

Christ the King



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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**

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Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

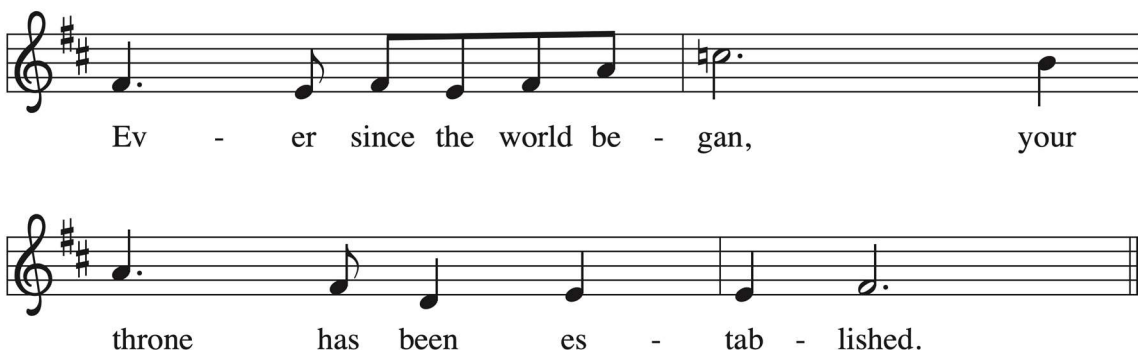
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

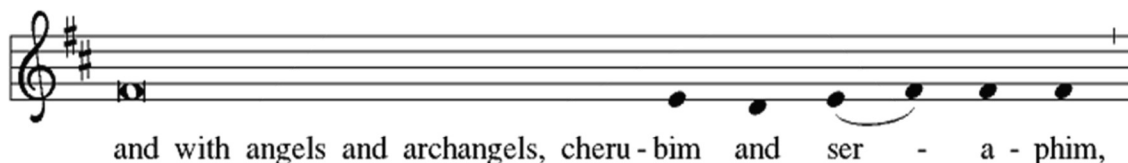
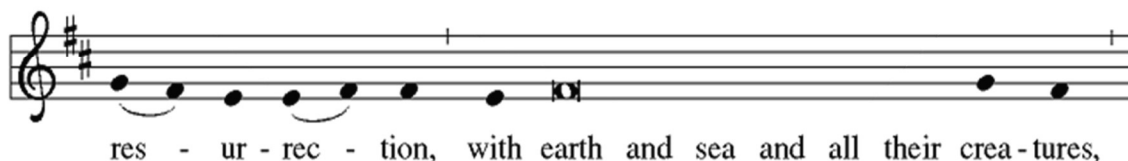
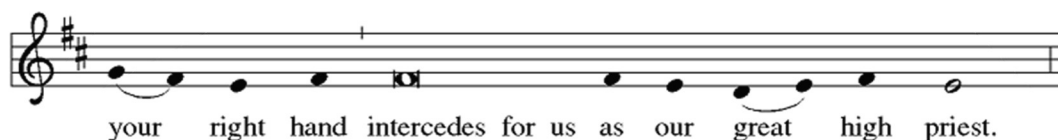
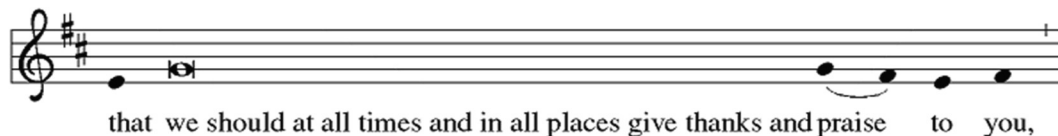
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

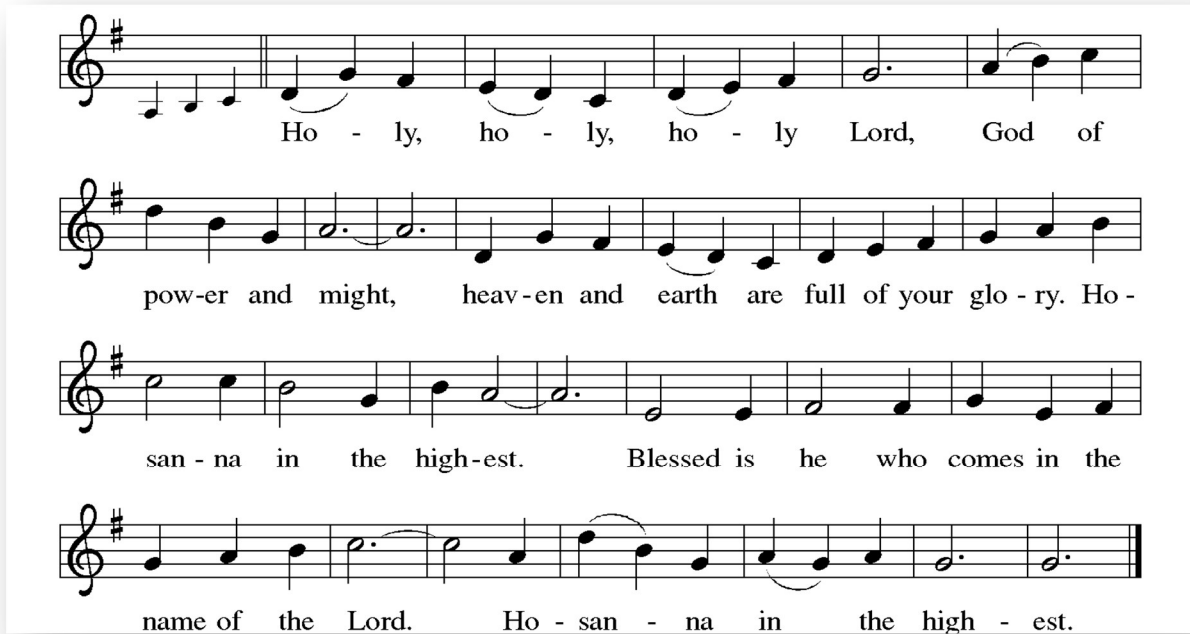
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.

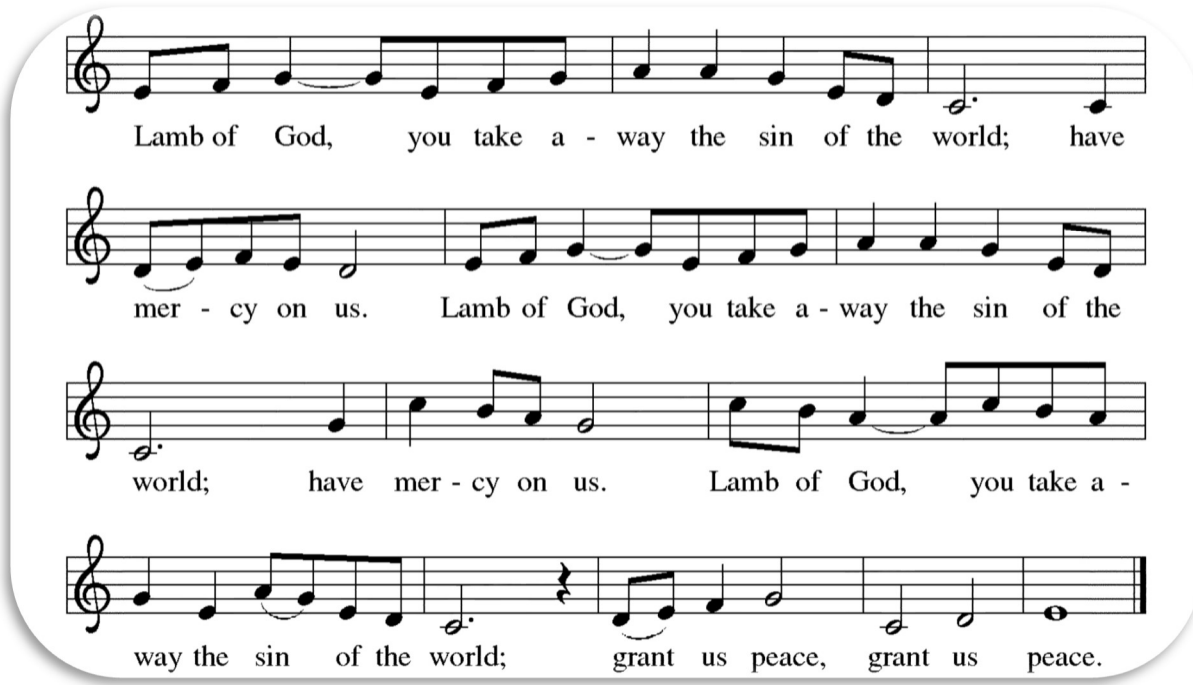
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave
thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed
for you and all people for the forgiveness of
sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

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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

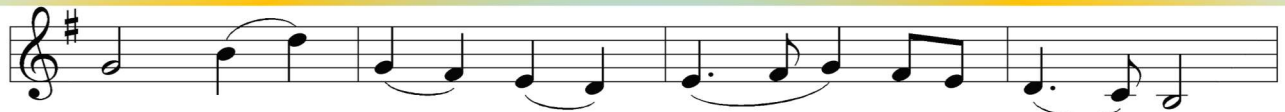
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.




Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar




<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.


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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

**Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM**

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

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45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

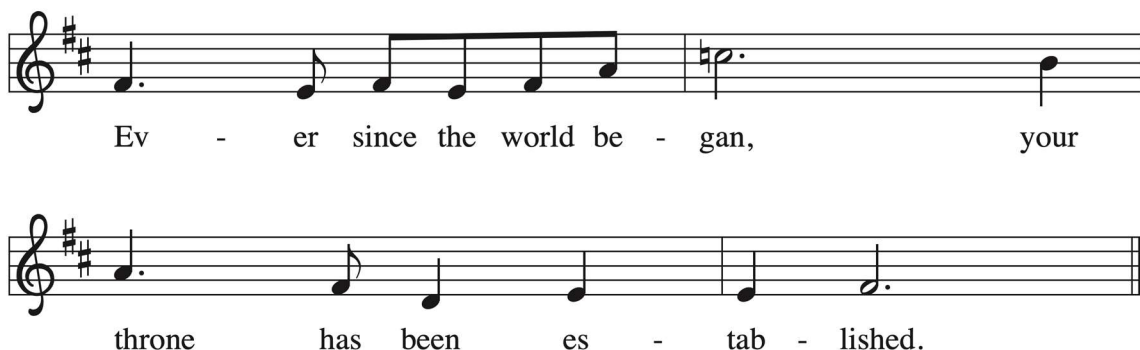
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

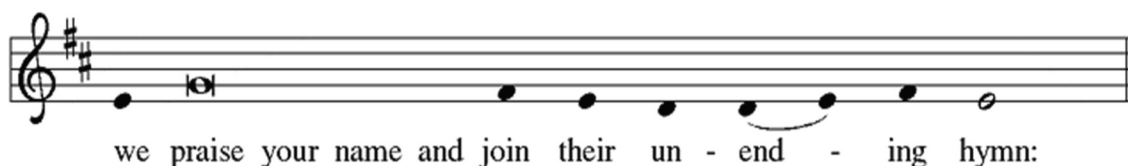
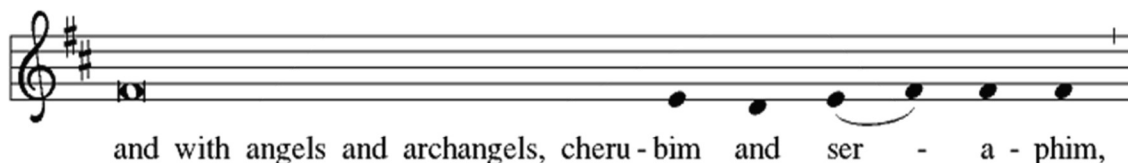
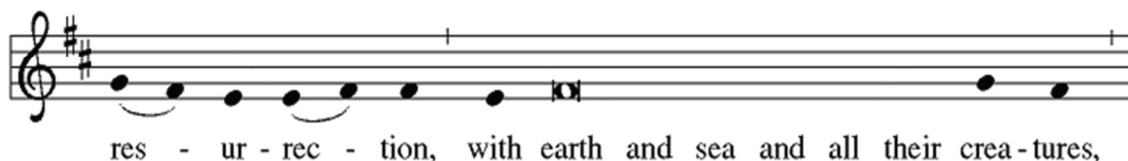
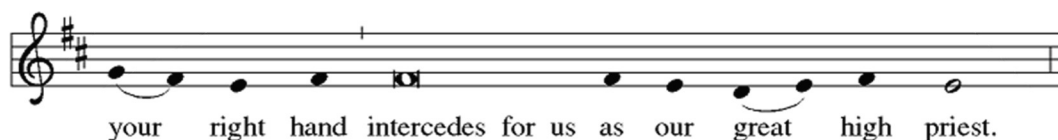
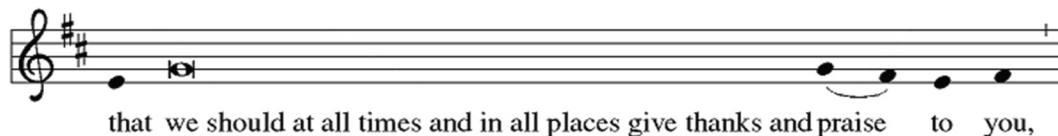
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

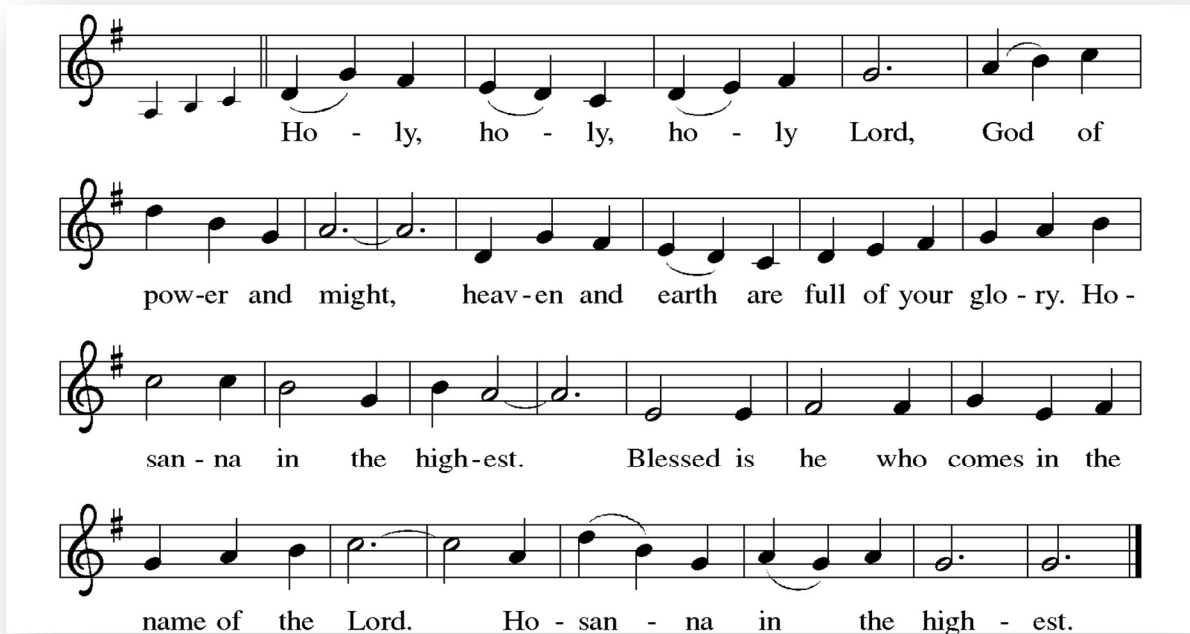
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

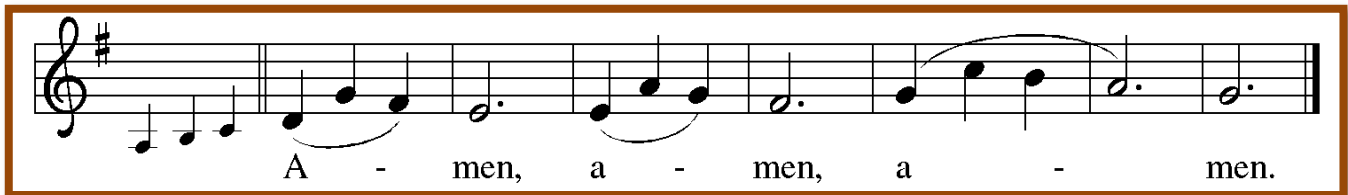
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
 to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
 cup
 with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
 justice in all the world.

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.

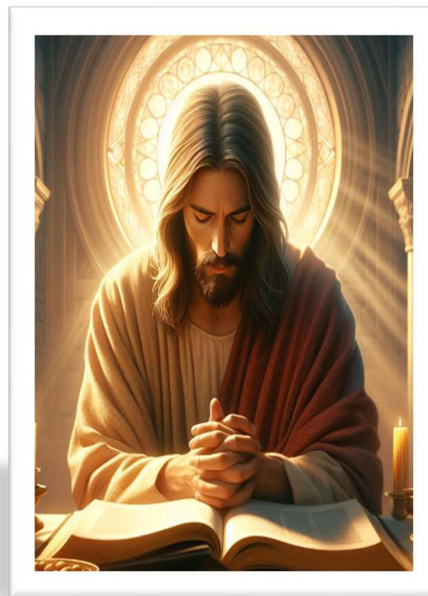
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
 the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
 now and forever.



