All Saints 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

November 3, 2024

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

Introduction: *Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have* the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in G Major - Felix Mendelssohn John Anderson, Organist



GATHERING

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

Processional Hymn

For All the Saints

ELW 422

Apostolic 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.



Hymn of Praise

This Is The Feast



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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.

WORD

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



First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

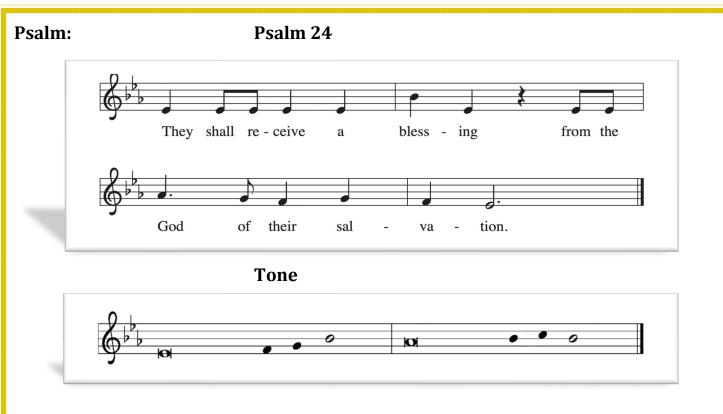
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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



They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)

¹The earth is the Lord's and all | that is in it. the world and those who | dwell therein. ²For the Lord has founded it up- | on the seas and established it up- | on the rivers. R ³Who may ascend the mountain | of the Lord, and who may stand in God's | holy place? ⁴Those of innocent hands and puri-¹ ty of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false. ⁵They shall receive blessing | from the Lord and righteousness from the God of | their salvation. ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O Lord, of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob. R ⁷Lift up your heads. O gates; and be lifted up. O ever- | lasting doors. that the King of glory | may come in. ⁸Who is this | King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, might- | y in battle! ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in. ¹⁰Who is this | King of glory? Truly, the Lord of hosts is the | King of glory. R

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a}Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

All stand as able.

Gradual Hymn

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

Gospel:

John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

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

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,

"Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with

strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

All are seated.

Sermon

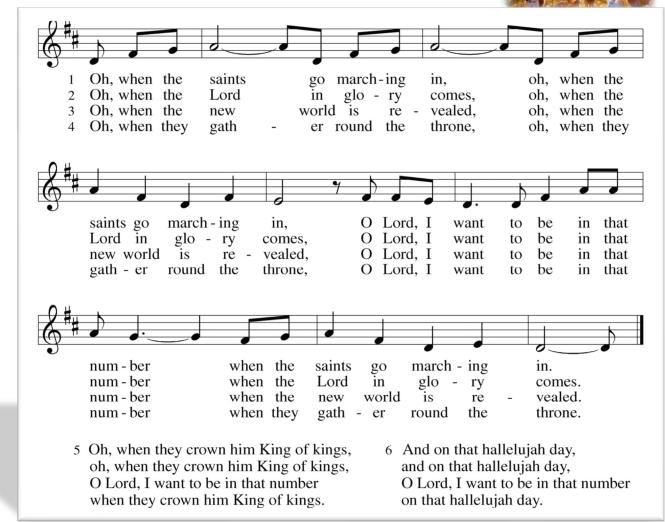
All stand as able.

Procession to the Garden

Follow the cross to the Worship and Memorial Garden.

Processional Hymn

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



Pastor Rolf Hedberg



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Dialogue for All Saints

A. Praise the Lord, all you saints!

- C. Praise him all you heavenly hosts!
- A. Let us praise the name of the Lord:
- C. For his name only is exalted!

A. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:

C. Isaiah, Jeremiah and all you Patriarchs and Prophets!

A. Miriam, Ruth and Naomi:

C. Elizabeth, Mary and all you Holy Women!

A. Matthew, Mark and Luke:

C. James and John and all you Evangelists and Apostles!

A. Stephen, Thomas, Peter and Paul:

C. Philip, Bartholomew and all you Holy Martyrs!

A. Praise the Lord!

C. O praise the name of the Lord!

A. These are the saints whose robes are washed white in the blood of the Lamb.

C. Praise the Lord!

A. We are the saints who are the living body of Christ, the Church.

C. Praise the Lord! O praise the name of the Lord!

Prayers of Remembrance

On the day of All Saints', we remember with thanksgiving the members of our church as well as friends/relatives of current members who have died since last All Saints. In our prayers, we ask that God would grant them eternal rest and that we would be kept in communion with all the saints until we are reunited with them around the heavenly throne of God and the Lamb.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ.

Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died during the past year.....

We also remember all those former Concordia members laid to rest in this Memorial Garden and in other cemeteries as well as our own friends and relatives who now rest from their earthly labors and now live with you. We name those people now either silently or aloud. (pause) Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in you and have striven to do your holy will. God of Mercy,

hear our prayer.

In addition to those people that we named who died during the past year and those friends and loved ones we have just named who have died in the past, today we also remember those others whom we do not know. We remember those have died in the war in the Ukraine, in Israel and in Gaza and all other places in the world where unrest has resulted in loss of life. We remember those who have been taken due to gun violence whether it was a singular act or a mass shooting. We remember those who, struggling with the demands of life, took their own lives because they could no longer cope. We remember those who died because of natural disasters: hurricanes and tornadoes, floods and extreme heat. Keep their relatives and friends close to you, dear Lord, allowing them to know that they now rest peacefully with you. God of Mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



November 3, 2024



Today, on All Saints Sunday, we remember Concordia members as well as relatives, friends and colleagues of Concordia members who have completed their earthly pilgrimage since last year's All Saints Sunday. (Those listed have been identified by Concordia and Ministerio Nueva Creación members.)

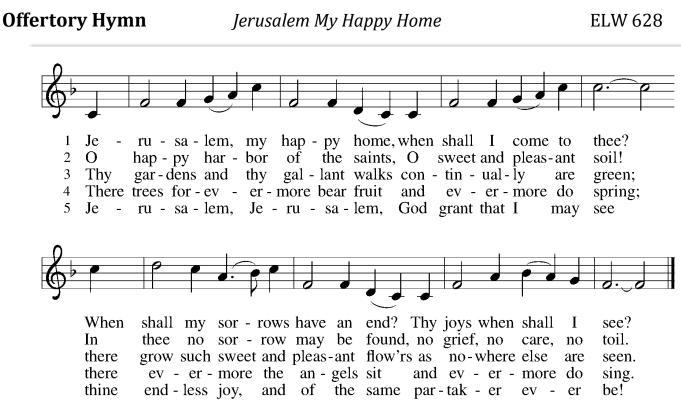
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Donald	Donaughy	Stella	Murphy		Bill	Watson
George	Estel	Ronald	Nason		Shirley	Weeks
Lois	Feder	Monica	Packer		Janet	White
Kathy	Floyd	Rhonda	Parenti		Frank	Wilson
Craig	Hedberg			Mrs	. Demetra	Zariphes
				Dr. C	onstantine	Zariphes, II



Exchange of Peace The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



All are seated.



All stand as able.

Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,

you offered yourself in love for the world,

and in this meal you nourish us with your life.

