take down begins at 2 p.m.
- Please check out the flyers for upcoming community events!

DAILY READINGS

September 23 - 29

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 139:1-18	Psalm 139:1-18	Psalm 139:1-18	Psalm 19:7-14
2 Kings 5:1-14	2 Kings 11:21—12:16	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Exodus 18:13-27
James 4:8-17	James 5:1-6	John 8:21-38	Acts 4:13-31
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, September 29, Lectionary 26</u>	
Psalm 19:7-14	Psalm 19:7-14	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	
Deuteronomy 1:1-18	Deuteronomy 27:1-10	Psalm 19:7-14	
Acts 12:20-25	Matthew 5:13-20	James 5:13-20	
		Mark 9:38-50	

NOTES: The Bible texts of the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel lessons are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA, and used by permission. Selected liturgical texts from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2015 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License.

Prayers of the Community



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

Date Requested	Praying for (person/family)	Prayers for	Requested by:
9/19/2024	Family of Pastor David Krampitz and the congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell.	As they grieve Pastor Krampitz' passing	Mark Winzler
9/19/2024	Ed Brainerd	Skilled hands of the medical team , a successful surgery and smooth recovery	Jane Casserly
9/6/2024	Bob and Isaiah	Cancer treatment	Ruthie Lynch
9/4/2024	Nancy Lynn Kauff	As she grieves her Mother, Lynn's passing	Mark Winzler
9/1/2024	Dan Burnett	Health	Carol Burnett
8/30/2024	The Donagher Family	As they grieve for the passing of Tom's father and Wendy's father-in-law	Wendy Donagher
8/26/2024	Family of Zachary Clapp	As they grieve his loss	David Beauregard

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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org



Community Upcoming Events



MARC's Charity Golf Tournament

Swing for 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



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




Scan QR Code



CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 3, 2024

Event Location: Manchester Country Club
305 S Main Street Manchester, CT 06040

The Autumn Scramble is a Charity Golf Tournament benefiting MARC, Inc. of Manchester. Proceeds go directly to enriching the lives of people with intellectual developmental disabilities that we support by Making A Respectful, Caring Home within the community.

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



Concert at Cheney Hall

Next date: Saturday, October 12, 2024 | 07:00 PM to 09:00 PM

A NEIL YOUNG EXPERIENCE

HARVEST & RUST

Saturday, October 12

7:00 PM

THE ULTIMATE NEIL YOUNG TRIBUTE SHOW

It's hard to represent the wide-array of Neil Young's influential material in one show, but that's exactly what Harvest & Rust does. Based in Western Massachusetts, the core four members of Harvest & Rust aim to reproduce every era of Neil Young's music. From the chart-topping **Harvest** (including Old Man, Heart of Gold, etc.) to the electric explorations of **Rust Never Sleeps** (Hey Hey My My, etc.), as well as songs from Neil's time in **Crosby Stills Nash & Young** and **Buffalo Springfield** – all wrapped up in the singular Neil Young experience.

Harvest & Rust band members include Seth Fleischman, Andy Gordon, John Kiernan, Garrett Lechowski and Jim Reynolds.

For tickets visit cheneyhall.org or call 860-647-9824.



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.

MINISTERIO NUEVA CREACIÓN
ENTRE MUJERES / AMONG WOMEN



OCTOBER 19 11 AM - 2 PM

FOOD / VENDORS / PRESENTATIONS

KAISER HALL
OF
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
40 PITKIN STREET, MANCHESTER