Michael and All Angels



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 29, 2024

Hearing devices for the service are available upon request - kindly ask an Usher

Michael and All Angels

At the time of the Reformation the list of saints who were commemorated on the calendar was enormous. The Reformers drastically simplified the calendar and out of the wealth of names and events on the medieval calendar retained a number of commemorations. St. Michael and All Angels has remained on the calendar.



Michael was a popular archangel among both Jews and Christians. According to Revelation 12, he led the heavenly army against Lucifer before the creation of the word, and according to a very old belief, it is Michael who receives the souls of the departed. His festival has its 5th century origin in the dedication to him of a small basilica six miles from Rome, the first church so dedicated.



The day became especially popular in northern Europe and England and was of such importance that it marked the beginning of the last cycle of the Pentecost season. In England Michaelmas (as it is called) still marks the beginning of the fall term in the law courts and the fall academic terms at Oxford and Cambridge.

In the Lutheran, as well as in the Anglican/Episcopalian traditions, there are three to four archangels in their calendars for the 29 September feast for St. Michael and All Angels: namely Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, and sometimes Uriel.



Introduction: The archangel Michael is pictured as a prince and a general of the heavenly army, defeating the dragon (the ancient serpent, the devil, Satan). It is important, though, to see in Revelation 12:11 that God's victory ultimately comes by Jesus' death and the testimony of his followers. The power of God's truth gives us confidence in the face of evil on earth, even in the face of our own death.

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Welcome!



Prelude

Madrigal D. Ortiz Lachrimae Pavan J. Dowland

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

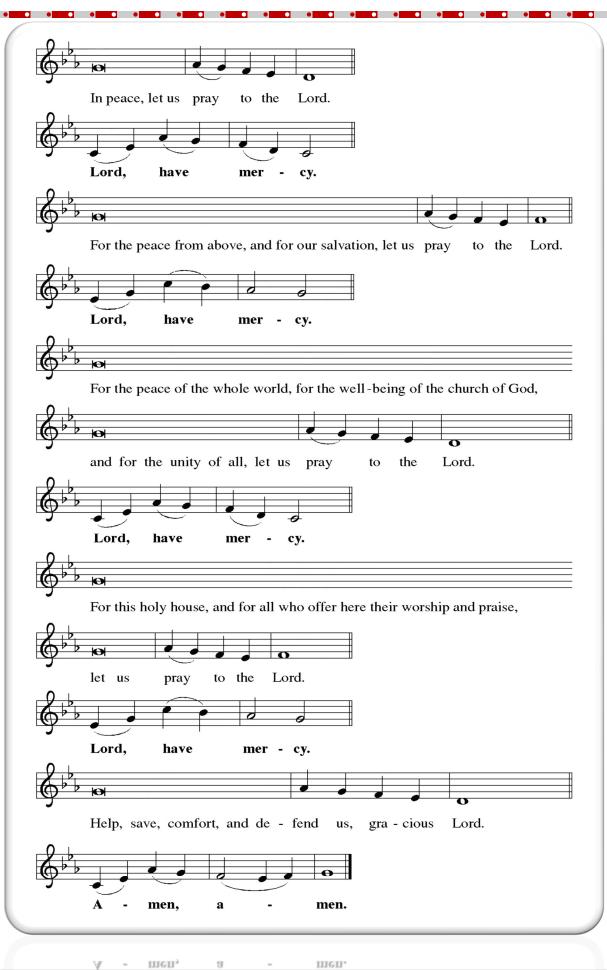
On Eagle's Wings

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Greeting

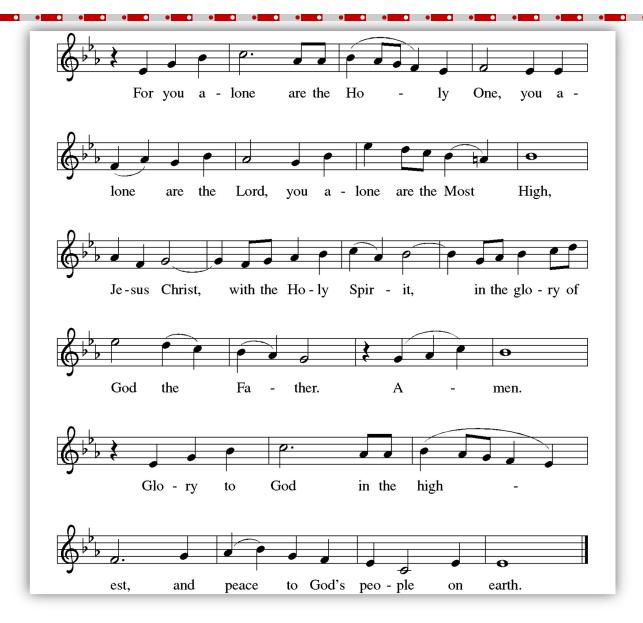
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie



Gloria





Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever.

