Reformation Sunday



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 27, 2024

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

Introduction: Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude:

John Anderson, Organist

Welcome



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 is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Iesus does.

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

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice. love kindness. and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Beloved of God:

God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

All stand as able.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit call us together as the people of God.

Gathering Hymn

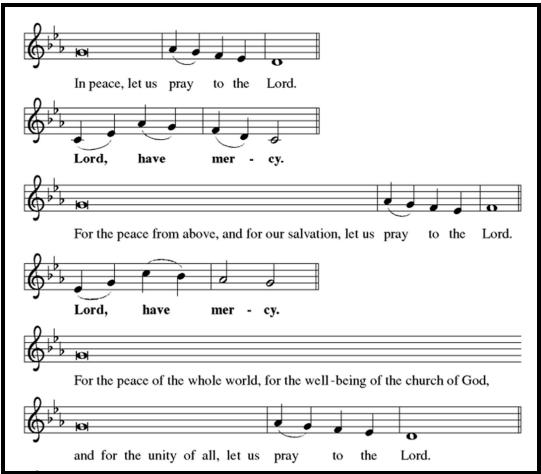
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

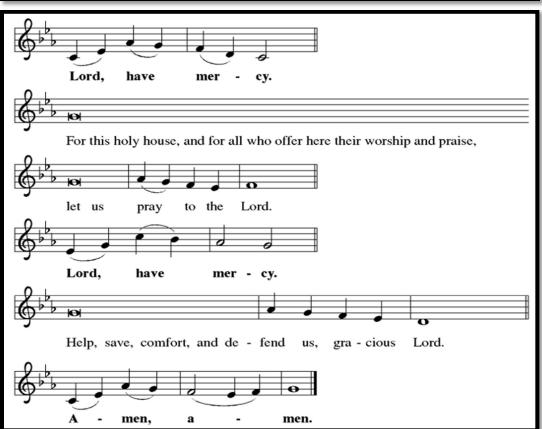
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Greeting

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





Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

All are seated.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

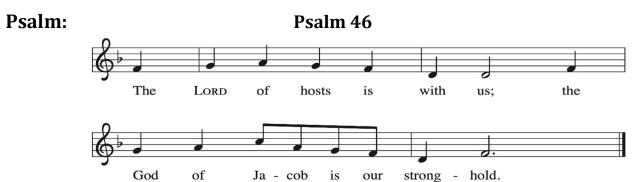
The First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Tone



The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,

and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;

³though its waters | rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- $^{\mid}$ y of God,

the holy habitation of | the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;

God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth † melts away. R

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the I shields with fire.

10"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

The Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed,

and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show

his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is

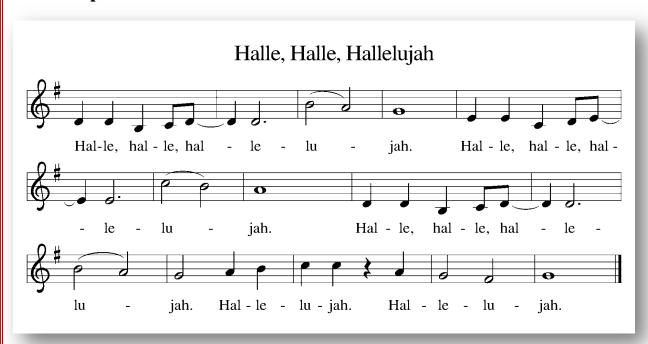
All stand as able.

excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel:

John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All are seated.

Sermon Pastor Rolf Hedberg

All stand as able.

Hymn of the Day Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word ELW 517

Creed

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,

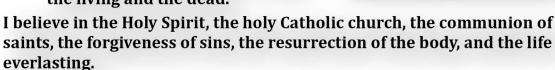
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

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.



Prayers of Intercession

Amen.

Trusting in the transformative power of God's living Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the Church throughout the world. Keep the Church steadfast in the preaching and teaching of the Gospel of our Lord, that all people may know that truth which sets them free. Strengthen the Church in its mission that all people may be a body of believers made righteous by your grace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

On this day when we celebrate our Lutheran heritage, we pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Continue to give guidance to all bishops, especially Elizabeth and Nathan, theologians, pastors especially Rolf, laity, as well as our counterparts in other traditions.

