Twentieth 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

October 6, 2024

Hearing devices for the service are available if needed, kindly contact an User

Introduction: Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Welcome!



Prelude If You But Trust In God to Guide You - Bach, Walcha, Manz 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

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

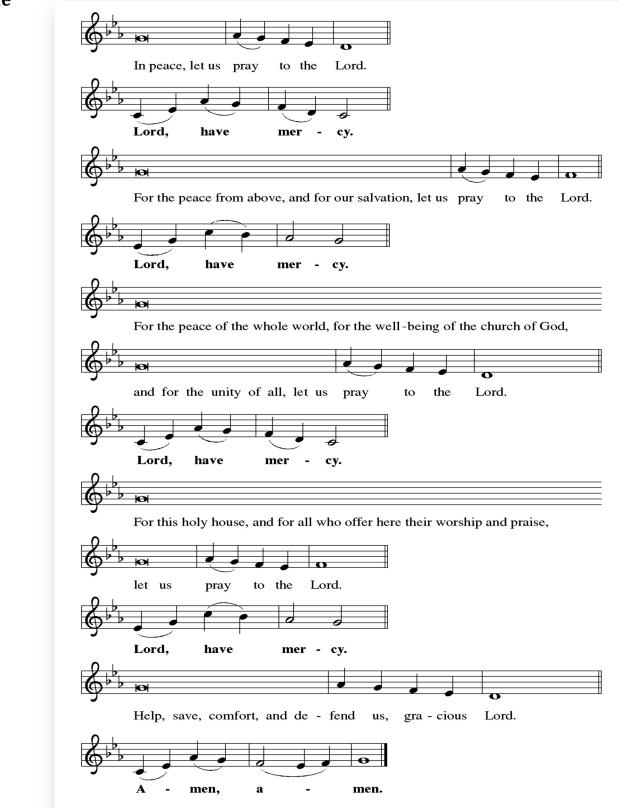
Gathering Hymn

All Are Welcome

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.**

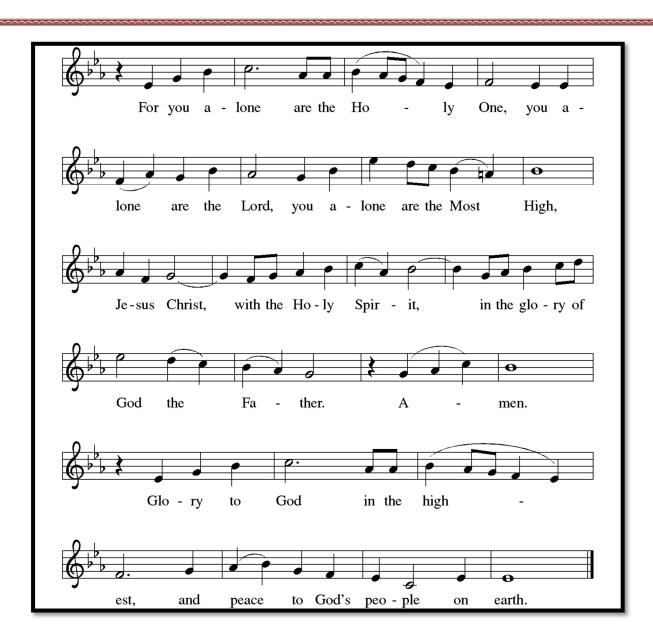
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Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

All are seated.



Word

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

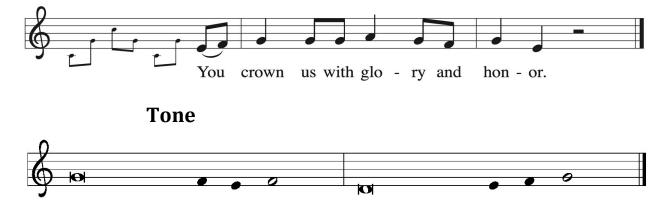
²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 8



You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

¹O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;

you have set up a fortress against

your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work ^I of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set I in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you

should be mind- | ful of them,

human beings that you should | care for them? R

⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;

with glory and hon- $\ensuremath{^{|}}$ or you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;

you have put all things un- | der

their feet:

⁷all | flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts | of the field, ***the birds of the air, the fish** | **of the**

sea,

and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

⁹O | LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

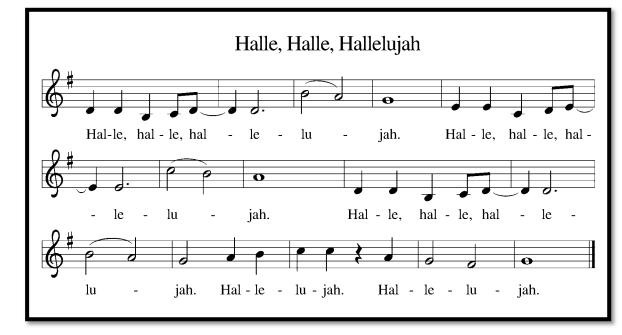
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



All Stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

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

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

All are seated.