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.**

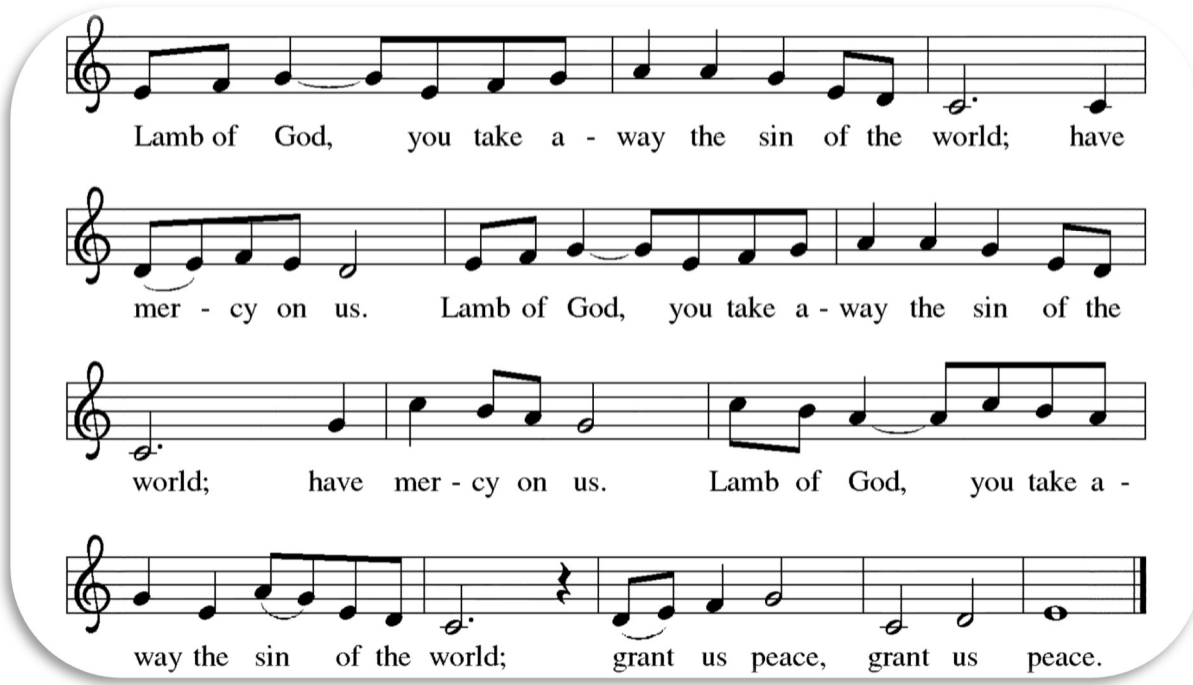


Invitation

There is a place for you at the banquet.
 Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

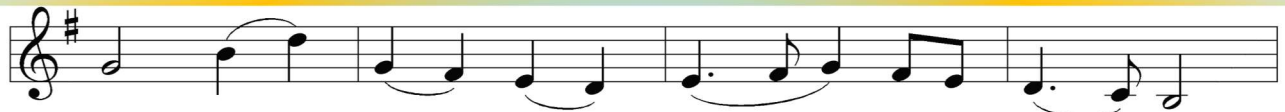
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival \(LSM\)](#) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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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.



The Vernon
Chorale

Presents:



Night, Dreaming, and Awakening

SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

WINTER STARLIGHT

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing

*Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells*

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

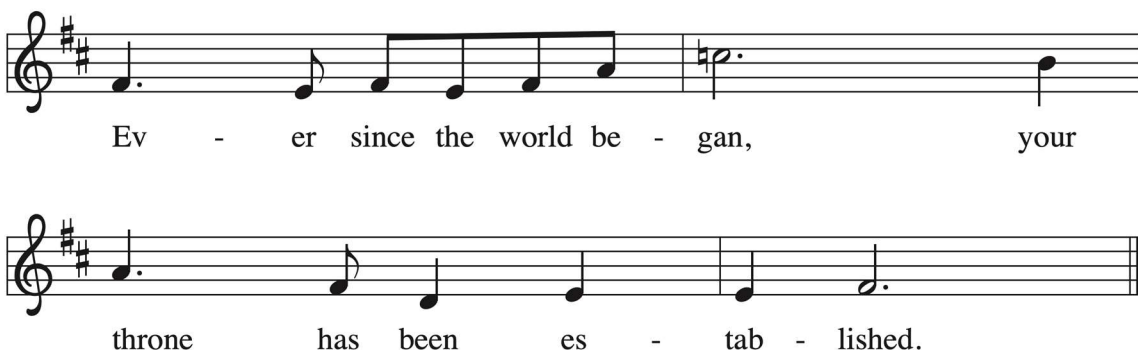
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

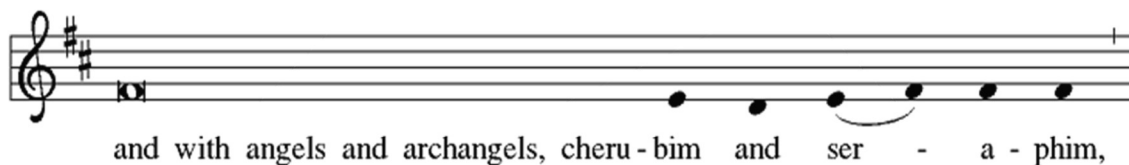
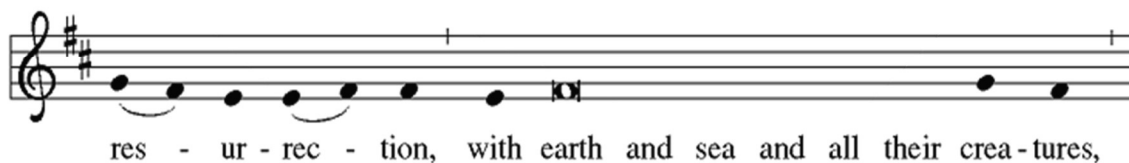
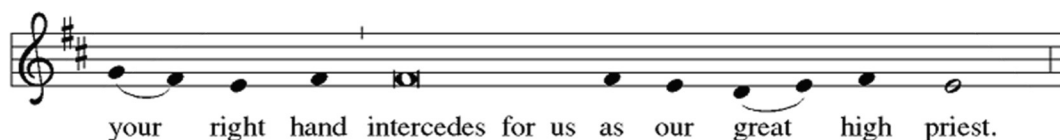
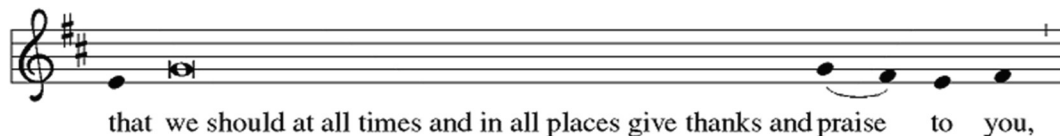
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

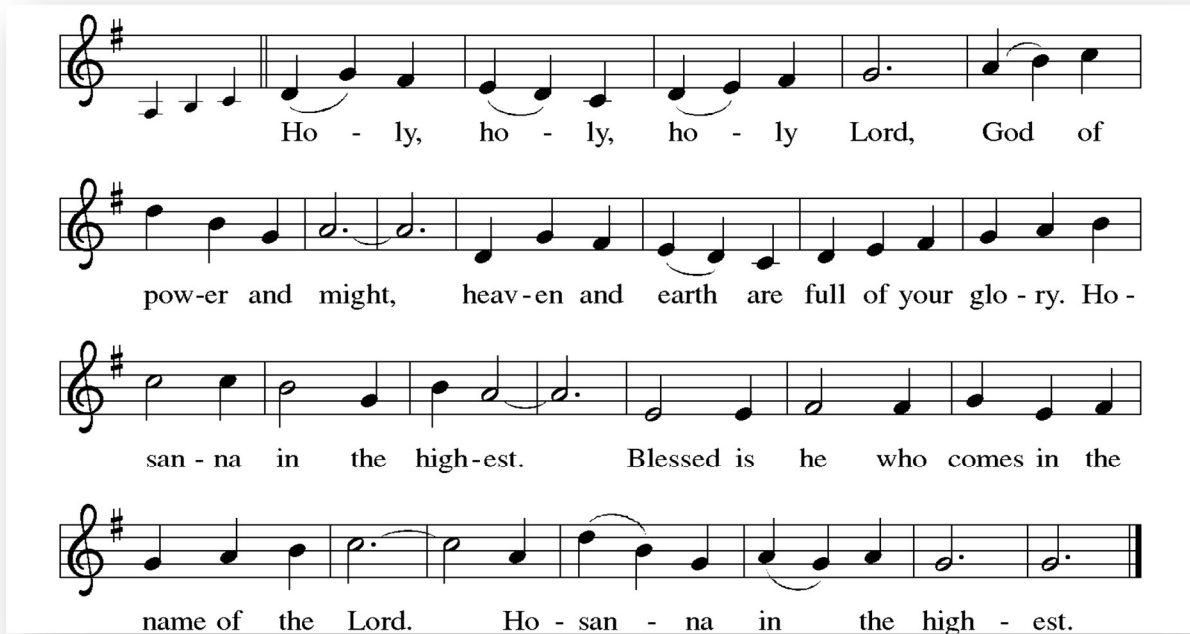
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by horizontal lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

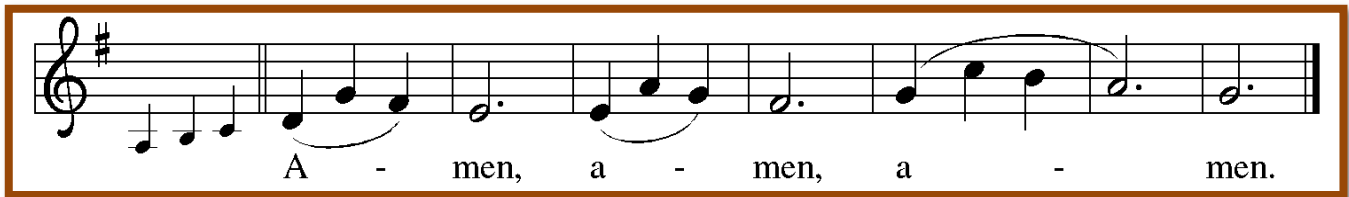
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

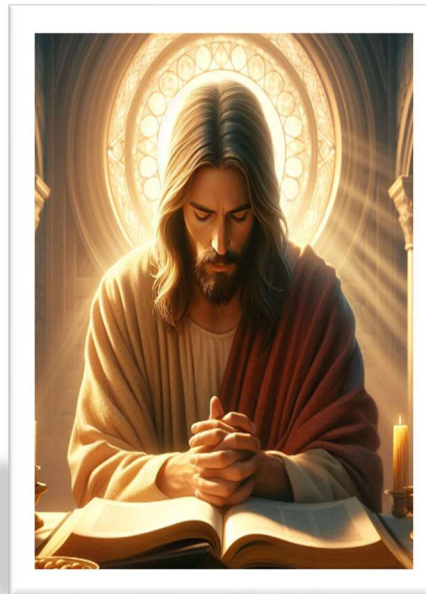
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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.**

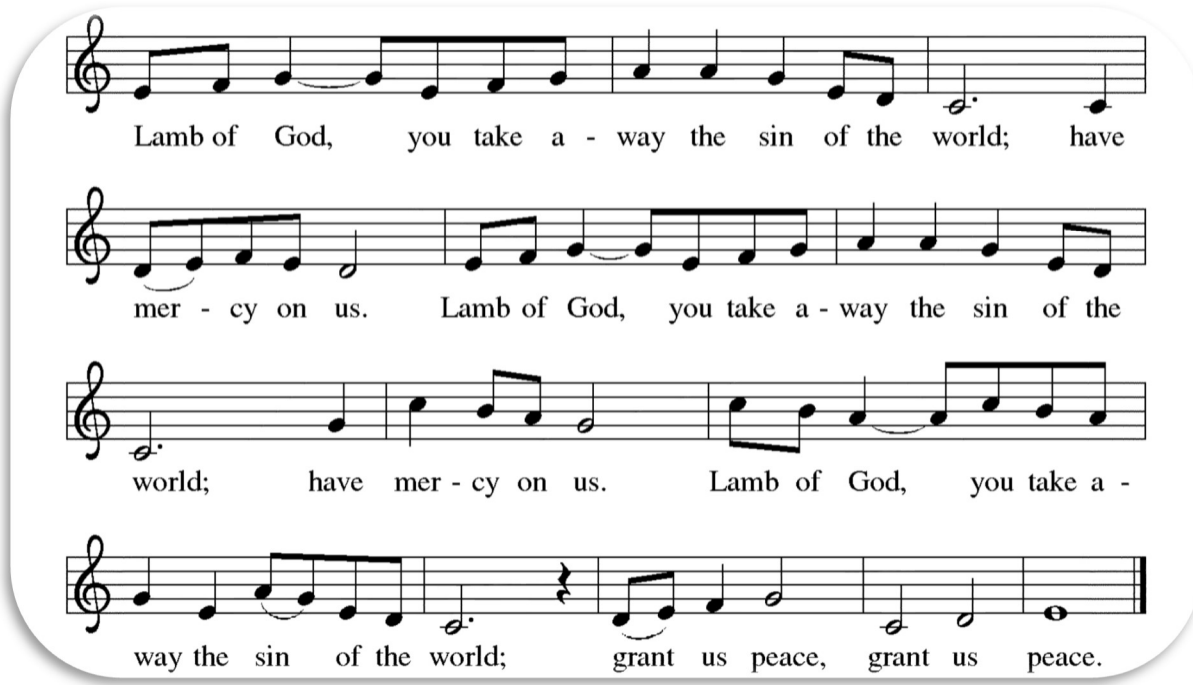


Invitation

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

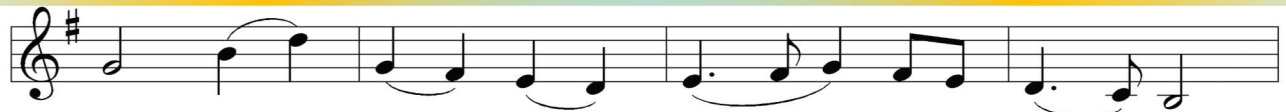
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.


 **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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

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.

The **Vernon** Chorale

Presents:



Night, Dreaming, and Awakening

SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

WINTER STARLIGHT

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107
Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland
45 Tollan Green
Contact: (860) 875-4160
Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

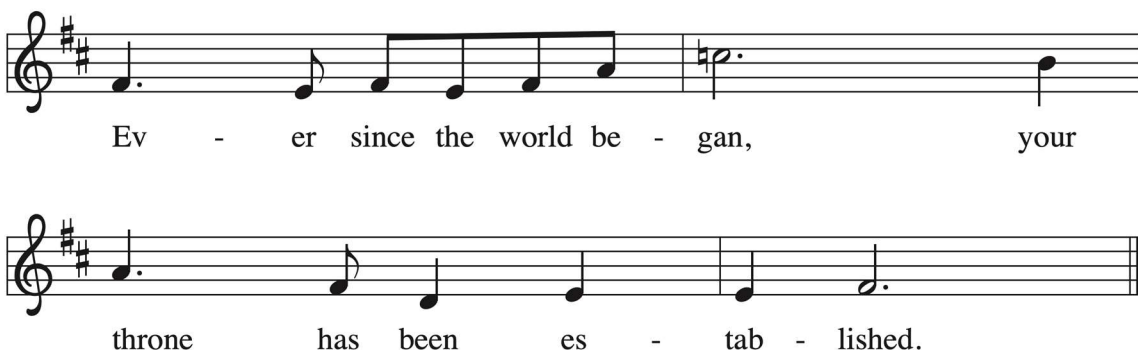
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

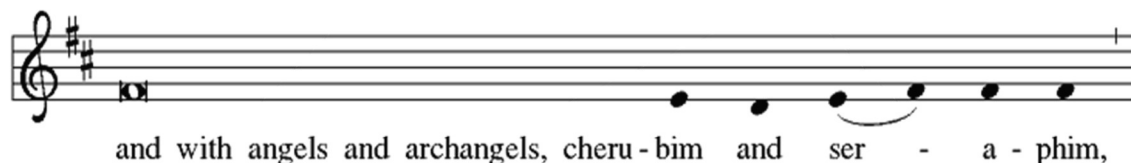
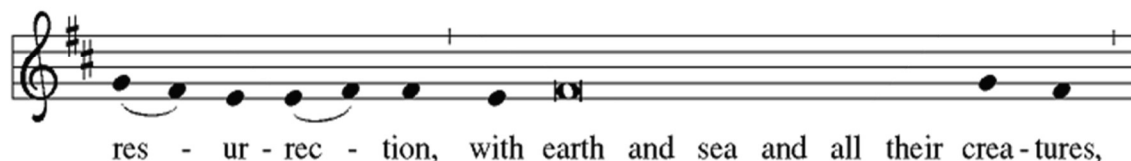
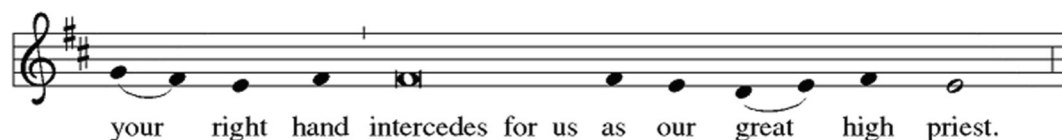
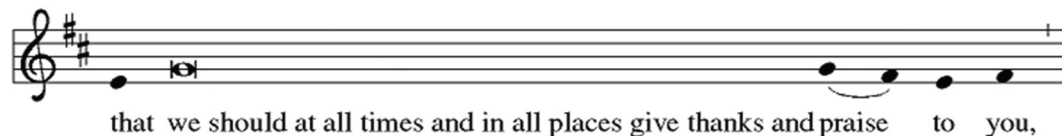
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

