Twenty-Fifth 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

November 10, 2024

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

Introduction: Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation.

Prelude: Allegro Moderato and Adagio from Sonata 1 - Felix Mendelssohn 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, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth. that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen. These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. Amen.

Gathering

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

Gathering Hymn

All Depends on Our Possessing

ELW 589

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.**



Prayer of the Day

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

All are seated.

Word

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



First Reading:

1 Kings 17:8-16

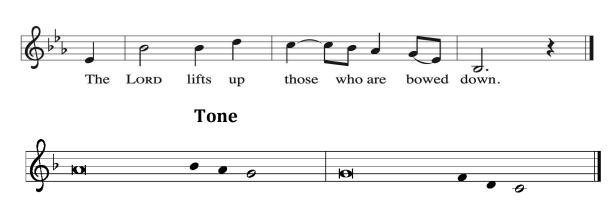
This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸ The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you

have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

Psalm 146



The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

- ¹ Hal- | lelujah!
 - Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
 - ² I will praise the LORD as long | as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
 - ³ Put not your [|] trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there [|] is no help.
 - ⁴ When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth, and in that day | their thoughts perish. R
 - ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help, whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
 - ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them; who keeps promis- | es forever;
 - ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to ¹ those who hunger. The LORD sets the ¹ captive free.
 - ⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down; the LORD | loves the righteous. R
 - ⁹ The LORD cares | for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
 ¹⁰ The LORD shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! R

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to

remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

All stand as able.



The Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

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

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

All are seated.

Sermon

All stand as able.

Hymn of the Day

Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us

ELW 707

Pastor 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

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza and Israel, and pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill, especially those in our prayer list. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.

Offertory Hymn

We Are an Offering

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All stand as able.

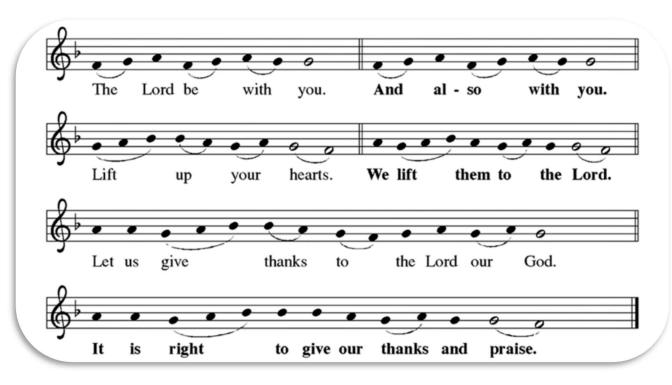
Offertory Prayer

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.

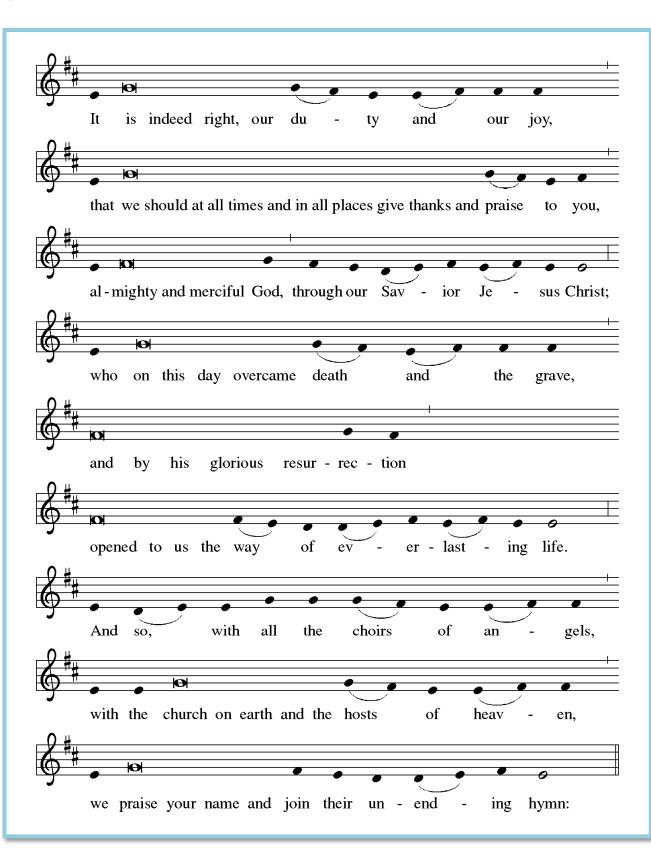
Amen.