Sermon

All stand as able.



Hymn of the Day

Our Father, By Whose Name

ELW 640

Reverend Rolf Hedberg

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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering especially those in our prayer list. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **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

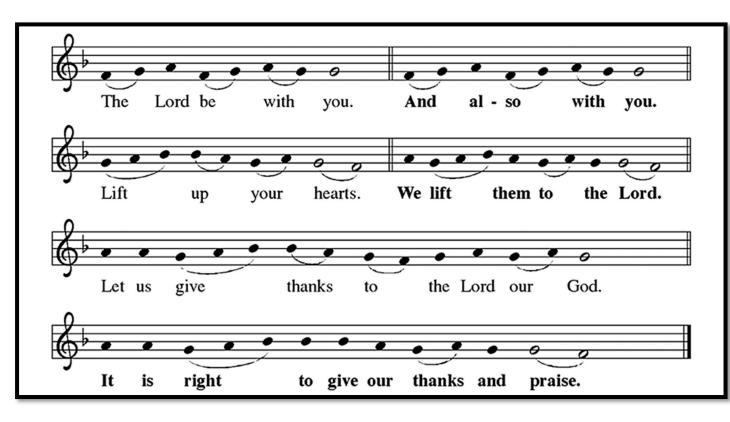
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All stand as able.

Offertory Prayer

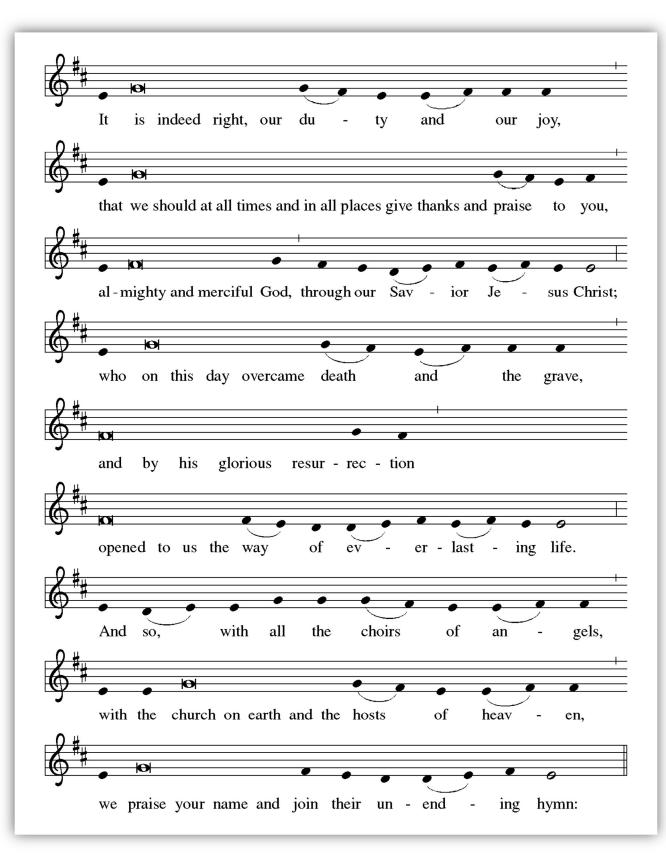
Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Dialogue

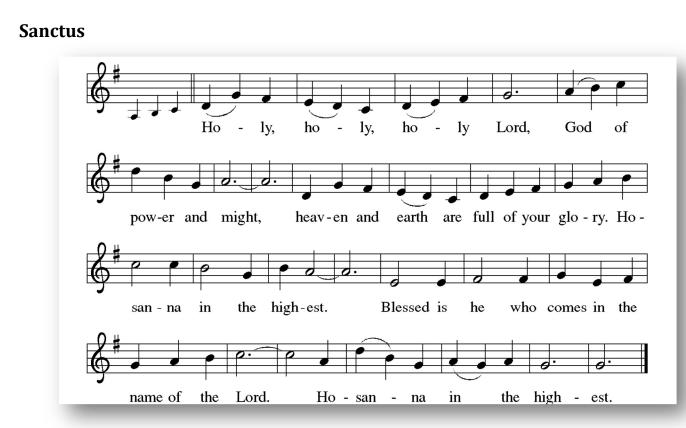




Proper Preface



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Thanksgiving at the Table

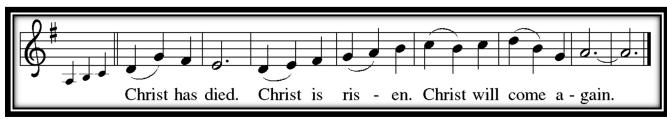
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