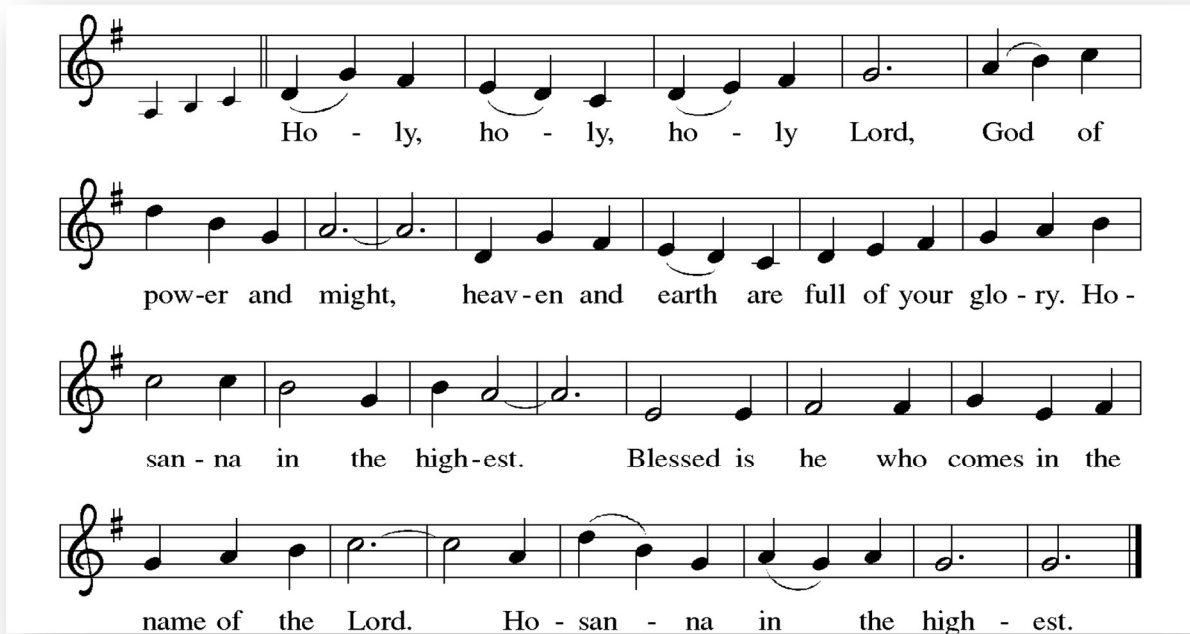
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.

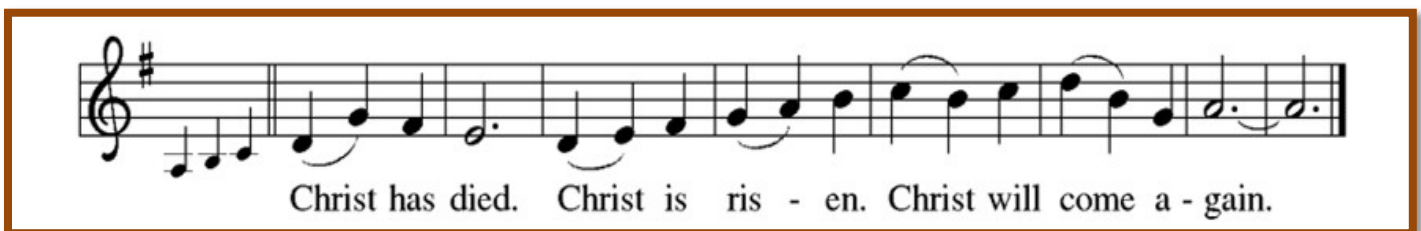
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen
servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to
break bread with the outcast and despised, and
to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and
sin.

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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

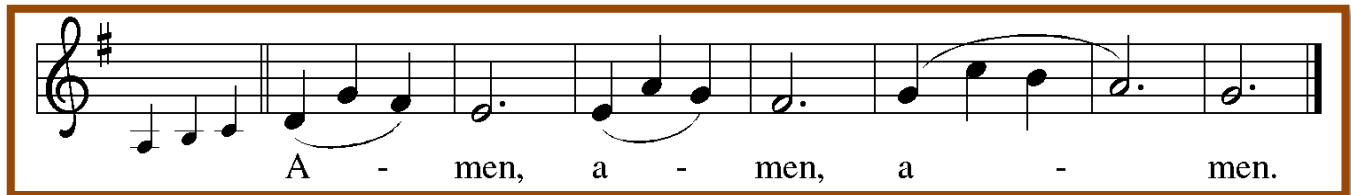
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

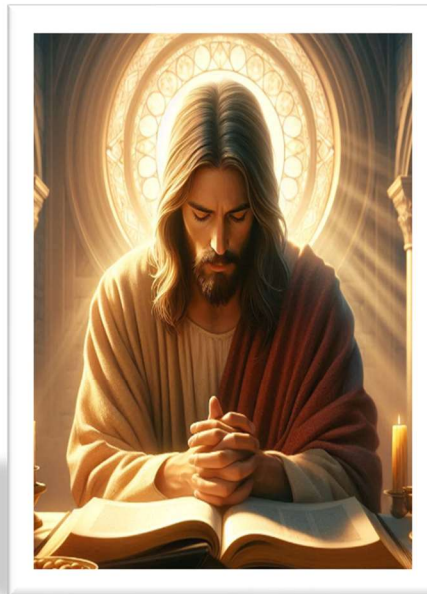
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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.**

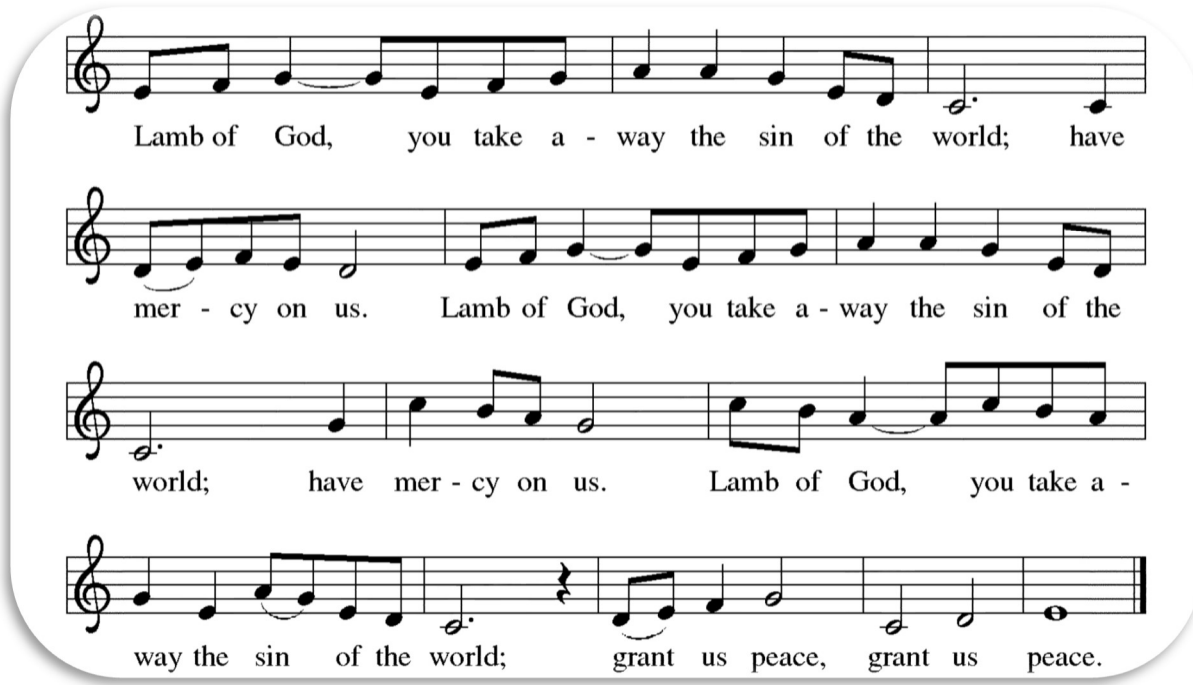


Invitation

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

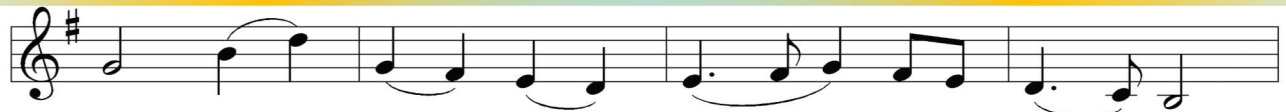
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival \(LSM\)](#) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing
*Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus
Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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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.



Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

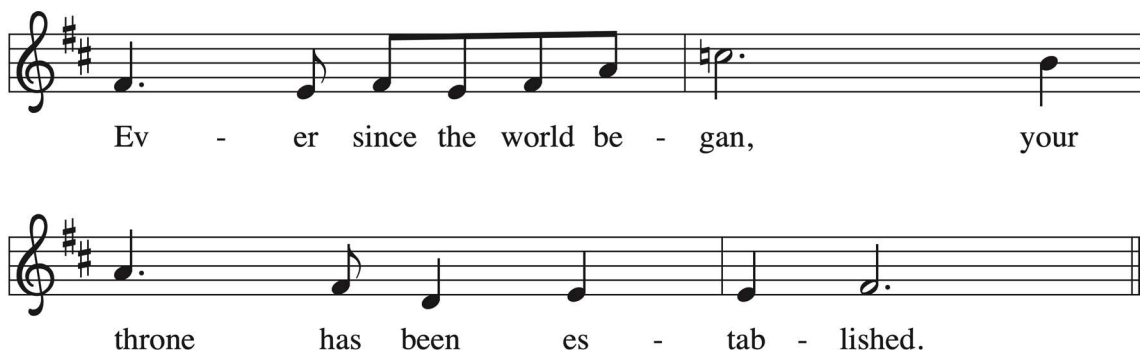
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

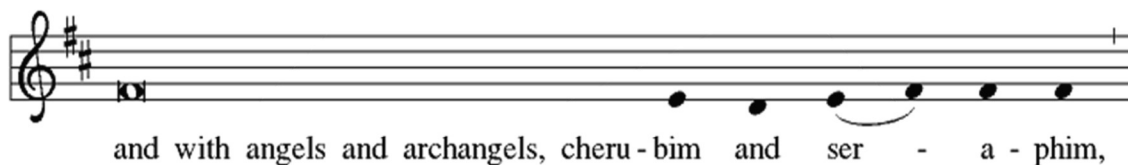
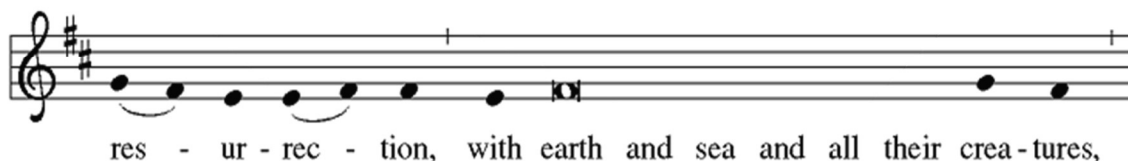
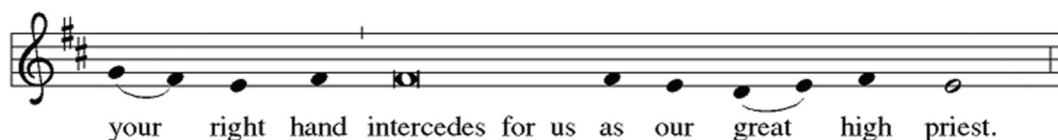
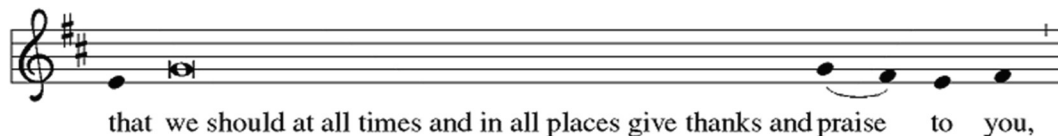
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

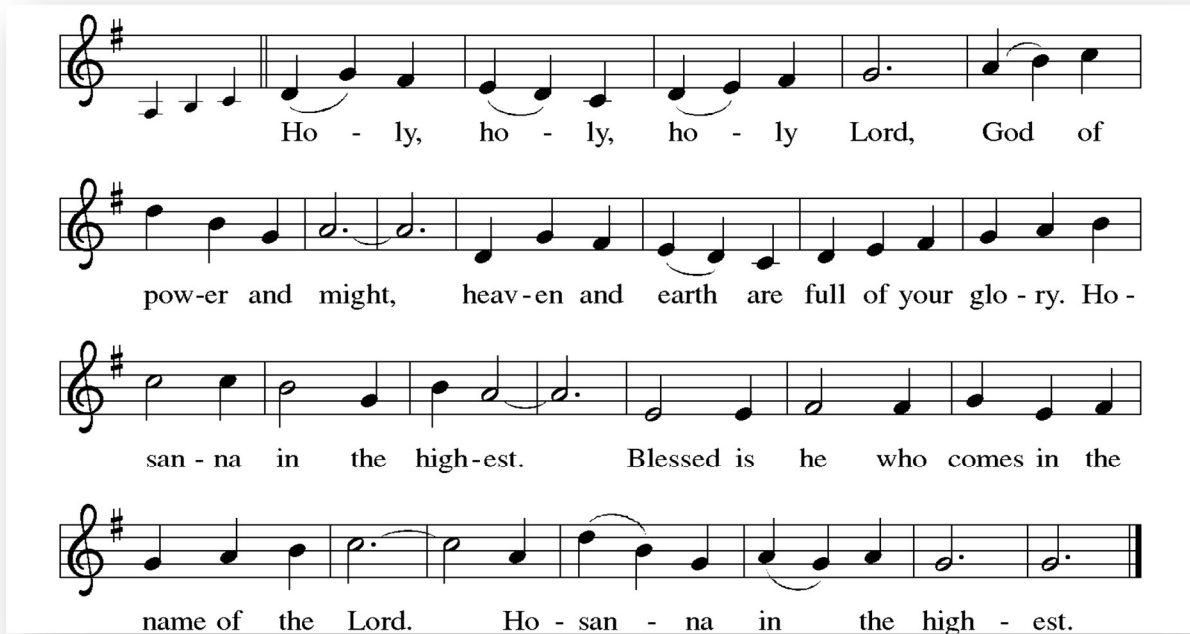
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

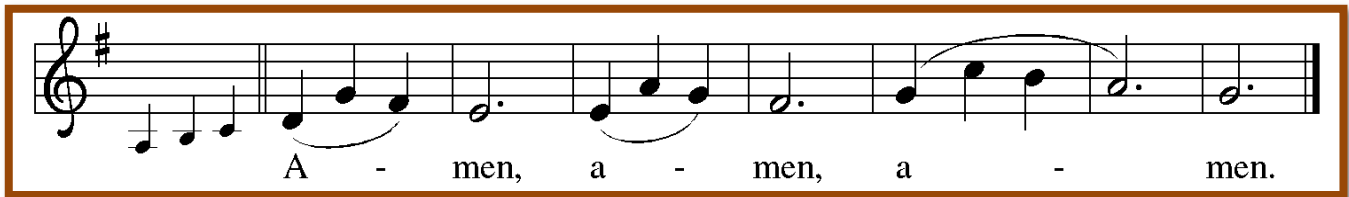
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

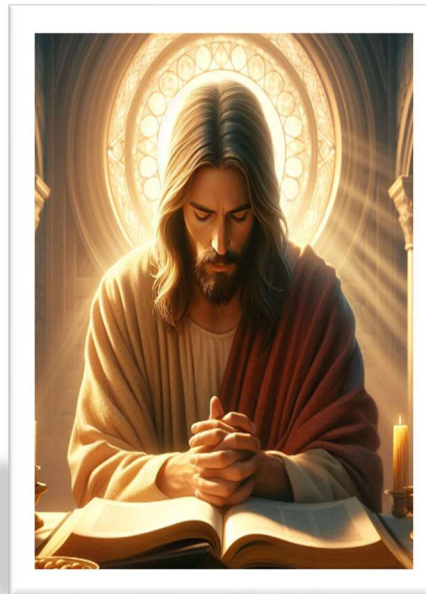
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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.**