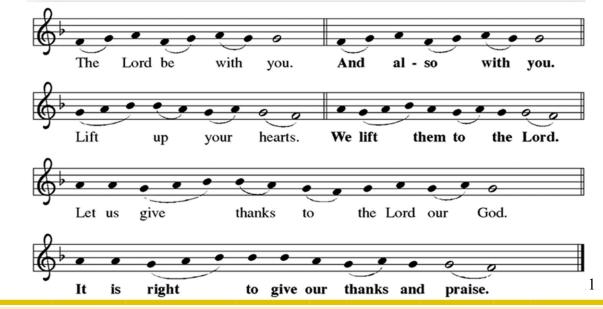
Fill us with your abundance,

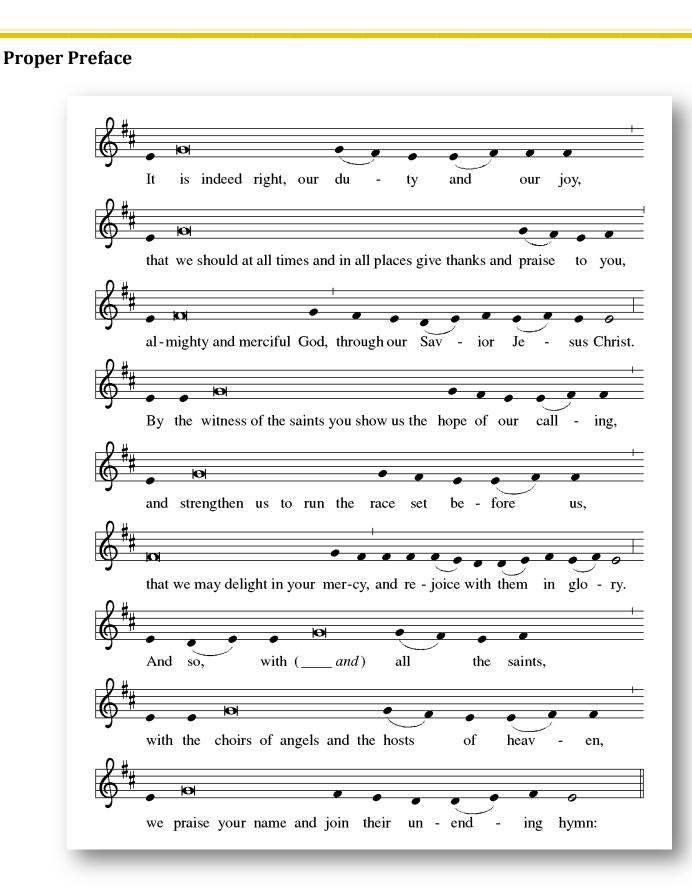
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,

trusting in your name.

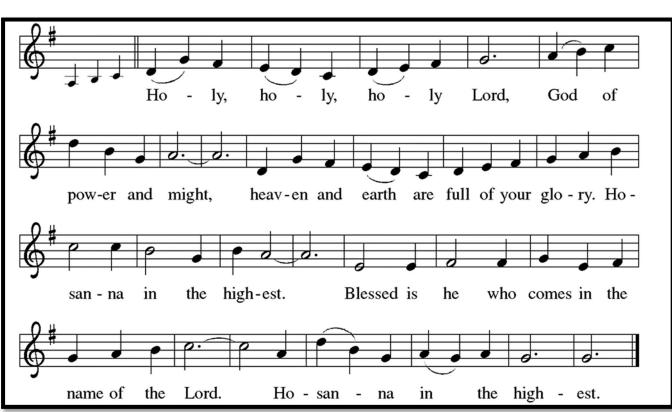
Amen.

Dialogue





Sanctus



+The Eucharistic Prayer

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

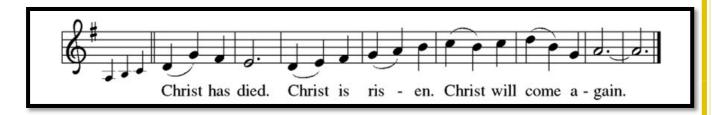
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

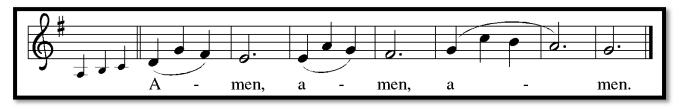
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer • 0 0 Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name, • • • • • 0 0 0 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. . . 0 0 0 0 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we . . . 0 • . 0 a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al for-give those who sin the king-dom, the pow'r, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For 0 0 and the glo-ry are yours, and for - ev A - men. now er.