May all come to know your truth as we seek to conciliate those differences that have divided us for centuries. Help us that we may ultimately realize the true Christian identity which we share: *One Lord, One Faith, one Baptism*. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations and peoples of the world. Uplift and comfort those touched by political violence and strife and give them peace. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war or religious conflict. May all know that you, Lord, are their refuge and strength. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray this community of faith at Concordia. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us the power of faith, fellowship and love and make us worthy of our heritage. Knit us together in the communion of saints that our proclamation of faith may be a visible testimony to your presence among us. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways and kindle zeal is us for the future. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Uphold and comfort those in need of the reassurance of your presence in their lives: the oppressed and the rejected, those experiencing difficulties, those burdened with anxiety, those facing trials of their faith, the sick, the suffering, and those in mourning and those on our prayer list. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We thank you that you have surrounded us with a great company of saints who have gone before us:

- † apostles and martyrs,
- † reformers and renewers of the Church especially Martin Luther,
- † saints of our time who sought to restore the unity of the body of Christ;
- † and all who remained steadfast to your word in their lives.

Grant us all grace to learn and to act now, following their example; so that we, like they, shall see your face and enjoy your eternal peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ. The Table is prepared.

Offering Hymn

We Place Upon Your Table, Lord

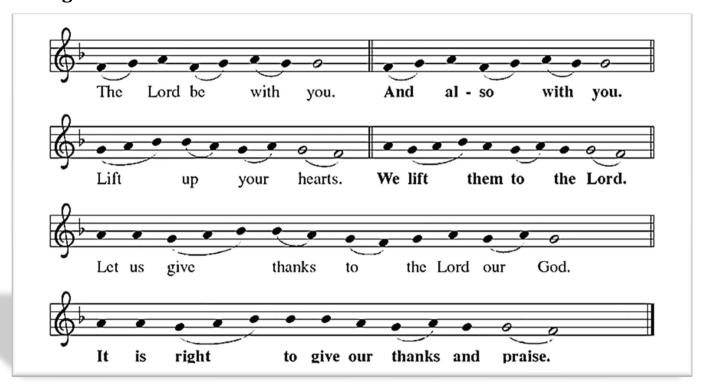
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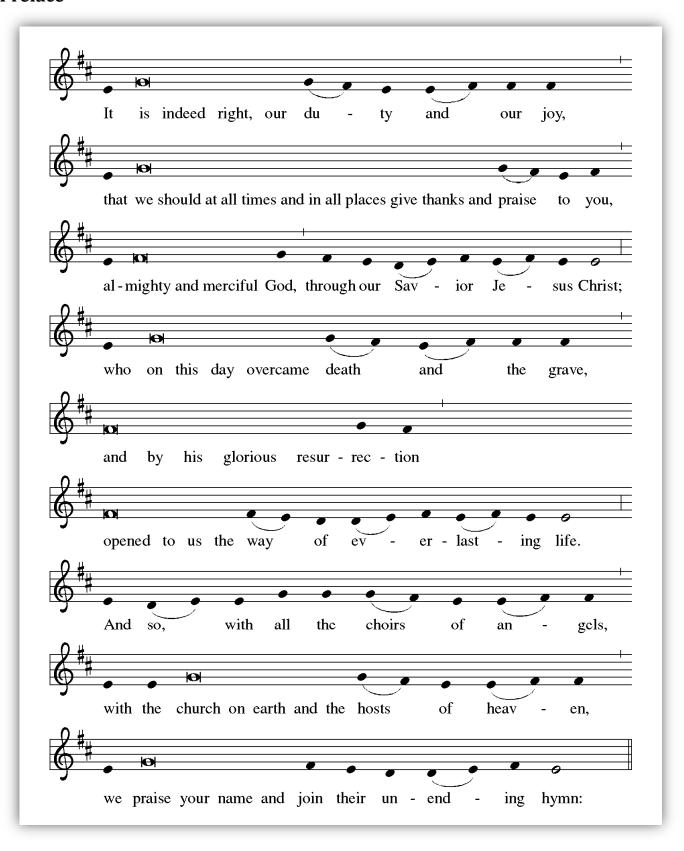
Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

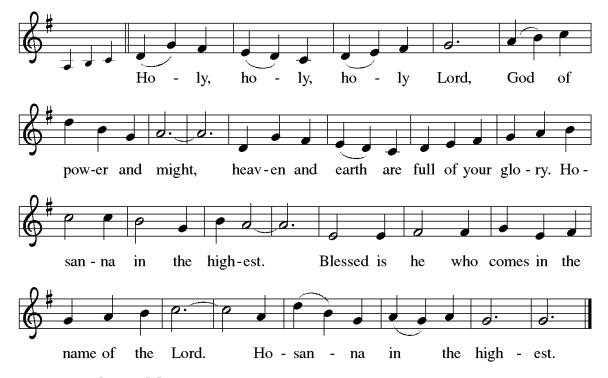
Dialogue



Preface



Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)



Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish

but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world

to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation. 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

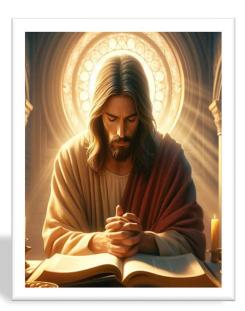


Lord's Prayer

Amen.

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,

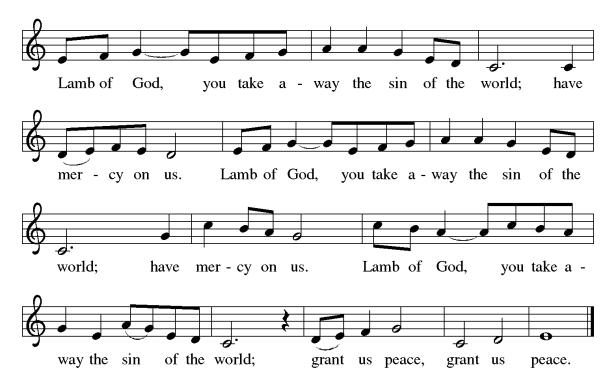


Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

All are seated.

Communion Song (Lamb of God)



Anthem Built on a Rock ELW 652

All stand as able.

††† The Distribution of Holy Communion †††

Blessing after Communion

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Sending Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: John Anderson, Organist

+ + + To God Be the Glory + + +

Serving in Worship Today Presiding: Reverend Rolf Hedberg | Assisting Minister(s): Mark Winzler Ushers: Carol Burnett Wendy Donagher Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements



Daylight saving time will end at 2 a.m.

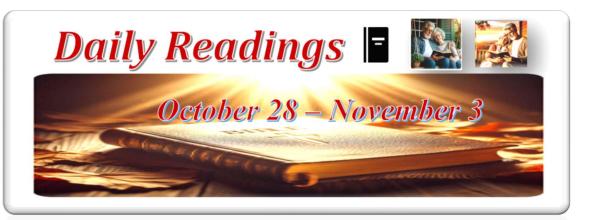


on Nov. 3, 2024— don't forget

to set your clocks back!!!

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- **† Stewardship Committee**, kindly stay for our scheduled meeting today after service.
- T 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 CLC and community events!



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 119:17-24	Psalm 119:17-24	Psalm 119:17-24	Psalm 119:1-8
Exodus 4:1-17	2 Kings 6:8-23	Jeremiah 33:1-11	Exodus 22:1-15
1 Peter 2:1-10	Acts 9:32-35	Matthew 20:29-34	Hebrews 9:1-12
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	Sunday, November 3, All Saints Sunday	
Psalm 119:1-8	Psalm 119:1-8	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	
Leviticus 19:32-37	Numbers 9:9-14	Psalm 119:1-8	
Romans 3:21-31	Luke 10:25-37	Hebrews 9:11-14	
		Mark 12:28-34	

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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:
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

For Concordia's ongoing transition process.

<u>The Intentions of this Community:</u>

- 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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<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday, November 3, 2024	All Saints Sunday	Concordia Lutheran Church	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 10, 2024	Congregational Council Meeting	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Sunday, November 17, 2024	Stewardship Sunday	Concordia Lutheran Church	TBA
Sunday, November 24, 2024	Congregation Meeting	Kaiser Hall	After Worship
Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18	Holden Evening Prayer	Via Zoom - see flyer!	7:00-7:30 pm
	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park		
All throughout School Year	Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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.



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*).



Concordia, Emanuel and Ministerio Nueva Creación







Midweek Advent Worship

Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesdays
December 4, 11, and 18
7:00-7:30 p.m.



Via Zoom

The Zoom Link and Dial-In Information will be disseminated after Thanksgiving.

Holden Evening Prayer was originally written during the winter of 1986 while the composer, Marty Haugen, was at Holden Village in the North Cascade Mountains of Washington State. With the exception of the lessons and a couple of prayers, the majority of the liturgy is sung. The liturgy lasts about one-half hour.

While it may be used at any time during the church year, it is especially appropriate during Advent because of the Magnificat included in the liturgy.