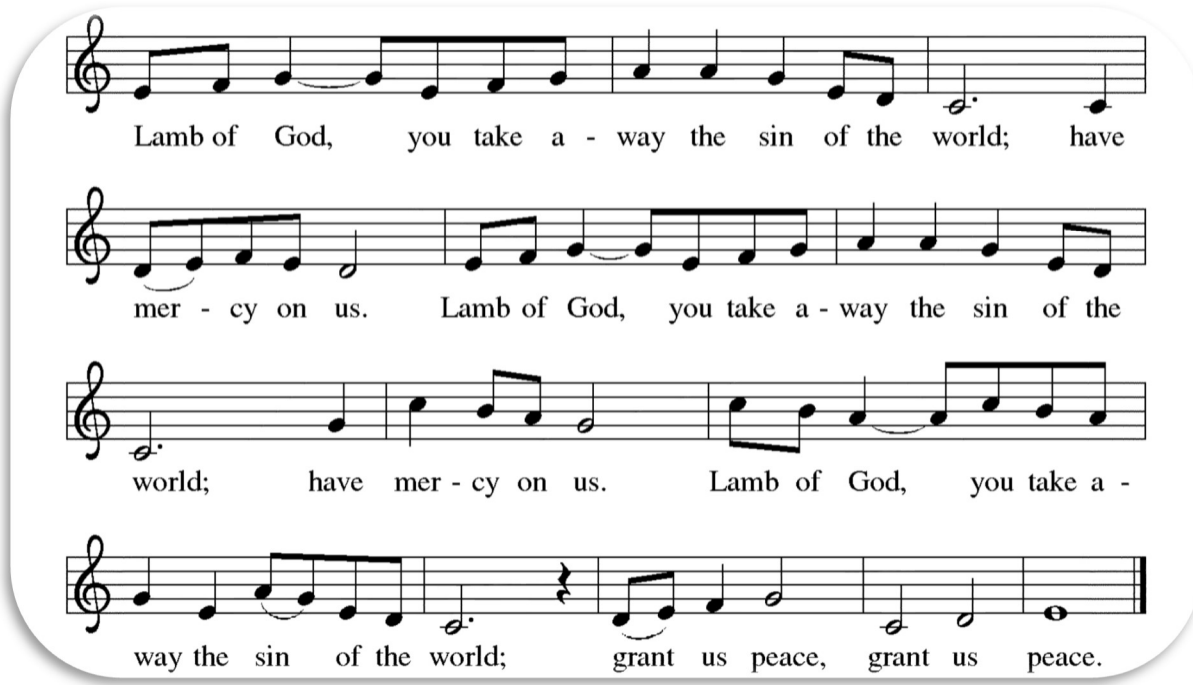


Invitation

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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

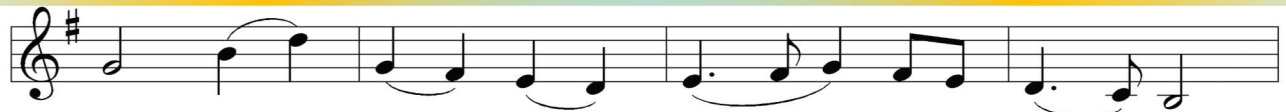
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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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✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.


 **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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah
Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

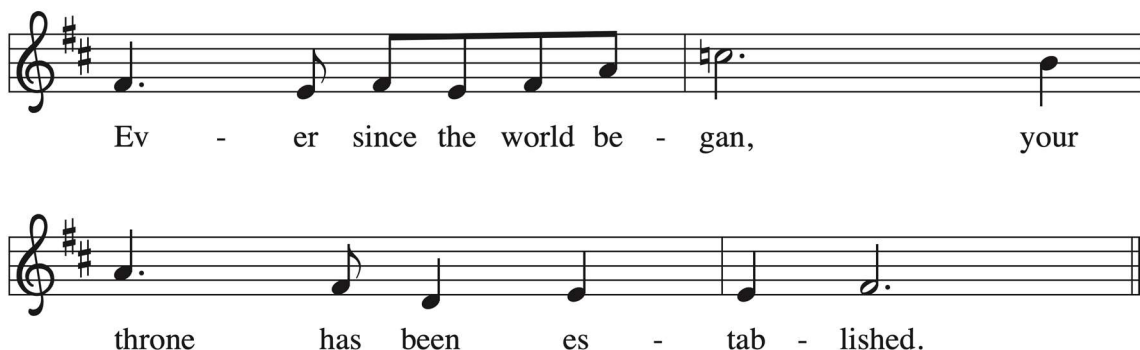
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

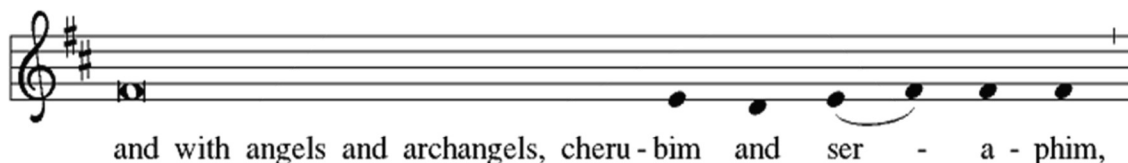
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

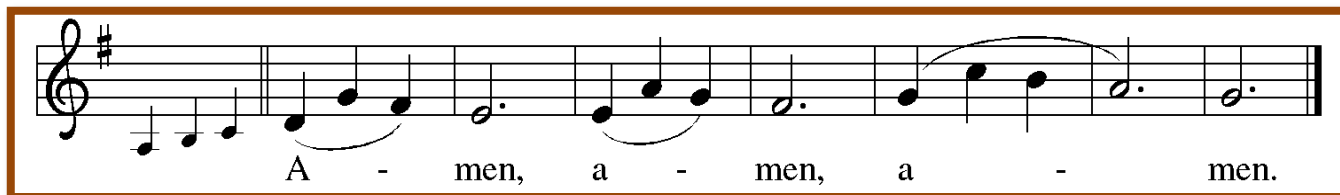
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

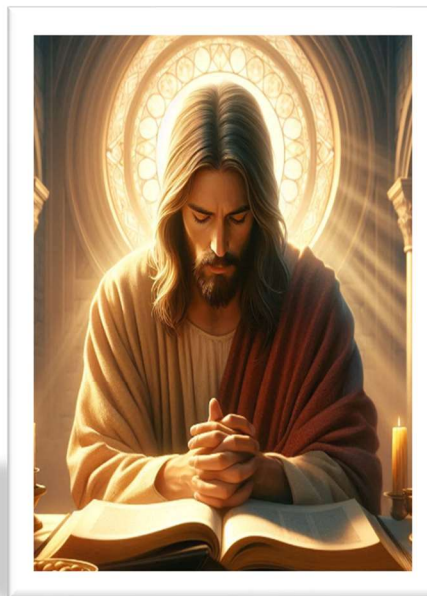
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

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NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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**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.



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25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



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FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

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West Hartford, CT 06107

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Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

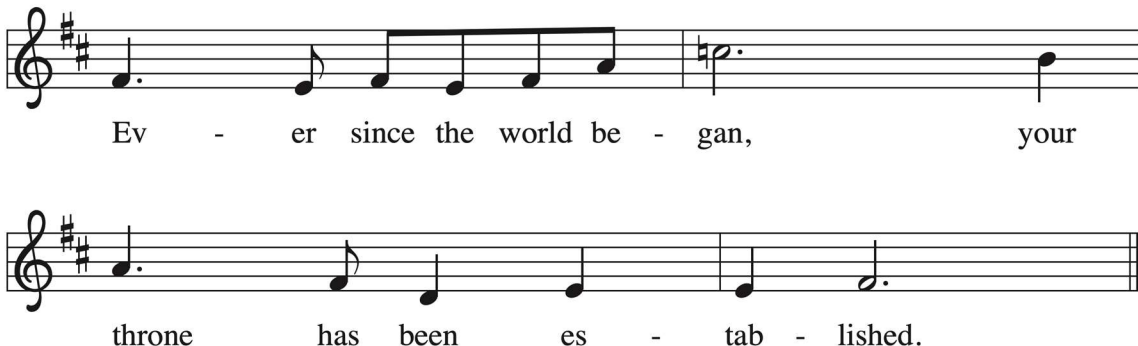
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

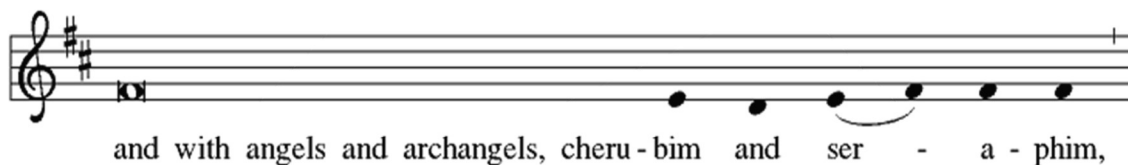
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

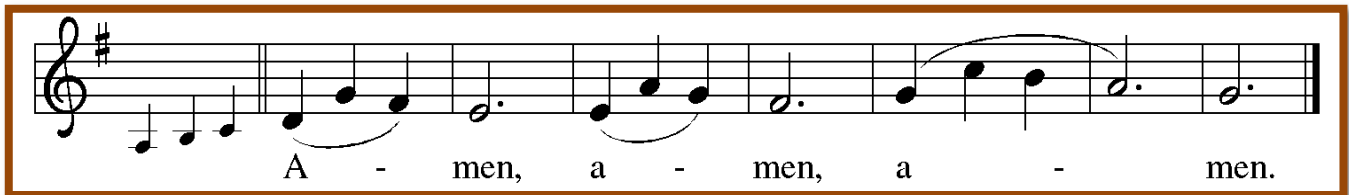
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

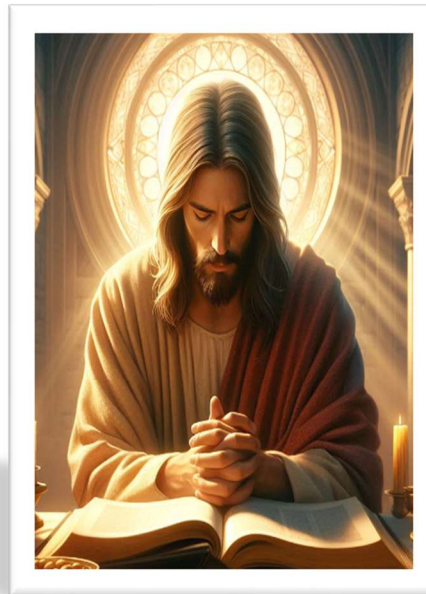
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

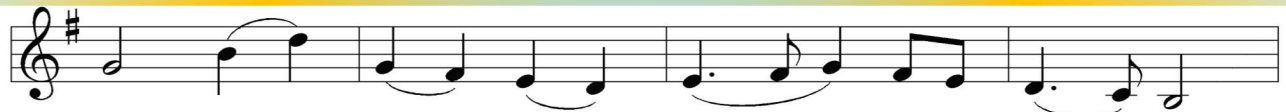
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

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HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

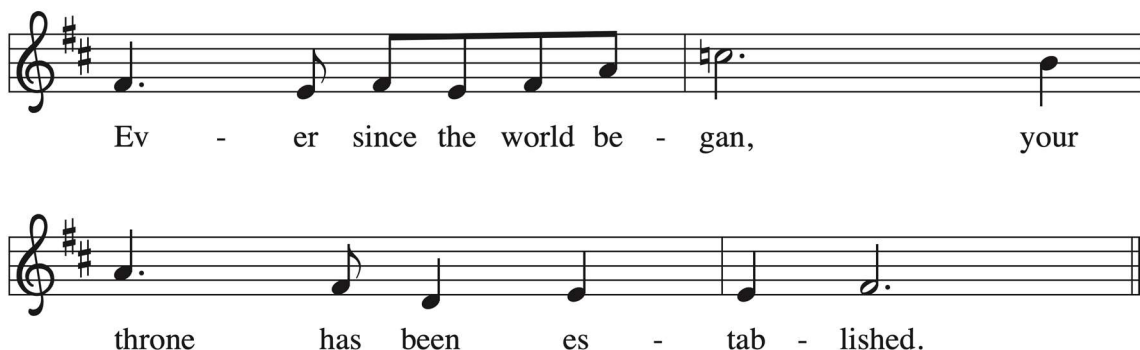
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

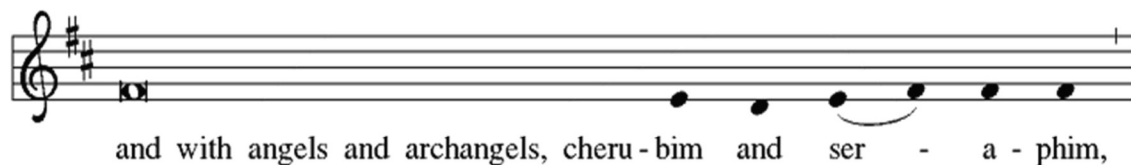
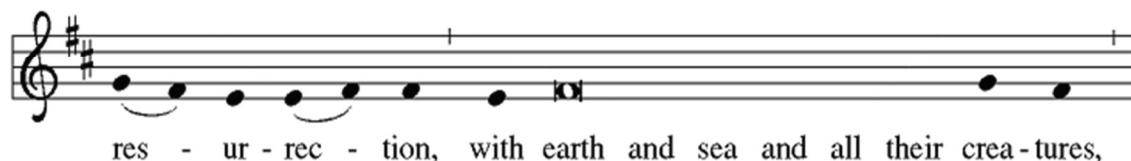
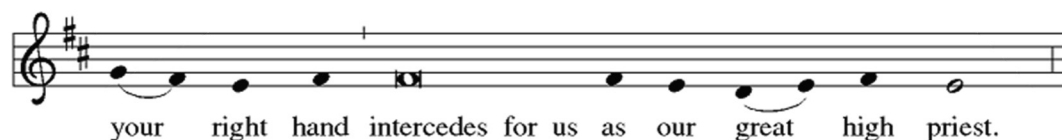
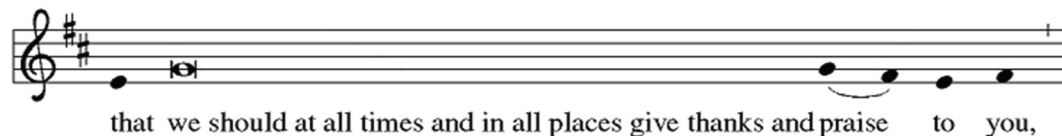
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by horizontal lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

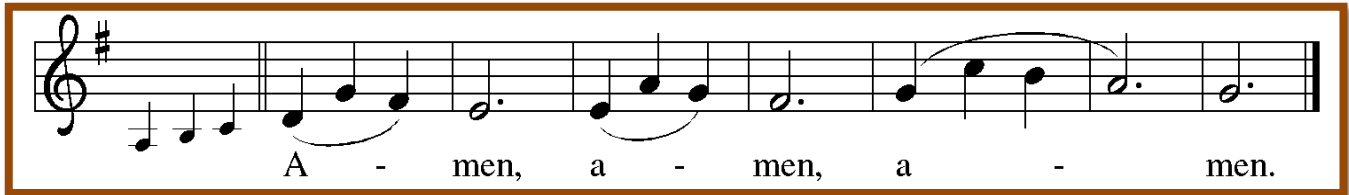
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

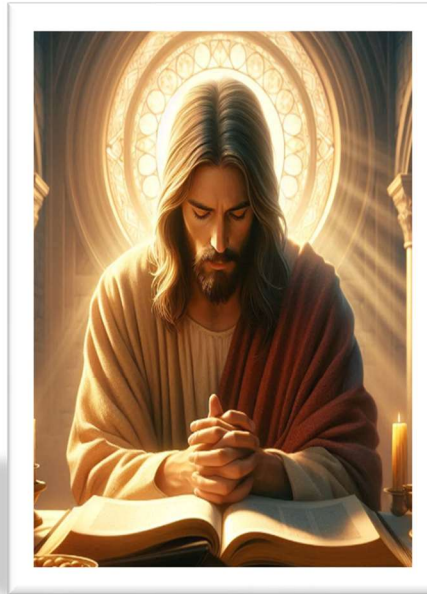
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

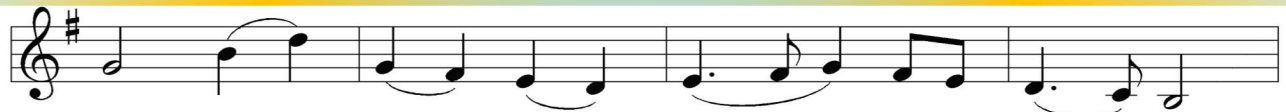
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

**Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM**

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

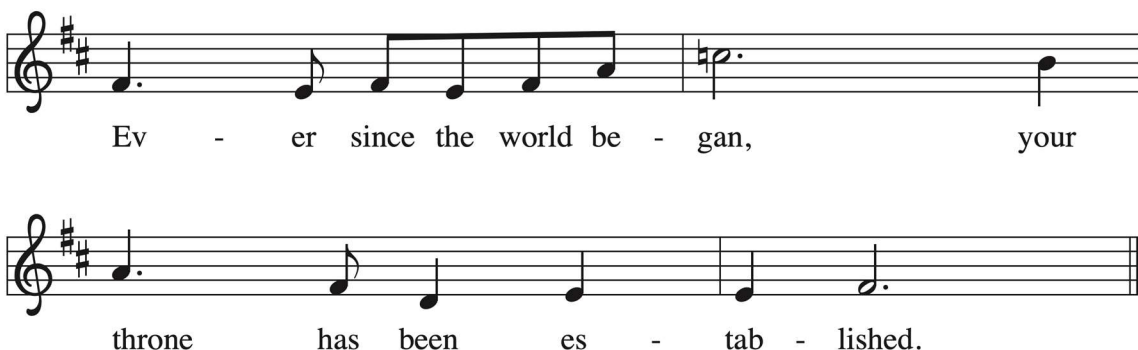
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