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,

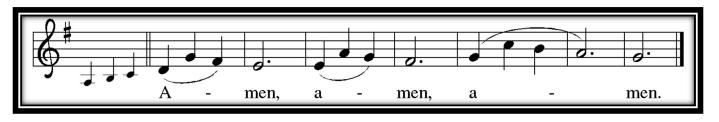
and fill us with your blessing,

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.

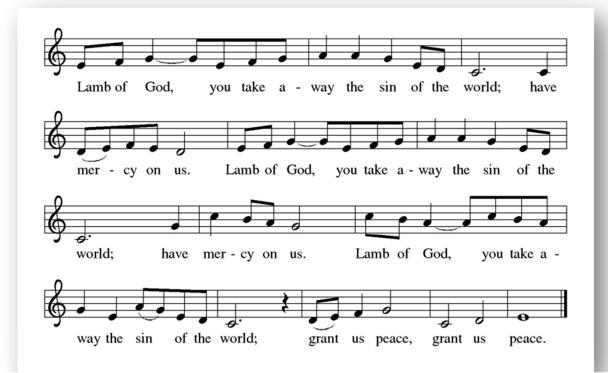


Invitation

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

All are seated.

Lamb of God



Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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Anthem

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

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Postlude

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++



Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Concordia's former member, **Clara Sibrinsz**, remembering her on the 30th year of her passing, by **Karen Schauster**, her loving daughter.

Serving in Worship Today					
Presiding:	Reverend Rolf Hedberg	Assisting Minister(s):	Mark Winzler		
Ushers:	Don and Marian Slater		Jeanine Barber		
Organist:	John Anderson				

Brief Announcements

- If you wish to have someone remembered on All Saints Sunday, please write the name of the person in the book which will be in the Narthex on Sundays, beginning *today*, October 6th until *Sunday*, *October 29th*. Please see the flyer in the back of the bulletin.
- This year's Stewardship Sunday will be on <u>Sunday, November 17, 2024</u>, Pastor Rolf will be communicating more on this, and you'll be hearing from the committee in the next few weeks!
- Exec. Committee, kindly stick around for a meeting to plan for the meeting on Oct. 13th
- Pop Up Store are now collecting (*throughout the whole school year*) healthy snacks for Highland Park Elem. School – please bring in healthy snacks with you to our next service!
- Please check out the flyers for upcoming community events!



<u>Monday</u> <u>Tuesday</u> <u>Wednesday</u> <u>Thursday</u> Psalm 112 Psalm 112 Psalm 112 Psalm 90:12-17 Deuteronomy 22:13-30 Deuteronomy 24:1-5 Jeremiah 3:6-14 Deuteronomy 5:1-21 1 Corinthians 7:1-9 1 Corinthians 7:10-16 Matthew 5:27-36 Hebrews 3:7-19

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Psalm 90:12-17	Psalm 90:12-17	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Deuteronomy 5:22-33	Amos 3:13-4:5	Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:1-11	Matthew 15:1-9	Hebrews 4:12-16
		Mark 10:17-31

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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
		As they grieve for the passing of Frank	
10/2/2024	The Family of Frank Wilson	Wilson (Mark Wilson's father).	Candace Wilson
		Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst	
		profound health challenge since March	
10/2/2024	Robert Feder	2023.	Gail Feder
		Strength, comfort, and healing during this	
	Dan Burnett	significant health challenge.	Carol Burnett
	Family of Revered Dr. Paul D. Krampitz and		
	the congregation of Bethany Lutheran		
	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
9/4/2024	Nancy Lynn Knauff	As she grieves her Mother, Lynn's passing	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.

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Community Upcoming Events



FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT EMANUEL CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES 2024 - 2025

Peter Blanchette - Archguitarist -

Virtuoso and inventor of the 11- string archguitar performs his creative arrangements of music from the 13th c. to the present.

Saturday October 19 at 7 pm



FREE ADMISSION

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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



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!



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 charttopping 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.





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

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Register now for the 13th Convention & Gathering taking place from October 24 - 26, at Calumet Camp & Conference Center.

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 <u>October 6</u>*.



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

Please submit all names no later than <u>Sunday, October 29</u>.