

Twenty-First 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 13, 2024

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

Introduction: *The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Welcome!



Prelude

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

Gather Us In

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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.

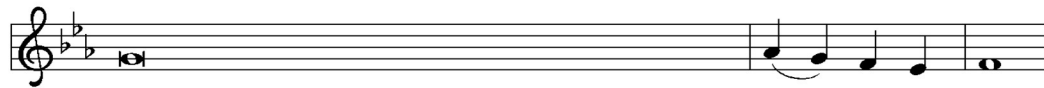
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



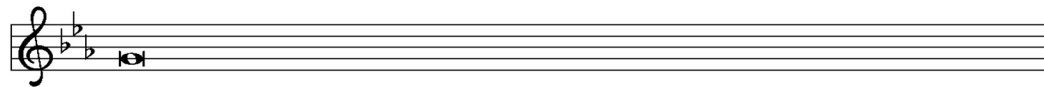
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



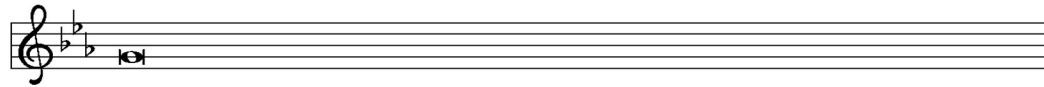
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

All are seated.



Word

First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house
of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one
to quench it.
⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the
gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the
truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the
poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your
transgressions,

and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a
bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent
in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be
with you,
just as you have said.

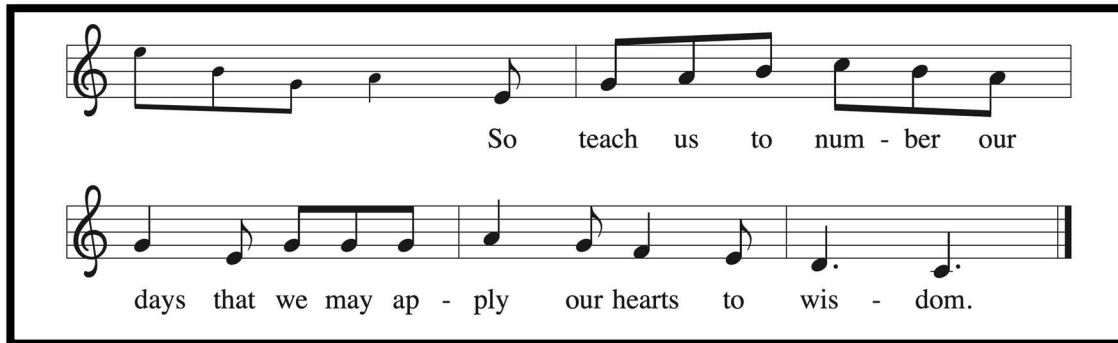
¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of
Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 90:12-17



So teach us to num - ber our
days that we may ap - ply our hearts to wis - dom.

Tone



So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants. R**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. R**

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our

confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Gospel Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

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

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at

these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW 655

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.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely, especially those in our prayer list. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. 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

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.

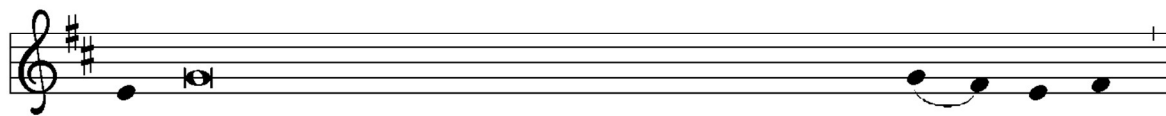
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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,



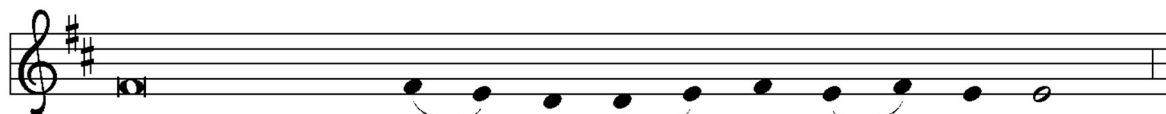
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;



who on this day overcame death and the grave,



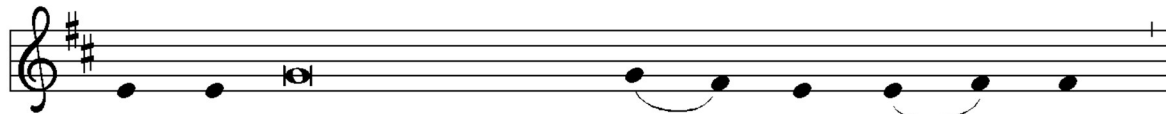
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion



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.