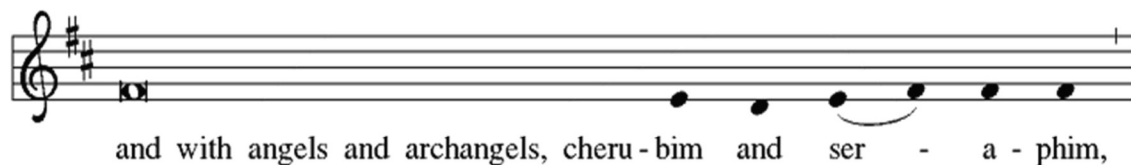
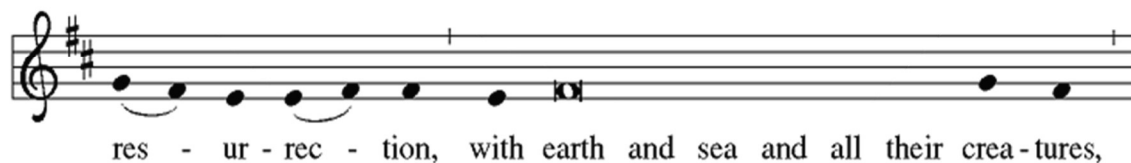
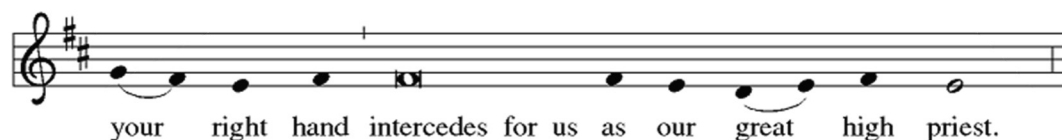
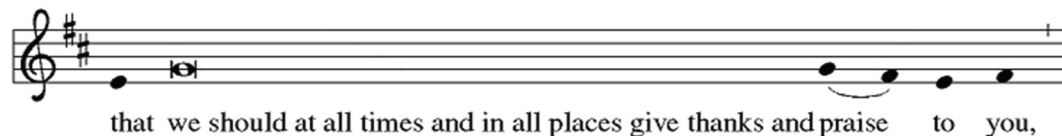
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

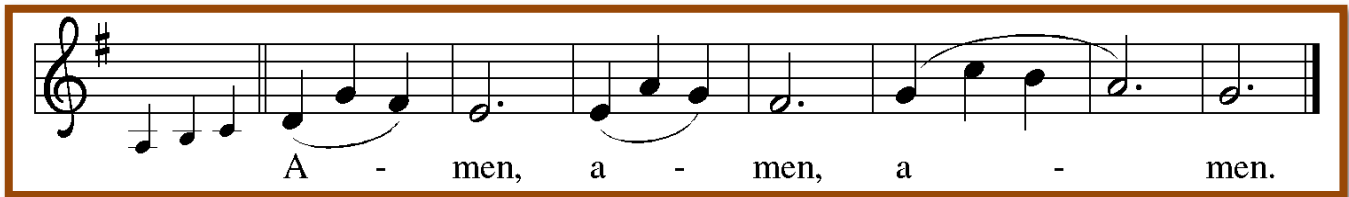
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

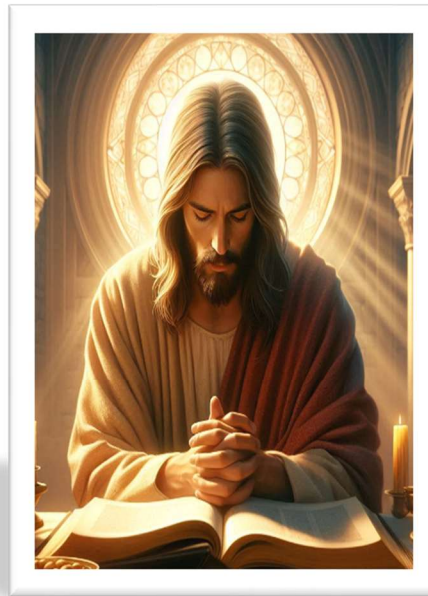
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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.**

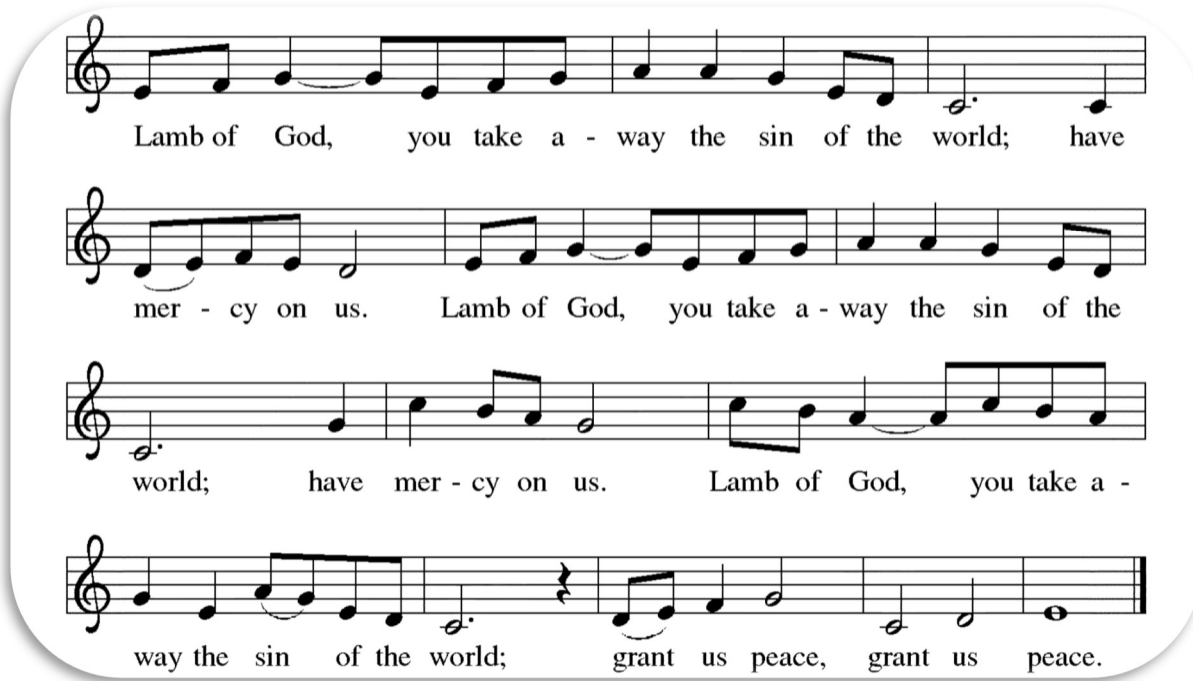


Invitation

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

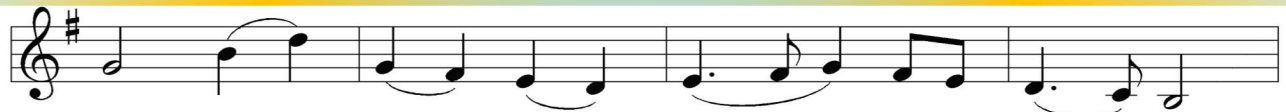
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

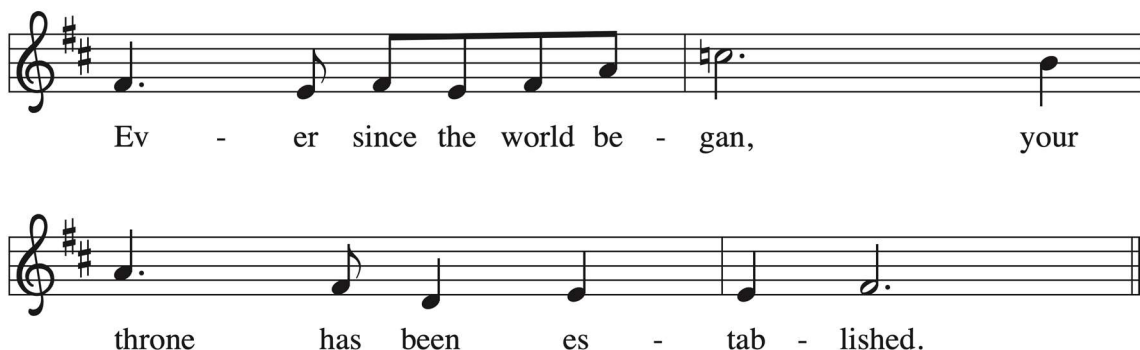
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

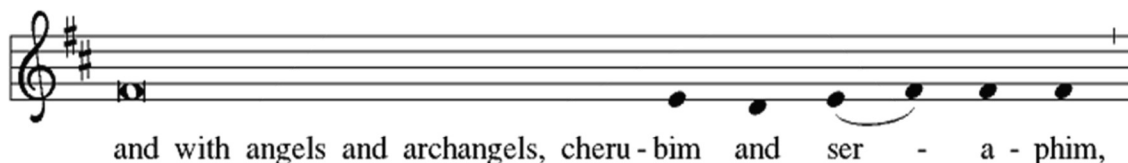
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

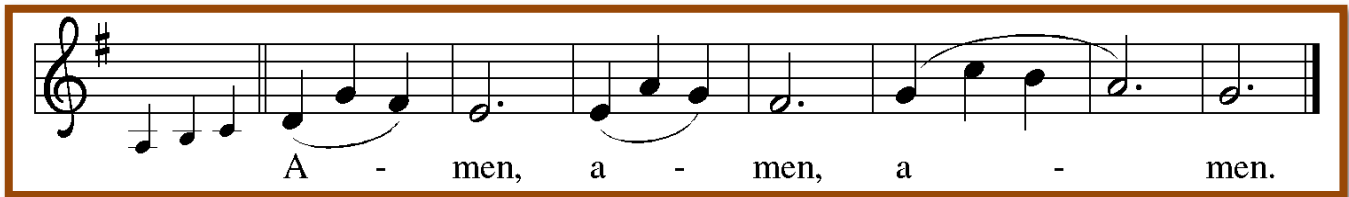
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

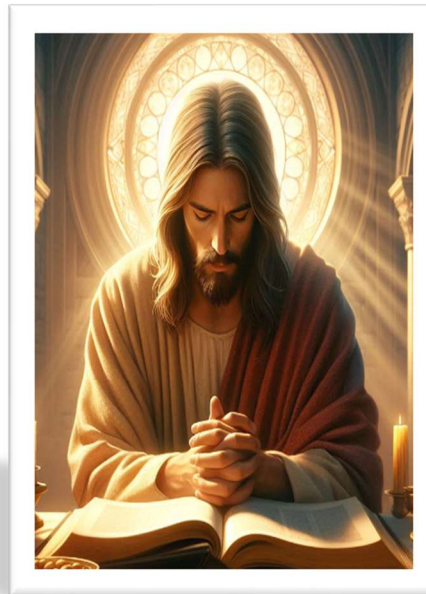
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

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.



The Vernon
Chorale

Presents:



Night, Dreaming, and Awakening

SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

WINTER STARLIGHT

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing

*Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells*

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93

Musical notation for Psalm 93, consisting of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ev - er since the world be - gan, your throne has been es - tab - lished." The first staff ends with a fermata over the word "gan," and the second staff ends with a double bar line.

Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

A musical score for a dialogue, consisting of four staves of music. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The second staff also has a double bar line in the middle. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

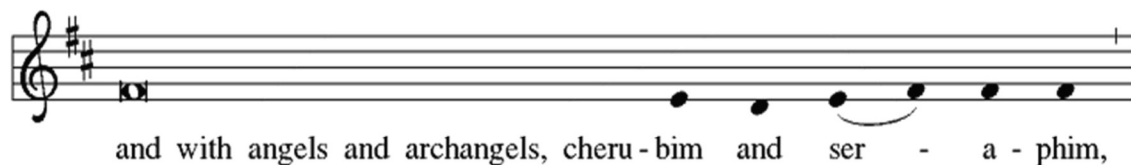
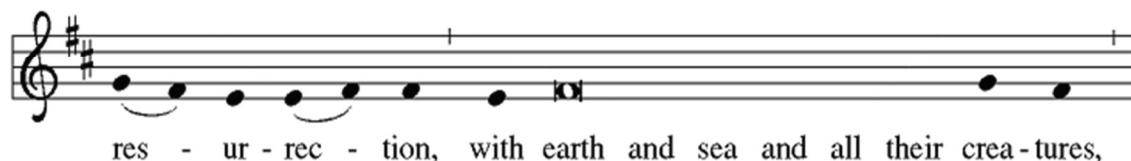
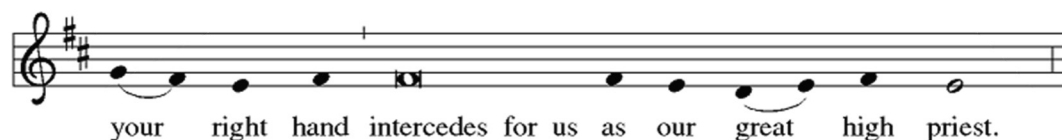
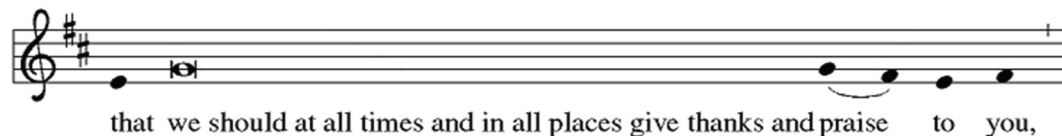
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

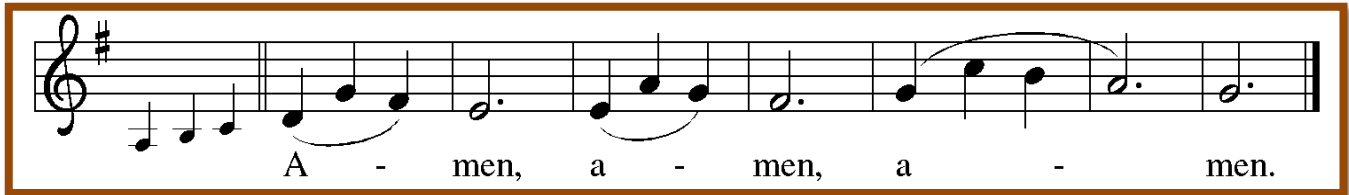
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

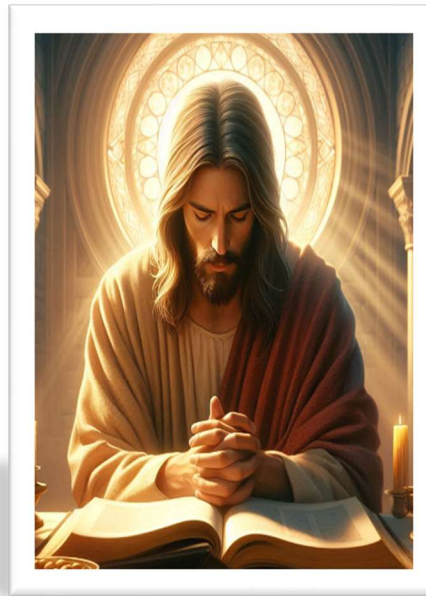
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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.**

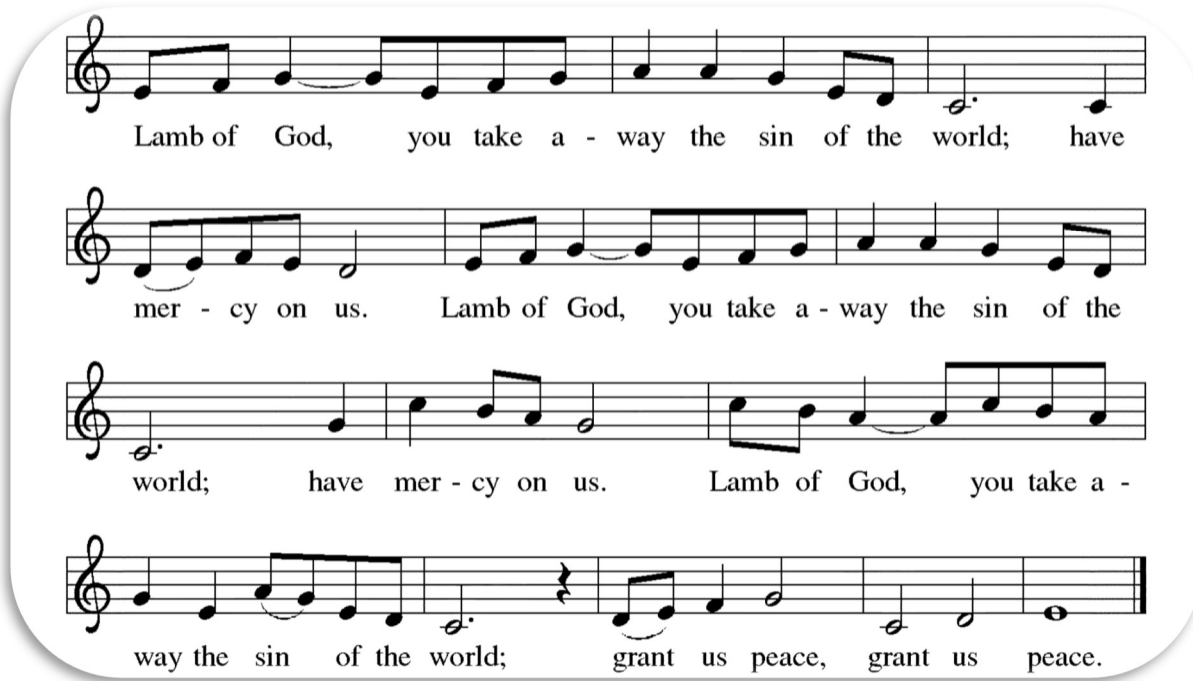


Invitation

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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