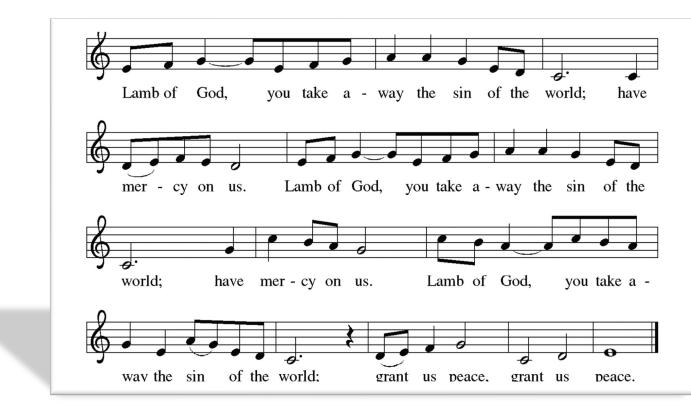


Invitation

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

All are seated.

Lamb of God



Anthem

In Heaven Above

ELW 630

All stand as able.

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

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

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

Gavotte - Matthew Camidge

John Anderson, Organist

+ + + To God Be the Glory + + +

(All are invited to walk to a place of remembrance in the garden. Those who wish may remain for personal prayer and reflection.)

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding:	Reverend Rolf Hedberg	Assisting Minister(s):	Mark Winzler
Ushers:	Tom Taylor		Wendy Donagher
Organist:	John Anderson		



- [†] 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!
- [†] 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!



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 51	Psalm 51	Psalm 51	Psalm 146
Deuteronomy 6:10-25	Deuteronomy 28:58-29:1	Micah 6:1-8	Numbers 36:1-13
Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10	Acts 7:17-29	John 13:31-35	Romans 5:6-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	Sunday, Novemb	er 10, Lectionary 32
<u>Friday</u> Psalm 146	<u>Saturday</u> Psalm 146		er 10, Lectionary 32 gs 17:8-16
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Psalm 146	Psalm 146	1 King Psa	gs 17:8-16



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:
10/29/2024	Jeanne and Al Williams	As they grieve the passing of Jeanne's mother, Lana Brown	Wendy Donagher
10/27/2024	The family of Dick Miczek	As they grieve the passing of Dick Miczek	Lanie Turner
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

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Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar

Date of Event	<u>Event</u>	Location	<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







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.

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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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







Scan me to Lookup Voting Locations!

Date of Event	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
		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!
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
		N. United Methodist Church	
Thursdav. November 14, 2024	Blood Drive	300 Parker St.	12:30 pm - 6:30 p.m.



16th Annual Emergency of Hunger Food Drive

Support Your Local Food Pantry!

November 9th, 10th, 16th, & 17th, 2024

Ambulance Service of Manchester and other local fire and police will be collecting food and gift card donations during this food drive to support MACC Charities, HVCC, and South Windsor Food and Fuel Bank, sustaining these food pantries/banks for the winter months. All donations will go to fighting food insecurity in our local

community.

Blood Drive Manchester

Next date: Thursday, November 14, 2024 | 12:30 PM to 06:30 PM



For more info and to schedule your appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit us online to find drives in nearby towns on Red Cross website.

Location:

North United Methodist Church, 300 Parker Street, Manchester

Musical Play at Cheney Hall Nov 8th – Nov 24th

Next date: Friday, November 08, 2024 | 07:30 PM to 09:00 PM

SOMETHING ROTTEN

Nov 8th - Nov 24th

Fri & Sat @ 7:30 pm

Sun @2:00 pm

Welcome to the Renaissance!

Brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of the rock-star playwright, "The Bard." When a local

soothsayer foretells that the future of theater involves singing, dancing, and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first MUSICAL! Amidst the scandalous excitement of opening night, the Bottom Brothers realize that reaching the top means being true to thine own self – and all that jazz.

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



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