Amen.

All are seated.



Word

First Reading: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Daniel trembles in the presence of an angel. That angel tells the prophet about the good and terrible future when the dead will be resurrected and the archangel Michael will usher in the deliverance of the nation.

¹⁰A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, "Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. 12He said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God. vour words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, ¹⁴ and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a

further vision for those days.

prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22



Tone



Bless the Lord, you angels, all you hosts of God. (Ps. 103:20, 21)

¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

²Bless the LORD, | O my soul, and forget not | all God's benefits—

³who forgives | all your sins and heals all | your diseases;

⁴who redeems your life | from the grave

and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;

⁵who satisfies your desires | with good

things

so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

20Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who | do God's bidding, who obey the voice | of God's word. R

²¹Bless the LORD, all you hosts of God, you servants who do God's will.

²²Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places | where God rules; bless the LORD, | O my soul. R

Second Reading: Revelation 12:7-12

Armed with the power of God, Michael and the angels of God fight those armed with the power of evil, the devil and the devil's angels. The "blood of the Lamb," our crucified Lord Jesus, gives Michael the power to force the devil from a place in heaven.

⁷War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

"Now have come the salvation and the power

and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down. who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb

and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

12 Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath,

because he knows that his time is short!"

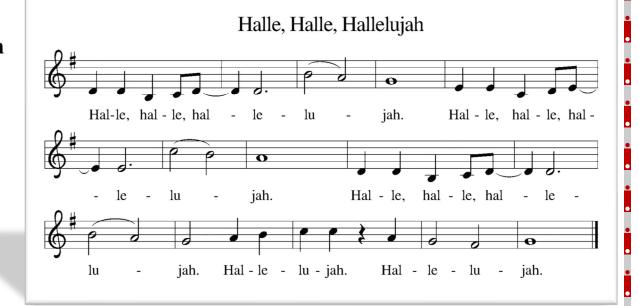
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All Stand as able.



The Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Luke 10:17-20

The missionary church ("the seventy-two") is given magnificent power. Greater than this gift of power over the enemy, however, is the gift of salvation: their names are written in heaven.

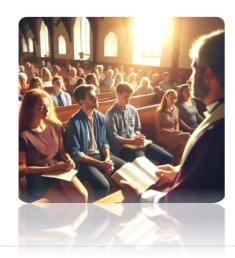
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to

tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

All are seated.



Sermon

All stand as able.



Hymn of the Day

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

ELW 490

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 and its leaders: for council members and music ministers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Make us faithful messengers of your love in a world hungry for good news. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the flourishing of all that you have made, for birds and squirrels, spiders and whales, oak trees and humble grasses. Renew prairies and forests, tundra and wetlands, that they sustain all who make their home there. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the peoples of the world and for their leaders. Where conflict and violence reign, bring peace; wherever there is oppression or discrimination, bring liberation. Guide all in power to protect those who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are suffering this day especially those in Gaza and Israel. Accompany people fleeing from danger and encourage all who help them on their journeys. Abide with all who are in prison or detention centers. Reassure them of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who question their faith. Fill our dry wells with your living water and reassure all who doubt of your boundless grace. Let us accompany all in discernment with open hearts and tender care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer thanksgiving for our beloved dead. At the close of our earthly pilgrimage, gather us with Michael and all the saints and angels into everlasting 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.

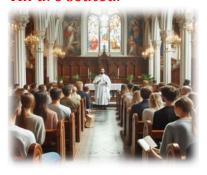
Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



All are seated.



Meal

Offertory Hymn

We Place upon Your Table, Lord

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All stand as able.

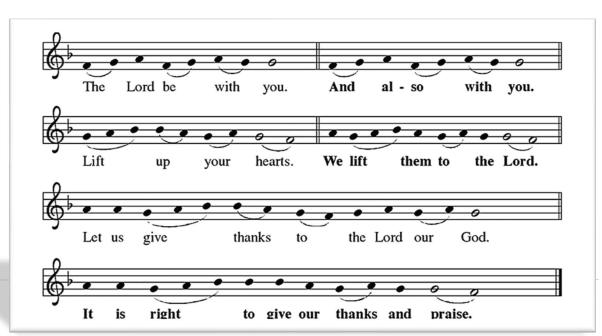


Offertory Prayer

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.