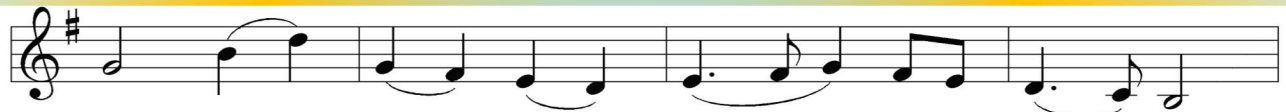
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music,

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

**Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM**

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

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Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

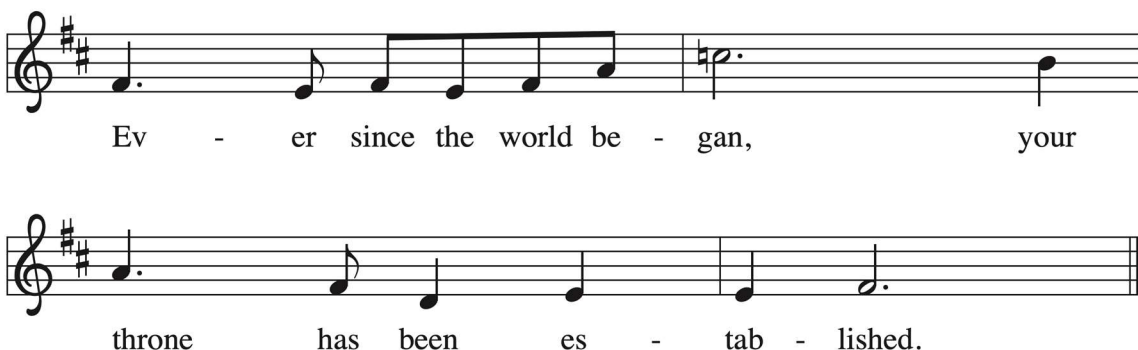
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

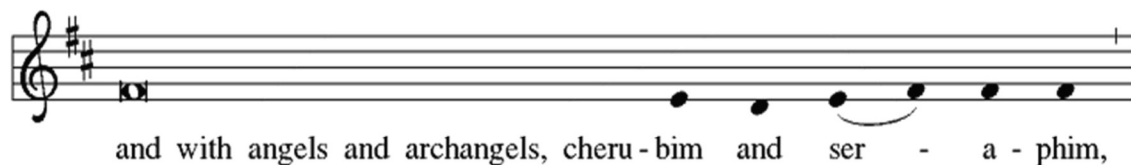
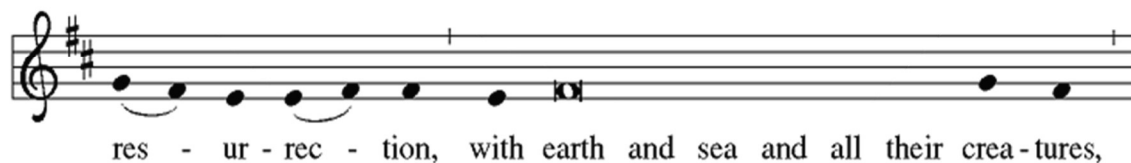
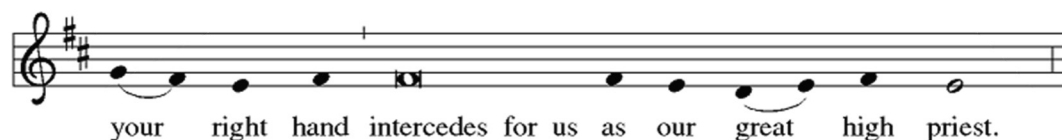
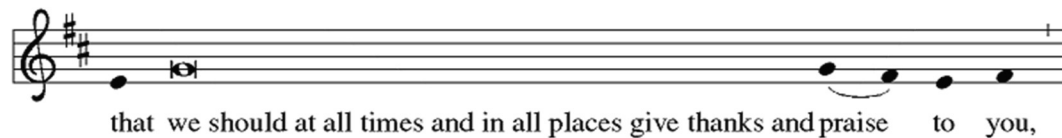
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by horizontal lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

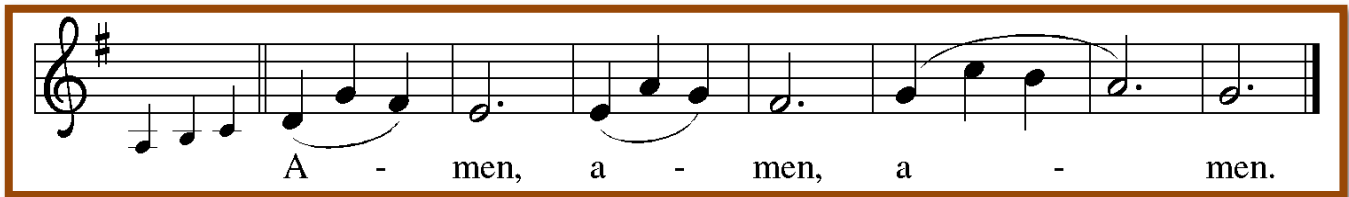
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

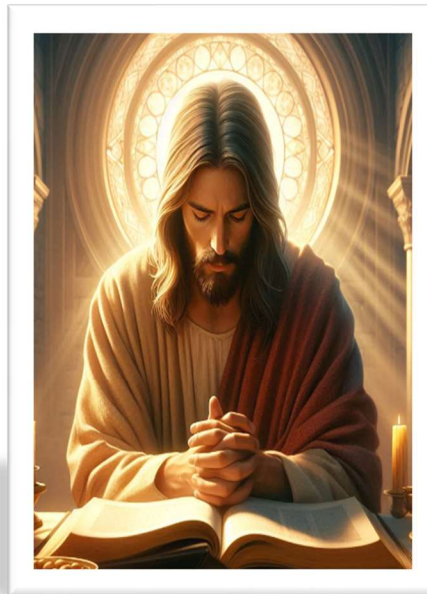
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

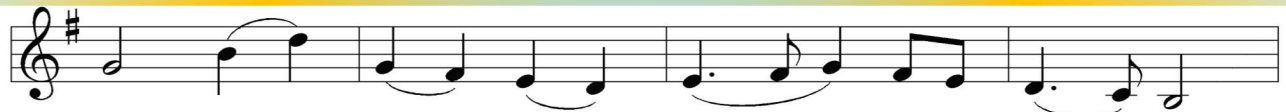
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

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NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival \(LSM\)](#) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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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.



The Vernon
Chorale

Presents:



Night, Dreaming, and Awakening

SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



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WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

WINTER STARLIGHT

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107
Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing

*Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland
45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

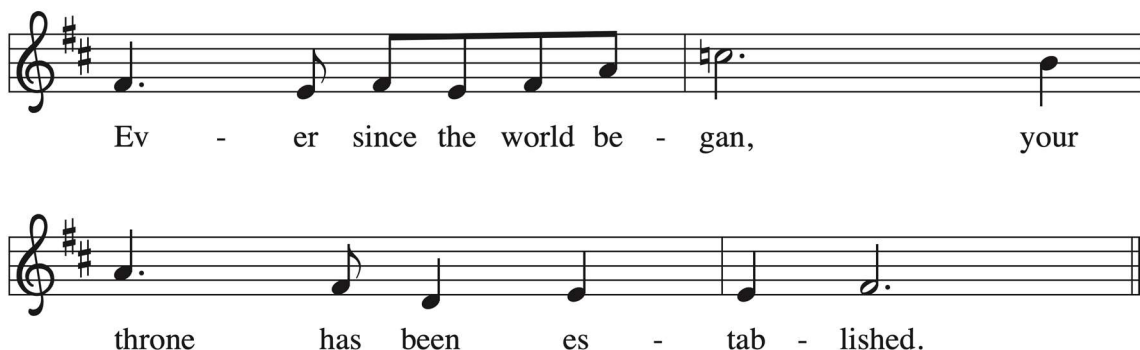
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

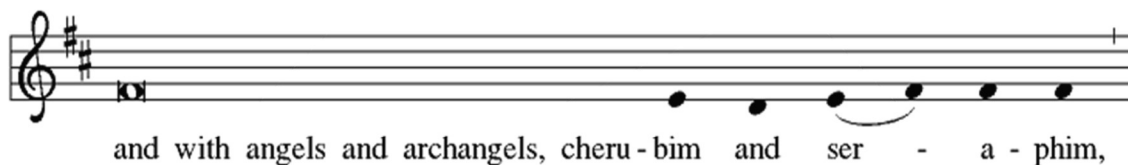
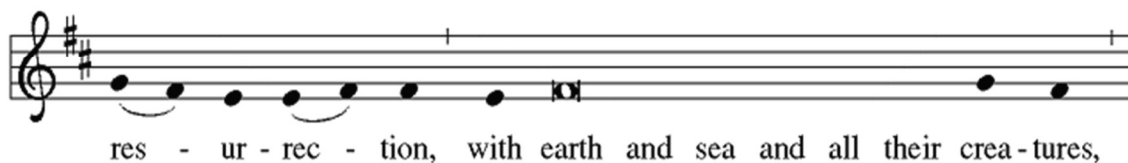
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

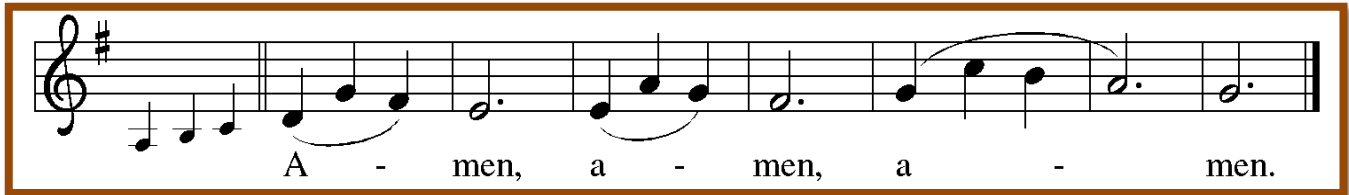
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

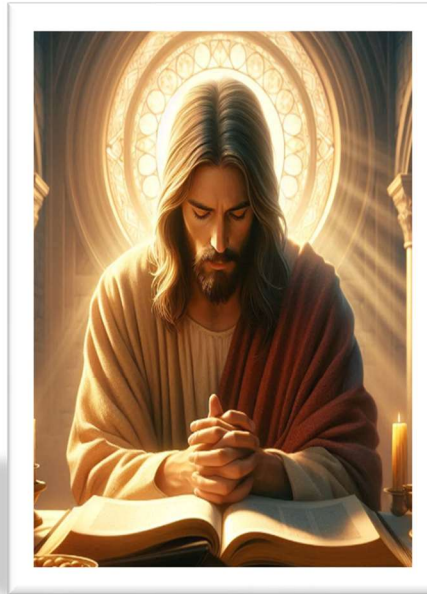
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

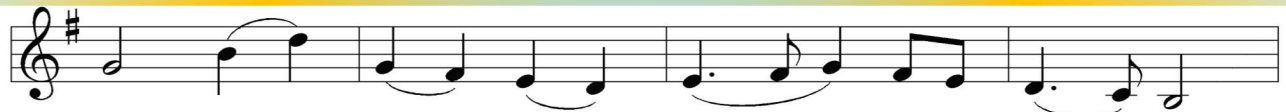
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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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Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.


 **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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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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.

The **Vernon** Chorale

Presents:



Night, Dreaming, and Awakening

SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

WINTER STARLIGHT

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93

Musical notation for Psalm 93, consisting of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Ev - er since the world be - gan, your throne has been es - tab - lished." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

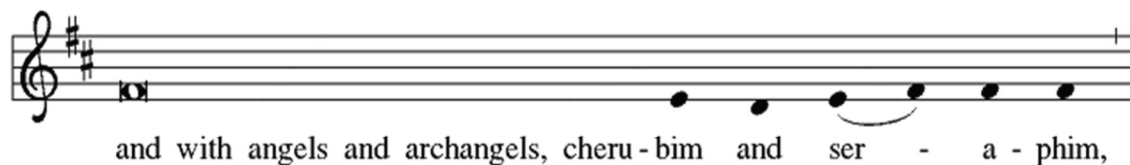
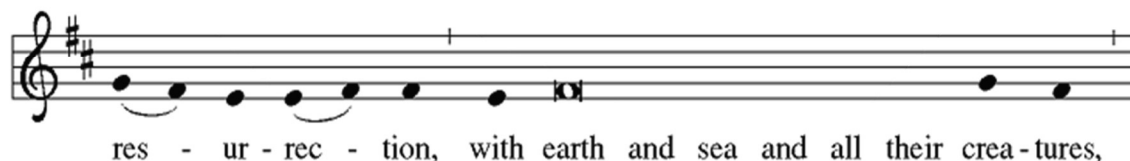
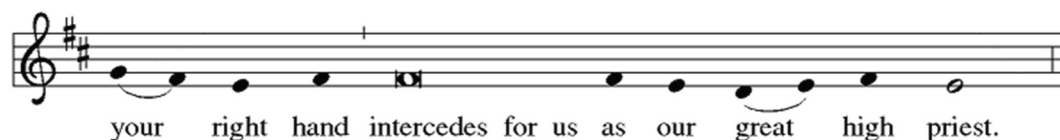
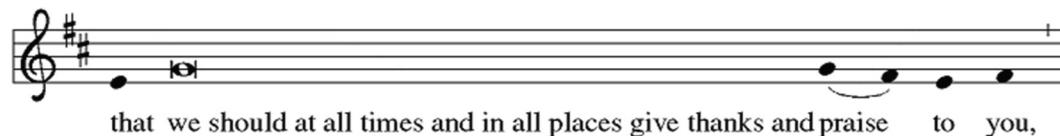
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

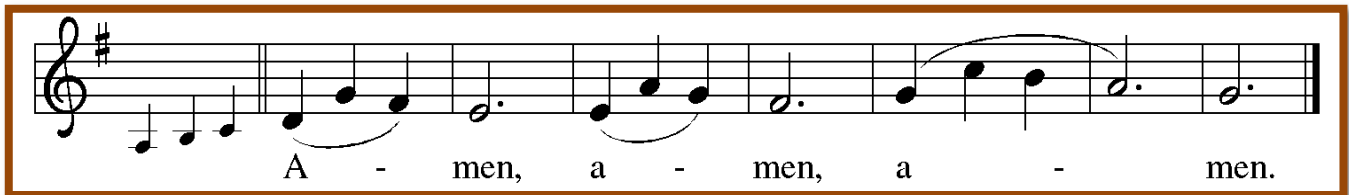
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

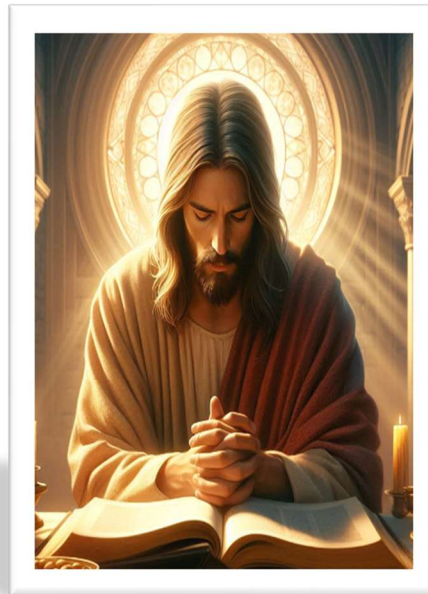
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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.**