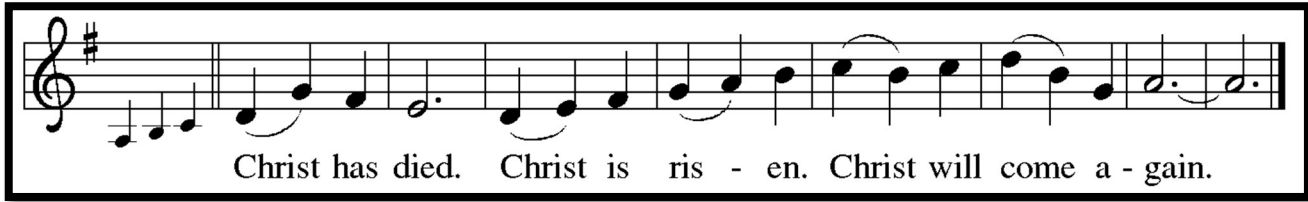
You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

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,
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:



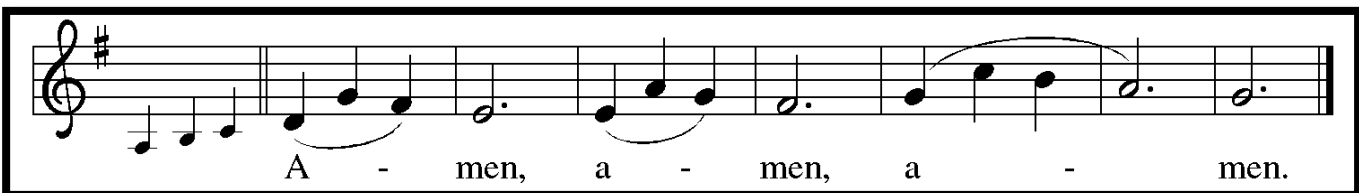
With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no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

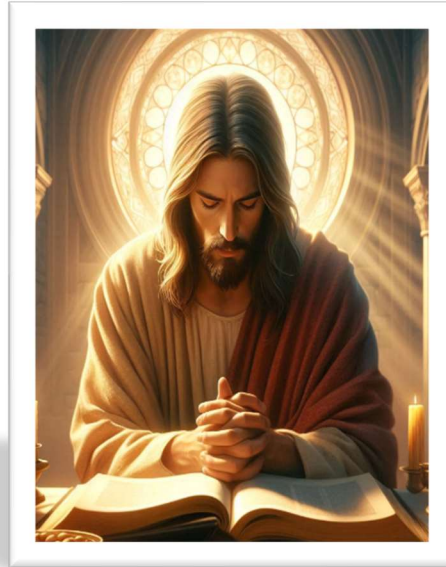
Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy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

Anthem*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

ELW 775

*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***O God of Every Nation*

ELW 713

Dismissal

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

Postlude*John Anderson, Organist***+++ To God Be the Glory +++**

*Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of **Russell Turner**, and **George & Louisa Johnson**, from **Lanie Turner**, Russell's devoted wife, and the Johnson's daughter.*



Serving in Worship Today

<i>Presiding:</i>	Reverend Rolf Hedberg	<i>Assisting Minister(s):</i>	Mark Winzler
<i>Ushers:</i>	John Jaworski		David Smith
<i>Organist:</i>	John Anderson		

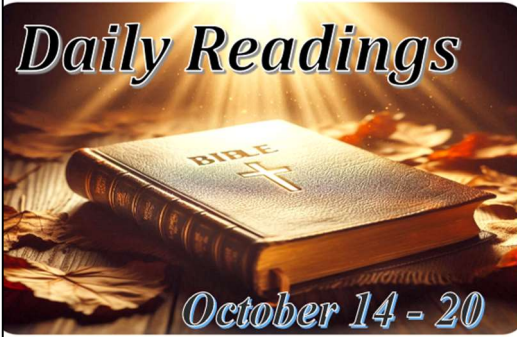
Brief Announcements



- 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, until ***Sunday, October 27th***. Please see the flyer in CLC calendar.
- This year's Stewardship Sunday will be on **Sunday, November 17, 2024**, Pastor Rolf will be communicating more on this, and you'll be hearing from the committee in the next few weeks!
- 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!