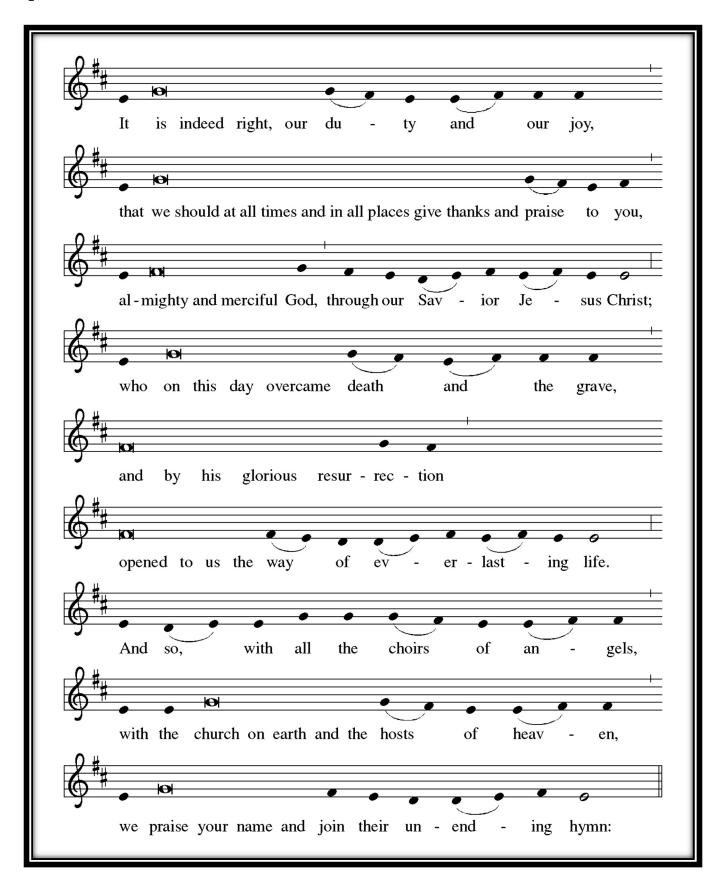
Amen.

Dialogue

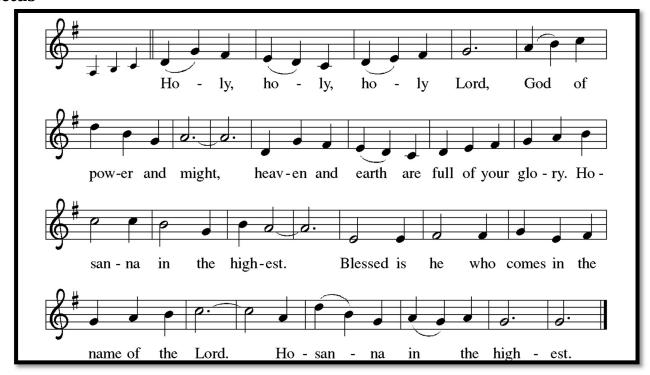


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Proper Preface



Sanctus



Thanksgiving at the Table

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

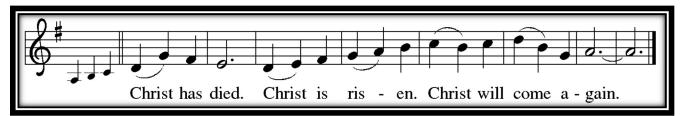
You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

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.

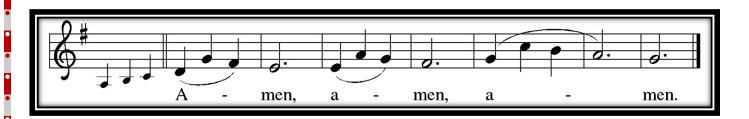
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.

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

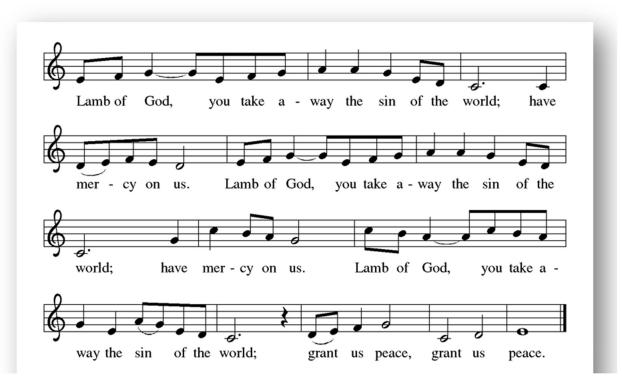
As we forgive those
Who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever, Amen.

Invitation

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

All are seated.

Lamb of God



Anthem

This World Is Not My Home, arr. M Carlson, Solo Violin

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
H bless you, keep you,
And give you peace.
Amen.