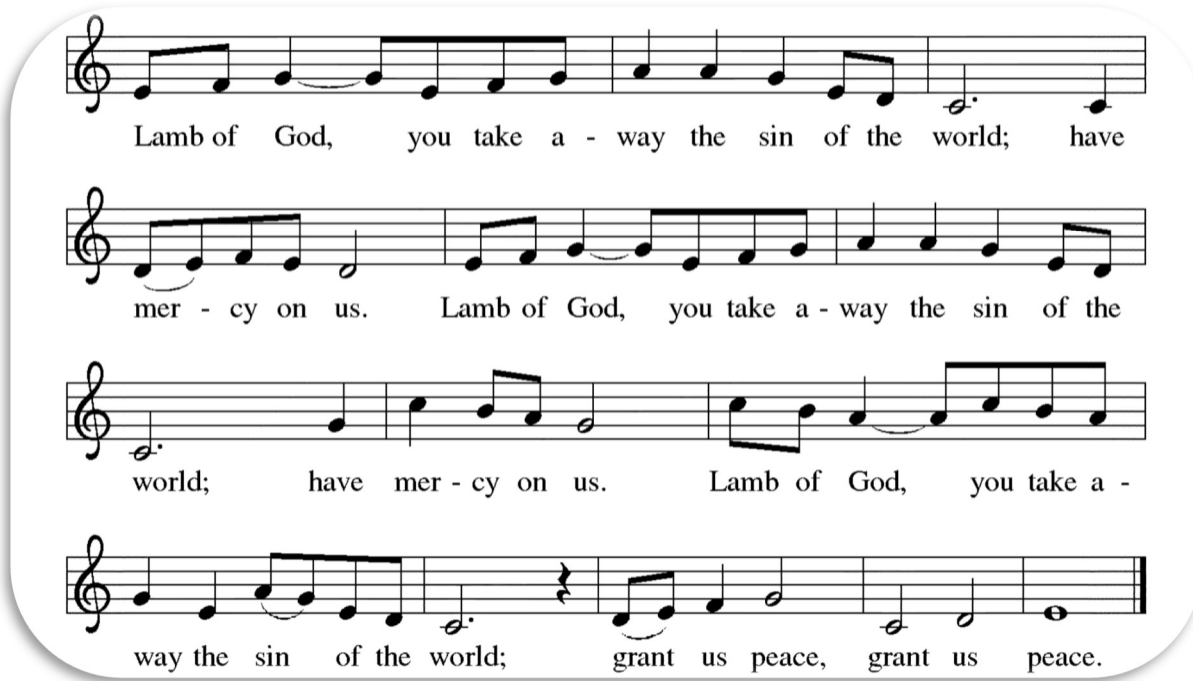


Invitation

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

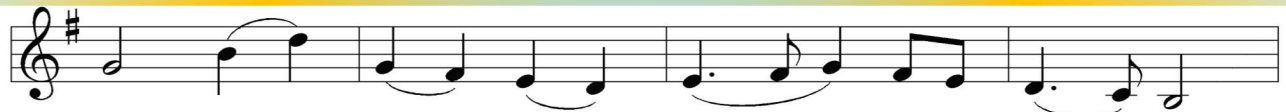
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

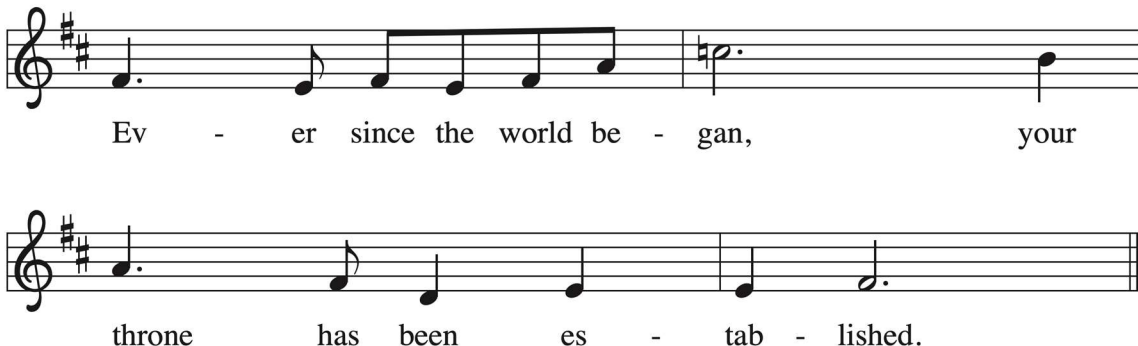
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

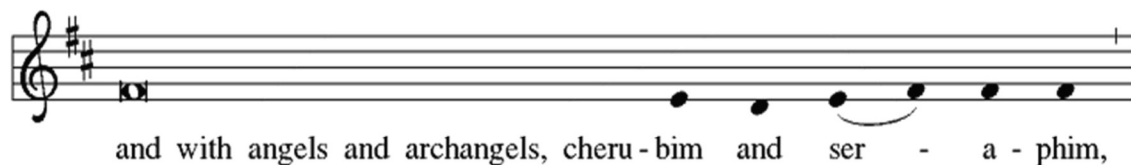
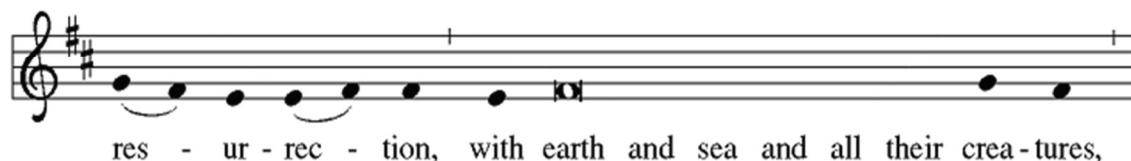
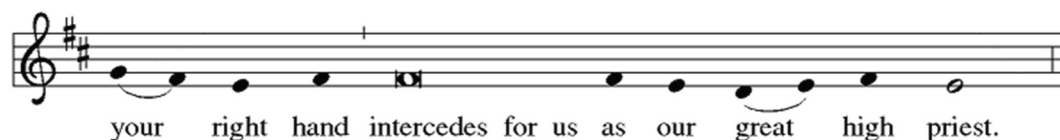
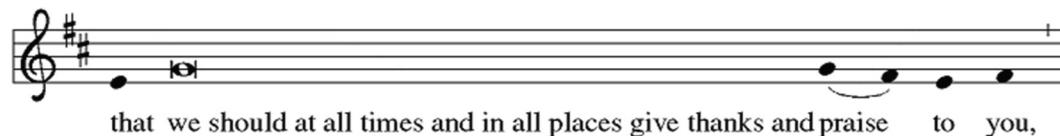
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

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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

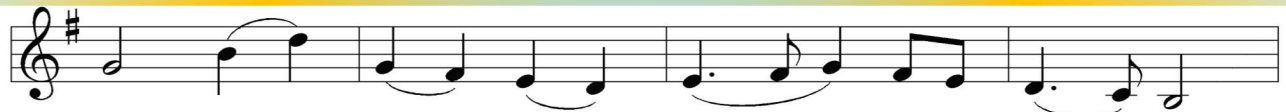
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah
Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

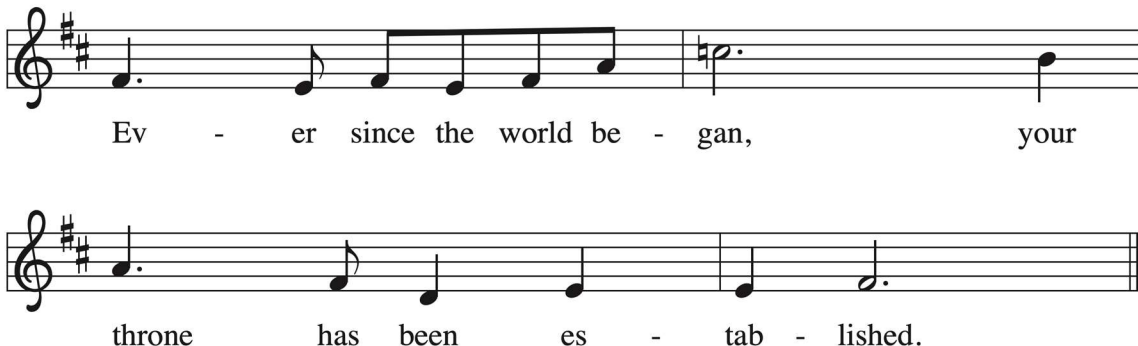
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

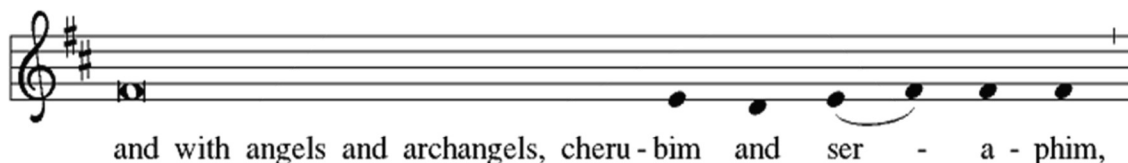
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

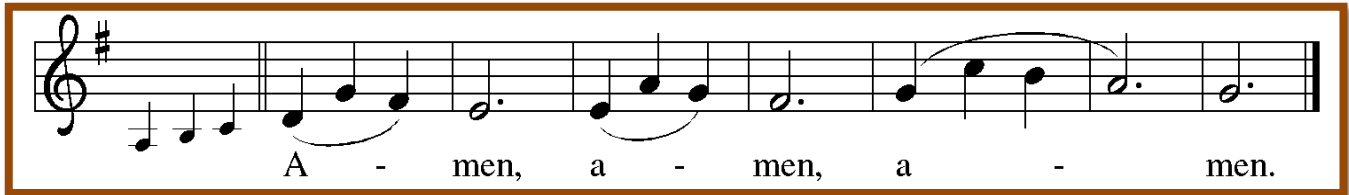
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

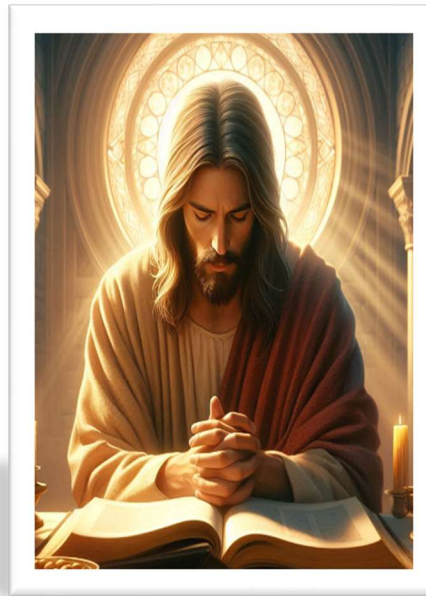
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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




Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.


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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival \(LSM\)](#) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

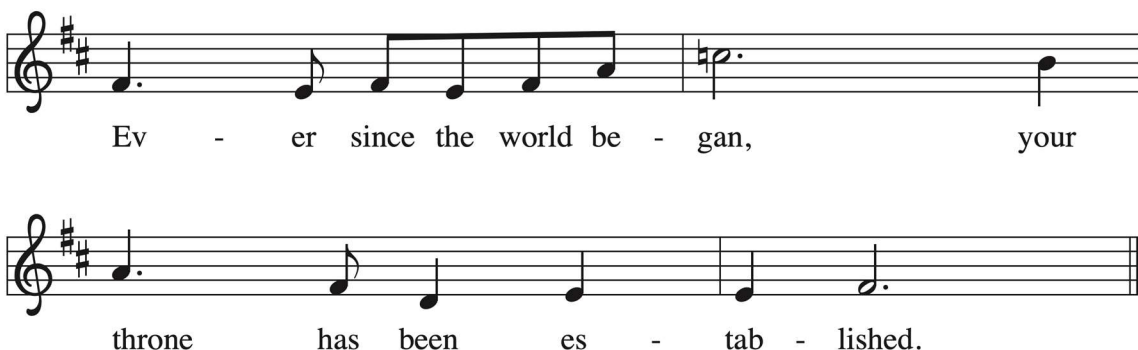
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

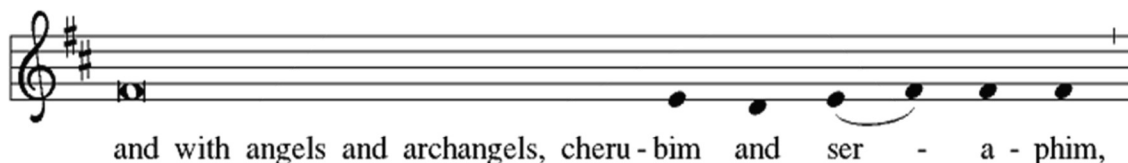
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

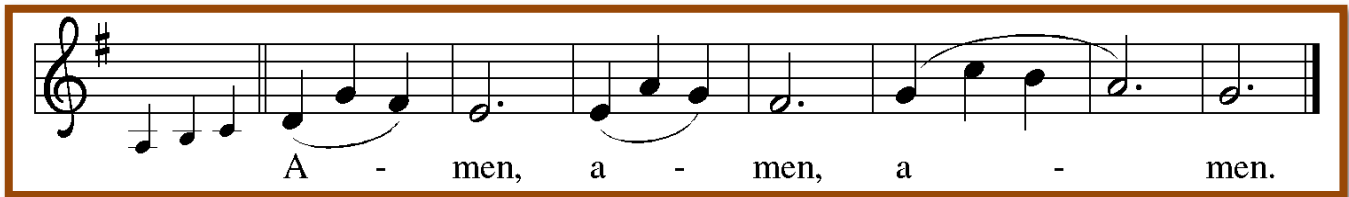
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

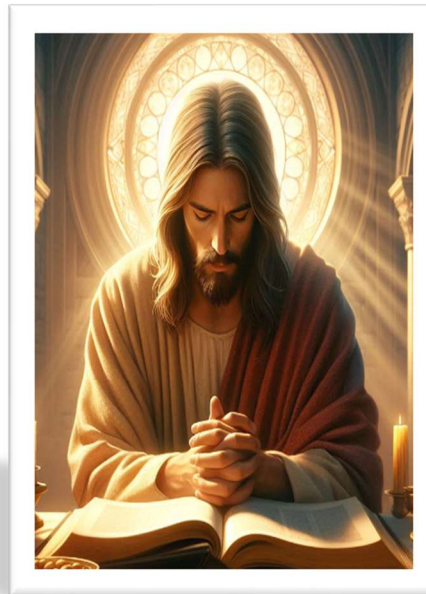
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

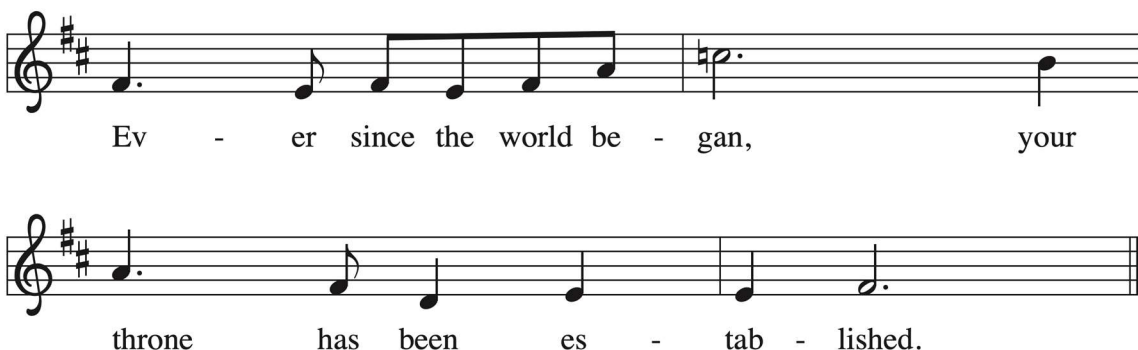
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the
earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the
Lord God, who is and who was and who is to
come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

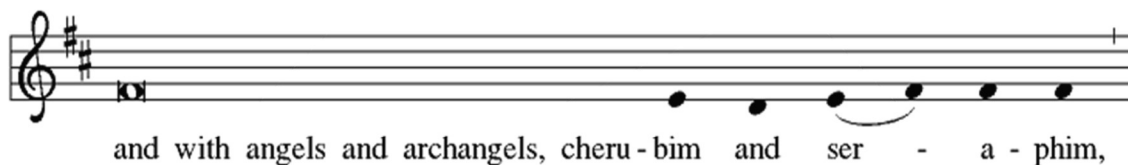
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

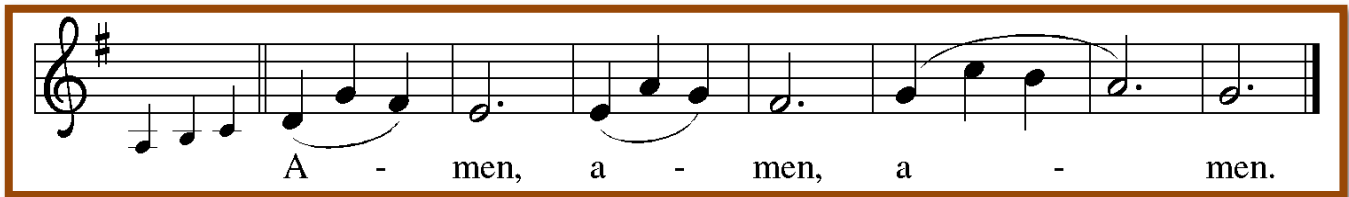
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

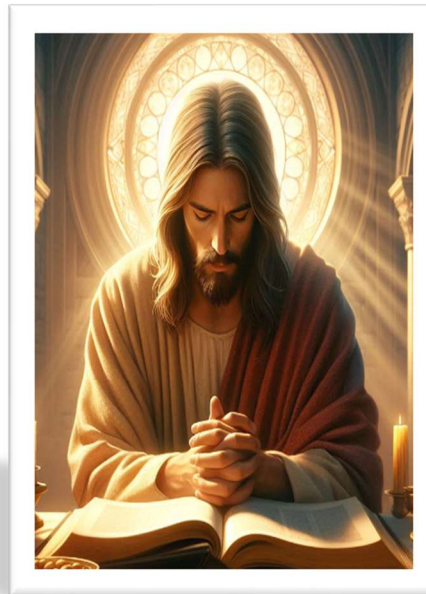
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.