Daily Readings



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 26	Psalm 26	Psalm 26	Psalm 91:9-16
Obadiah 1-9	Obadiah 10-16	Obadiah 17-21	Genesis 14:17-24
Revelation 7:9-17	Revelation 8:1-5	Luke 16:19-31	Romans 15:7-13
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, October 20, Lectionary 29</u>	
Psalm 91:9-16	Psalm 91:9-16	Isaiah 53:4-12	
Isaiah 47:1-9	Isaiah 47:10-15	Psalm 91:9-16	
Revelation 17:1-18	Luke 22:24-30	Hebrews 5:1-10	
		Mark 10:35-45	

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:
10/7/2024	Mark & Candace Wilson and Family	As they grieve the passing of Frank, Mark's Father.	Candace Wilson
10/2/2024	Robert Feder	Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.	Gail Feder
9/29/2024	Dan Burnett	Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.	Carol Burnett
9/19/2024	The family of Revered Dr. Paul D. 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 Knauff	As she grieves her Mother, Lynn's passing	Mark Winzler

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Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday, October 13, 2024	Congregational Council Meeting	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Service
Saturday, October 19, 2024	Fall Festival - Among Women	Kaiser Hall	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday, October 20, 2024	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Service
Friday, October 25, 2024	MNC Men's Group Meeting	Concordia Lutheran Church	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 26, 2024	Pop Up Store	Concordia Lutheran Church	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday, November 3, 2024	All Saints Sunday	Concordia Lutheran Church	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 17, 2024	Stewardship Sunday	Concordia Lutheran Church	TBA
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day



NEXT MINISTERIO NUEVA CREACIÓN'S MEN'S GROUP MEETING IS 10/25 @ CONCORDIA FROM 6:30PM – 8:00PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. CHINESE FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED!



THE TOPIC WILL BE:

OUR JOURNEYS TO FAITH. IF INTERESTED, CONTACT DAVID SMITH, OR SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

MINISTERIO NUEVA CREACIÓN ENTRE MUJERES / AMONG WOMEN

FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 19 11 AM - 2 PM
FOOD / VENDORS / PRESENTATIONS

KAISER HALL OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
40 PITKIN STREET, MANCHESTER

Scan me to Register!



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!

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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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.**

OR

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.



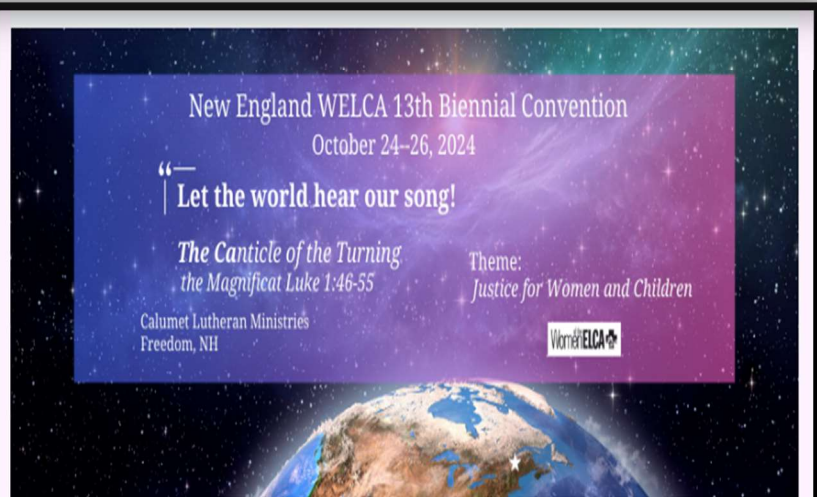
Community Upcoming Events



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday, October 19, 2024	Peter Blanchette - Archguitarist	Emmanuel Lutheran Church	7 p.m.
Thursday, October 24, 2024	New England Women of the ELCA 13th Biennial Convention & Gathering	Calumet Camp and Conference Center	All Day

Holiday Schedule

Town Offices are closed Monday, Oct. 14, 2024 for the Columbus Day holiday. Trash will be collected according to the regular schedule with no delays. The Manchester Public Library will be open regular hours.



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

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

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

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Peter Blanchette - Archguitarist -

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