Sending

Sending Hymn

Blessed Assurance

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

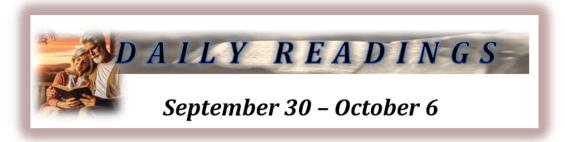
Postlude

O God Beyond Praising - arr. D. Cherwien, Violin and Organ

Serving in Worship Today						
Presiding:	Reverend Rolf Hedberg	Assisting Minister(s):	Mark Winzler			
Ushers:	Phil Stoneman		David Smith			
Organist:	Linda Hilliard					
Violinist:	Christa Berezowskyj					

Brief Announcements

- ➤ Belated Happy 35th wedding anniversary (9/24) to Don and Marian Slater, we wish you another 35 years of marriage bliss!
- Also, belated Happy birthday to Carol Burnett (9/24), Joyce Davis (9/25), and Don Slater (9/25) who celebrated their birthdays this past week.
- ➤ Happy birthday to Ed Chiffer, who will be celebrating a birthday tomorrow (9/30).
- ➤ **POP UP Store**: Requesting <u>healthy snacks</u> from the congregation see flyer in the Upcoming Community Events.
- Please check out the flyers for upcoming community events!



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 5	Psalm 5	Psalm 5	Psalm 8
Zechariah 6:9-15	Zechariah 8:18-23	Zechariah 10:1-12	Genesis 20:1-18
1 Peter 1:3-9	1 John 2:18-25	Matthew 18:6-9	Galatians 3:23-29
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	Sunday, October 6, Lectionary 27	
Psalm 8	Psalm 8	Genesis 2:18-24	
Genesis 21:22-34	Genesis 23:1-20	Psalm 8	
Romans 8:1-11	Luke 16:14-18	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	
		Mark 10:2-16	

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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:	C
•		Family of Revered Dr. Paul D. Krampitz and			•
•		the congregation of Bethany Lutheran			C
•	9/19/2024	Church in Cromwell.	As they grieve Pastor Krampitz' passing	Mark Winzler	•
			Skilled hands of the medical team , a		•
	9/19/2024	Ed Brainerd	successful surgery and smooth recovery	Jane Casserly	•
	9/6/2024	Bob and Isaiah	Cancer treatment	Ruthie Lynch	
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•	9/4/2024	Nancy Lynn Knauff	As she grieves her Mother, Lynn's passing	Mark Winzler	٠
1	9/1/2024	Dan Burnett	Health	Carol Burnett	•
•			As they grieve for the passing of Tom's		
•	8/30/2024	The Donagher Family	father and Wendy's father-in-law	Wendy Donagher	

For Concordia's ongoing transition process.

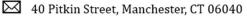
The Intentions of this Community:

- 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





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



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.

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024



Each year on **All Saints Sunday** we remember Concordia members as well as relatives and friends of Concordia members who have completed their earthly pilgrimage since last year's (*November 5, 2023*) All Saints Sunday.

If you wish to have someone remembered on All Saints Sunday, please *either*:

a) Write the name of the person in the book which will be in the Narthex on *Sundays beginning October 6*.

<u>OR</u>

b) Call (860-649-5311) or e-mail (office@concordiamanchester.org) our Parish Administrator, Margie Gallagher, who will be sure that the name is included.

Please submit all names no later than Sunday, October 29.









New England Women of the ELCA 13th Biennial Convention & Gathering

Affordable * Room and Meals * Community * Bible study * Worship Full convention incudes 2 nights and 7 meals \$252 Staff House | \$263 Conference center | \$315 Village Cabins

Register now for the 13th Convention & Gathering
October 24 - 26, 2024 at Camp Calumet & Conference Center



POP UP Store

Healthy Snacks for



Highland Park Elementary School

School is now *in session* and we are graciously requesting from our congregation: *healthy, non-perishable snacks* (*no nuts please*).

Examples:















We will be collecting *all school year*, kindly shop for healthy snacks and bring them with you to our next service!

Thank you and God Bless!

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.



to Register

Facilitators- Taylor Lajeunesse and Michelle Puzzo

MANCHESTER MATTERS



PSA Message on Avoiding Water Department Impersonators

Over the past weekend, the Town of Manchester has received reports of Water Department impersonators attempting to access residences illegally.

The Town is reminding residents that all Water Department employee uniforms and vehicles are marked with the Town's logo. In addition, all employees should have photo identification badges to display upon request.

If someone comes to your door claiming to be from the Water Department, and you are not a customer with a scheduled appointment, the Town recommends denying this person access to your home until you call 860-647-6050 to verify.

If you believe a person is falsely claiming to be a Town employee, you may contact the Manchester Police Department at 860-645-5500.

If there is a physical threat to you or your property, please call 911 immediately.