We are pleased to share this Midweek Advent Worship with members of Emanuel Lutheran and Ministerio Nueva Creación. (**Note**: *Bible Study will follow at 7:30*.)

Thanks to John Anderson (pianist), John Corl, Wendy Donagher, Nancy Lynn Knauff and Carol Stoneman (singers) and John Haid (sound/recording engineer) for recording the musical portions of this liturgy (in November, 2020 during the height of the pandemic) for use for our Midweek Advent Services again this year.



Community Upcoming Events



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
	Early Voting! See flyer	110 Cedar St.	
Sunday, October 27, 2024	for more dates!	(Mahoney Rec Ctr)	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
	Northwest Park	448 Tolland Tpk	
Wednesday, October 30, 2024	Farmer's Market	(Northwest Park)	4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
	New England Country	385 North Main St.	
Saturday, November 2, 2024	Fair	(2nd Congregational Church)	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
		10 Polling locations,	
Tuesday, November 5, 2024	Presidential Election	pls scan the QR code in the flyer	6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
	16th Annual Emergency		
Nov. 9th, 10th, 16th, & 17th	of Hunger Food Drive	Local Food Pantry	Scan QR Code!

Northwest Park Farmer's Market 2024

Northwest Park Farmers Market will be open on Wednesdays, September 4 through October 30, 2024, from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM at Northwest Park, 448 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester, CT.

Local vendor selections are thoughtfully curated to include diverse foods and business owners; with products including: fresh fruits & vegetables,

eggs, honey, maple syrup, baked goods, food trucks/tents, and artisans. See the weekly theme and vendor list at https://www.facebook.com/NorthwestParkFarmersMarketCT

Our market accepts SNAP/EBT payments & will double the value of SNAP purchases up to \$30.00 (spend \$30.00 using your EBT card to receive an additional \$30.00 to spend on SNAP-eligible items). In addition, all children in attendance will receive a \$2.00 Power of Produce (POP) voucher at each market for use on any fresh produce. Visit our Welcome Table for assistance.



Cost

Free

Contact

(860) 647-3089 cacanto@manchesterct.gov



Scan Me!

Election Workers

The Manchester Registrars of Voters is looking to hire residents to be paid election officials to work at the polls for the upcoming Presidential Election, Tuesday, November 5, 2024 and any other future elections. We are looking for dedicated citizens who care about their community, who want to ensure that each vote counts, and who want each voter to have the best possible voting experience. This is an opportunity to fulfill an important civic duty and to get paid as well. It is a very satisfying day, as you assist in the ultimate democratic right and process-voting.

Scan me for more information, *or* contact the Registrars of



Voters office by emailing your contact information to:

registrar@manchesterct.gov or visiting:

manchesterct.gov/vote





Early voting for the Presidential Election will be held at **Mahoney Recreation Center**, located at 110 Cedar Street (rear entrance) from Oct. 21 through Nov. 3, 2024; hours are 10 AM to 6 PM daily, with extended hours on 10/29 and 10/31 from 8 AM to 8 PM.

Primary, Election and Early Voting Information

Early voting for the Presidential Election will be held at Mahoney Recreation Center, located at 110 Cedar Street (rear entrance):

*ALL voters can vote in a Presidential Election

- Monday October 21, 2024 10am 6pm
- Tuesday October 22, 2024 10am 6pm
- Wednesday October 23, 2024 10am 6pm
- Thursday October 24, 2024 10am 6pm
- Friday October 25, 2024 10am 6pm
- Saturday October 26, 2024 10am 6pm
- Sunday October 27, 2024 10am 6pm
 Monday October 28, 2024 10am 6pm
- · Tuesday October 29, 2024 hours will be extended from 8am to 8pm
- Wednesday October 30, 2024 10am 6pm
- Thursday October 31, 2024 hours will be extended from 8am to 8pm
- Friday November 1, 2024 10am 6pm
- Saturday November 2, 2024 10am 6pm
- Sunday November 3, 2024 10am 6pm

The Presidential Election will take place November 5, 2024 6am - 8pm



Scan Me!



November 9th & 10th

Highland Park Market,

9AM-4PM

Highland Street in Manchester

Stop and Shop,

9AM-4PM

West Middle Turnpike in Manchester

November 16th & 17th

Stop and Shop,

9AM-4PM

West Middle Turnpike in Manchester

All donations will go MACC's Community Emergency Food Pantry to support families facing food insecurity.