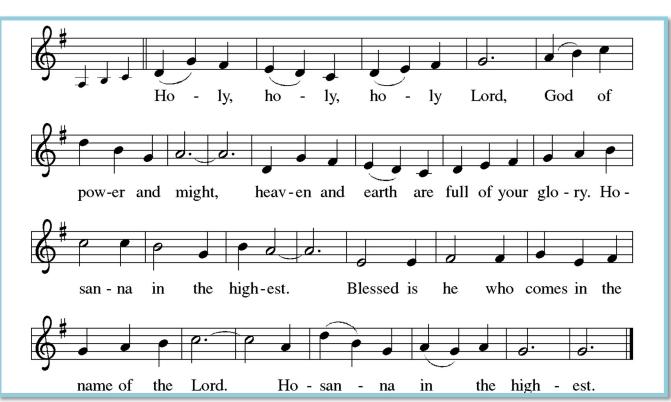
Dialogue



Proper Preface



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.

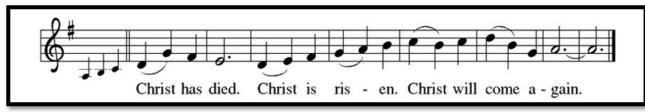
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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,

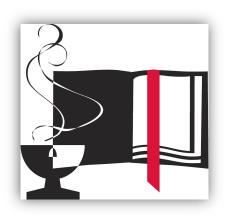
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,

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

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.

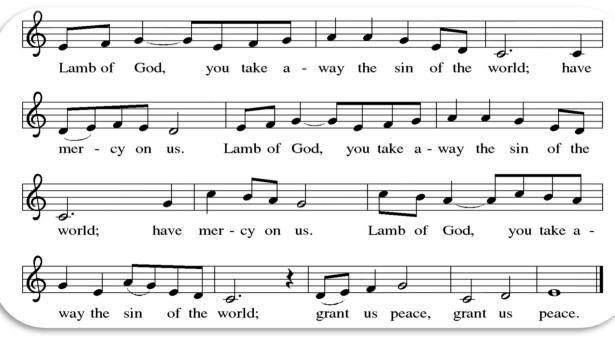


Invitation

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

All are seated.

Lamb of God



Anthem

Day by Day

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

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.**

Blessing

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever. Amen.

Sending

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

Sending Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

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Dismissal

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

Postlude:Heroic Song - Jean LanglaisJohn Anderson, Organist

+ + + To God Be the Glory + + +

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding:Reverend Rolf HedbergUshers:Paul GoodrichOrganist:John Anderson

Assisting Sandy Baranowski Minister(s): Jeanine Barber

Brief Announcements

- **†** Please stick around for our scheduled *Congregational Council Meeting* after service!
- Just a friendly reminder: Next week is Stewardship Sunday, November 17!
- Pop Up Store are collecting (*throughout the whole school year*) healthy snacks for Highland Park Elementary 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 94	Psalm 94	Psalm 94	Psalm 16
Ruth 1:1-22	Ruth 3:14—4:6	Ruth 4:7-22	Daniel 4:4-18
1 Timothy 5:1-8	1 Timothy 5:9-16	Luke 4:16-30	1 Timothy 6:11-21
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	Sunday, November 17, Lectionary 33	
Psalm 16	Psalm 16	Daniel 12:1-3	
Daniel 4:19-27	Daniel 4:28-37	Psalm 16	
Colossians 2:6-15	Mark 12:1-12	Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25	
		Mark 13:1-8	

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Prayers of the Community

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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
11/6/2024	Andrew Troppman	Strength and hope and perserverance as he goes through chemotherapy	Carol & Phil Stoneman
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

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

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Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar

Date of Event	<u>Event</u>	Location	<u>Time</u>
Sunday, November 17, 2024	Stewardship Sunday	Concordia Lutheran Church	TBA
		Weaver High School	
Thursday, November 21, 2024	GHIAA Power Summit	415 Granby St., Hartford	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Sunday, November 24, 2024	Informal Congr Meeting	Kaiser Hall	After Worship
Sunday, December 1, 2024	Executive Committee	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Friday, December 6, 2024	POP UP Store Set up	Concordia Lutheran Church	1 p.m. to TBA
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Pop Up Store	Concordia Lutheran Church	10 a.m. to TBA
Sunday, December 8, 2024	Council Meeting	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18	Holden Evening Prayer	Via Zoom - see flyer!	7:00-7:30 pm
	Congregation Meeting with		
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
	Healthy Snacks for Highland		
All throughout School Year	Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day



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!

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. (<u>Note: *Bible Study will follow at 7:30*</u>.)

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





Date of Event	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
	16th Annual Emergency		
Nov. 9th, 10th, 16th, & 17th	of Hunger Food Drive	Local Food Pantry	Scan QR Code!
		N. United Methodist Church	
Thursday, November 14, 2024	Blood Drive	300 Parker St.	12:30 pm - 6:30 p.m.
		Emanuel Lutheran Church	
Saturday, November 23, 2024	Galvin Cello Quarter	60 Church St.	7:00 p.m./Scan QR Code

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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