 **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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
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WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

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Christ the King



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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**

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Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells*

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

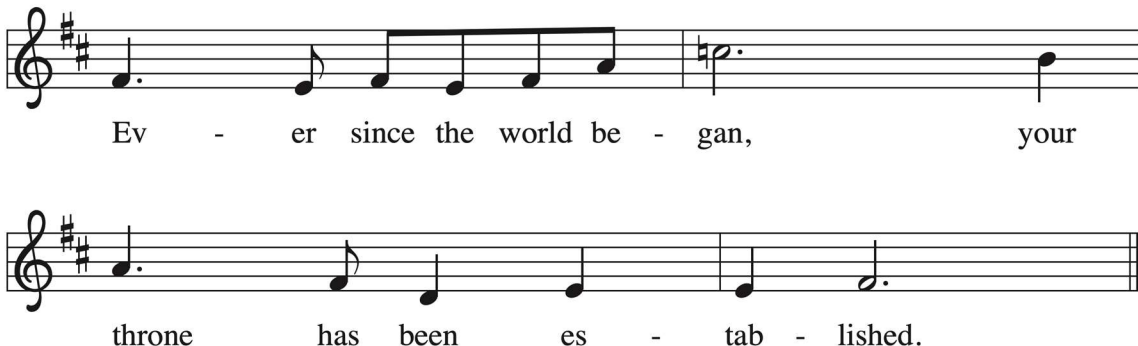
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

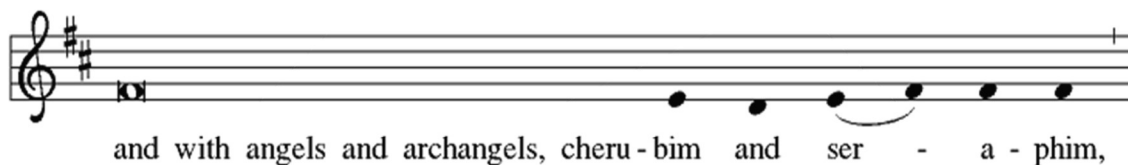
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by horizontal lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

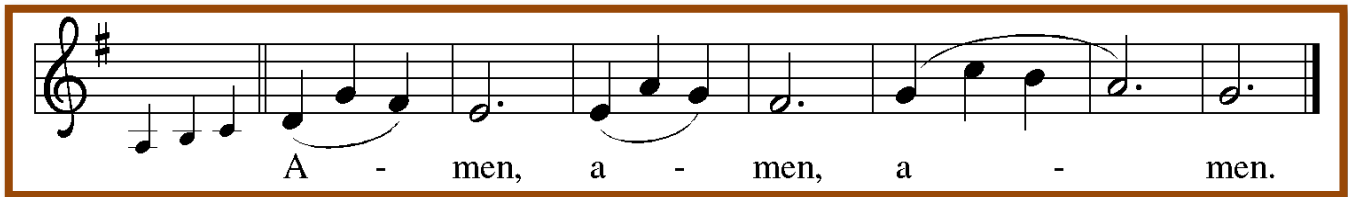
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

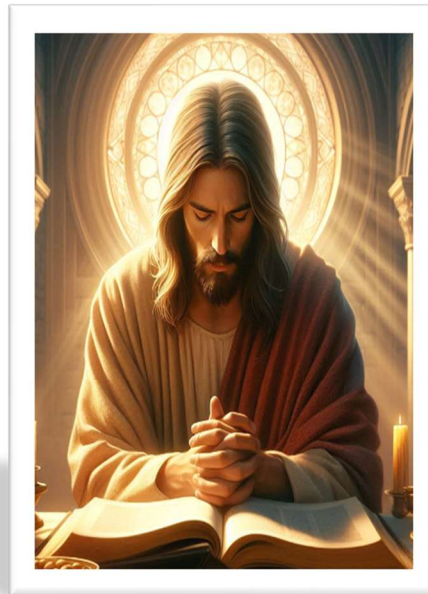
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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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Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

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NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival \(LSM\)](#) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



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WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

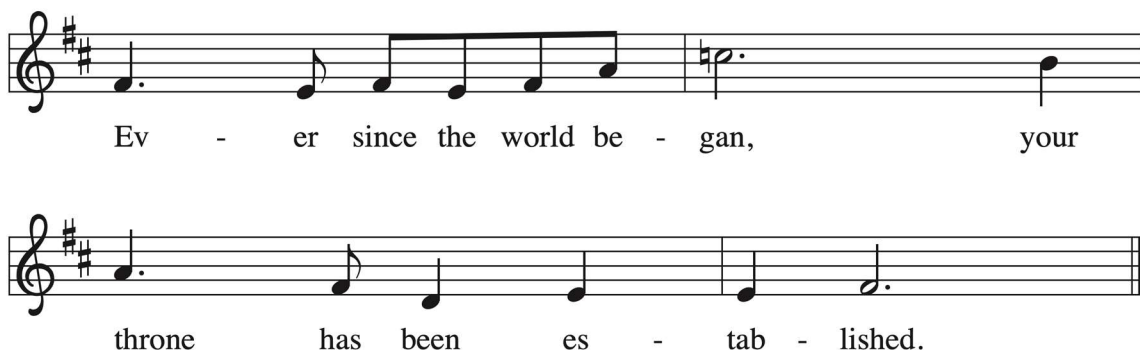
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

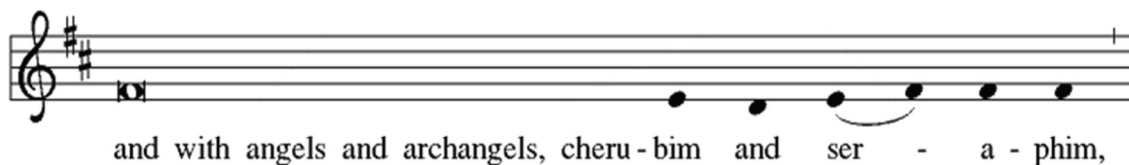
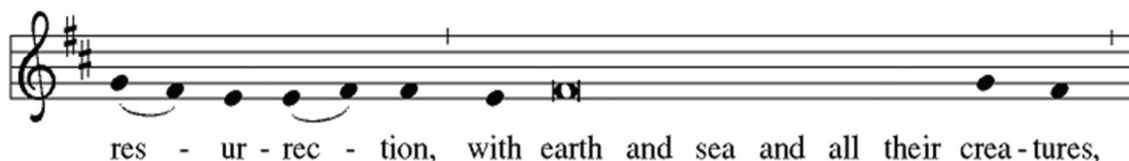
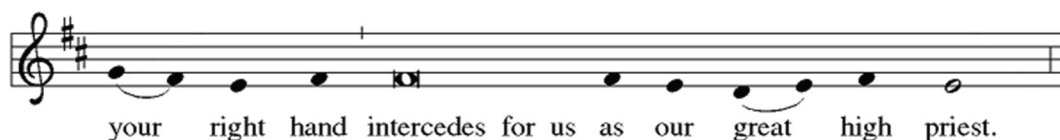
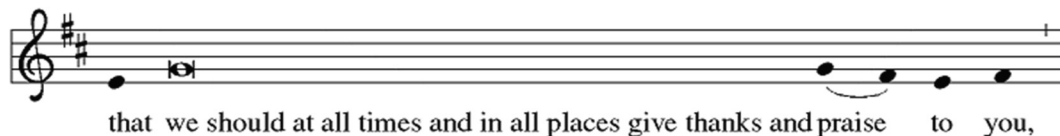
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

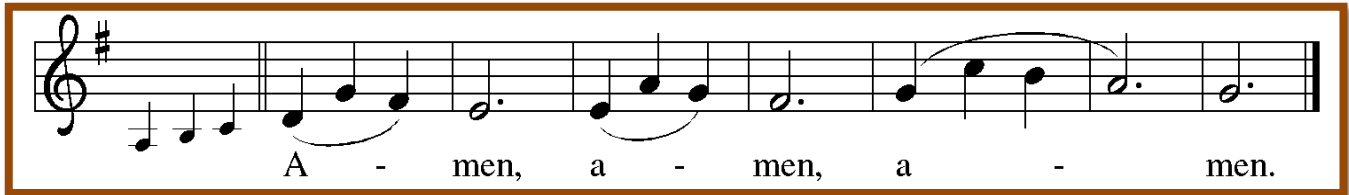
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

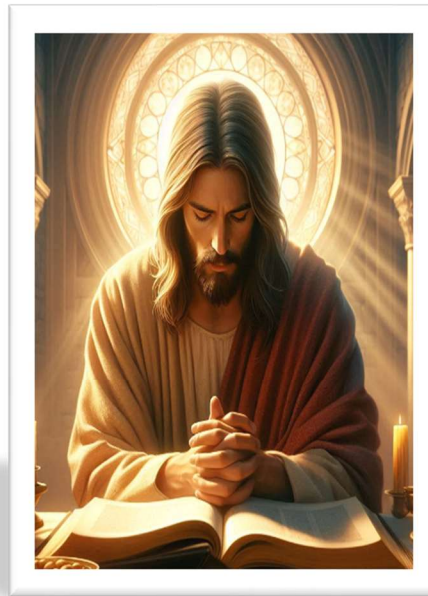
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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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Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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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.



The Vernon
Chorale

Presents:



Night, Dreaming, and Awakening

SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

WINTER STARLIGHT

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing

*Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

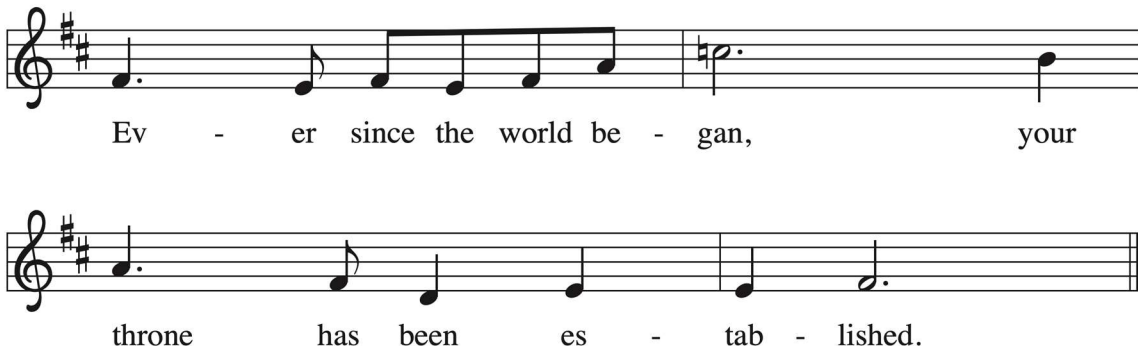
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

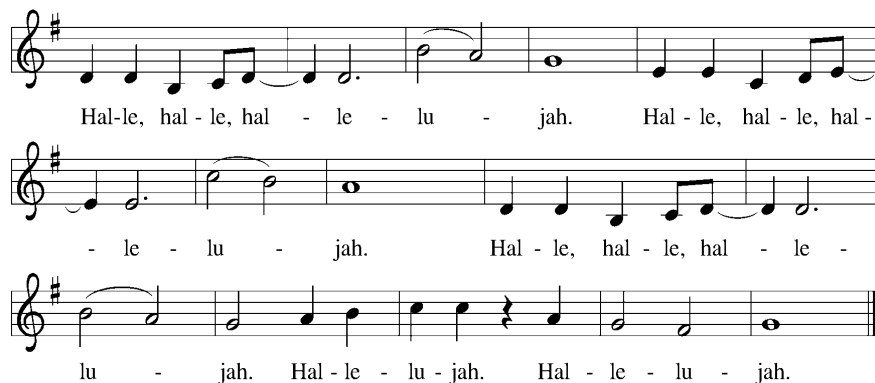
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

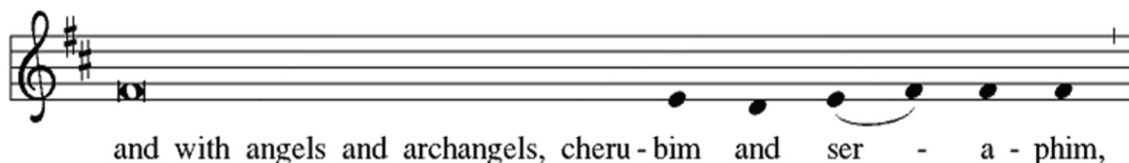
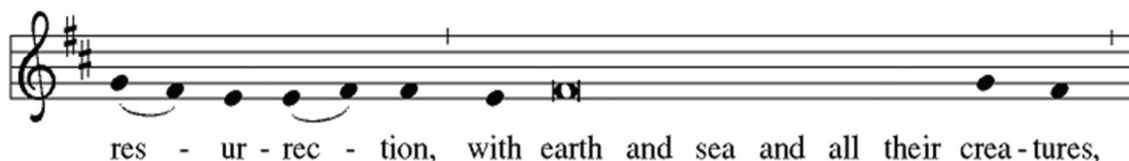
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by horizontal lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

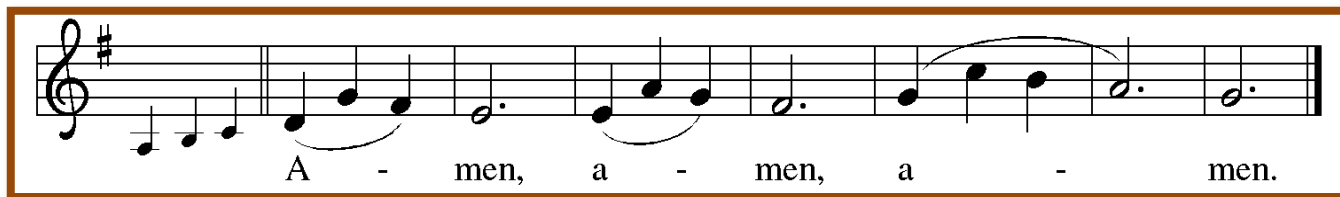
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

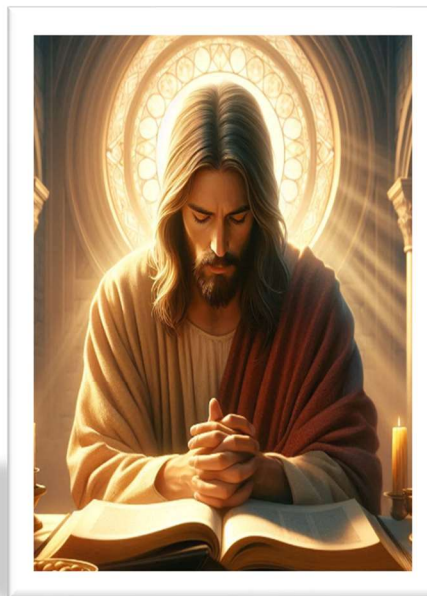
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

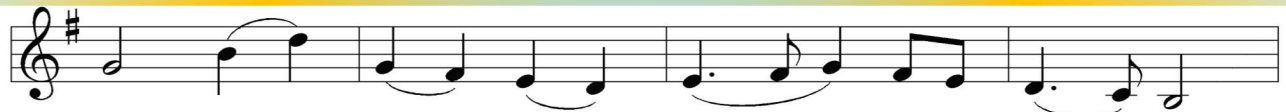
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah
Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

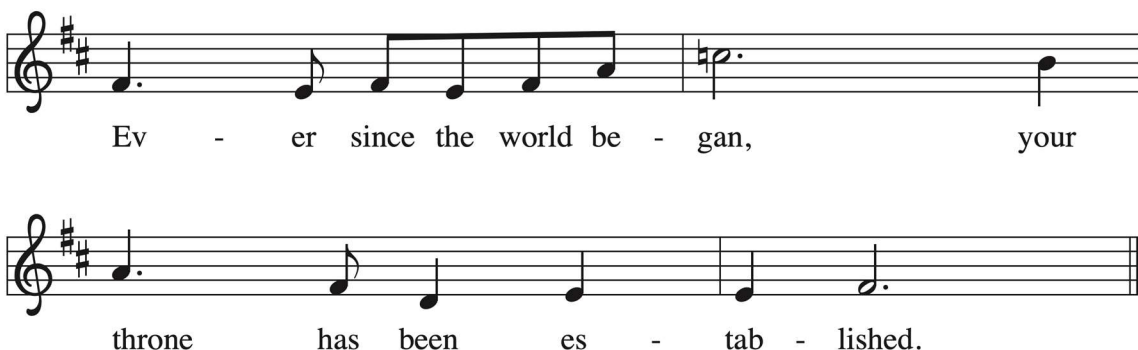
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

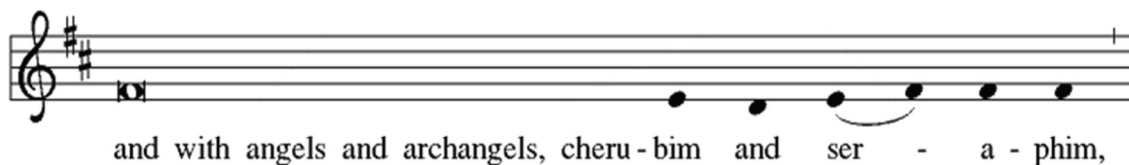
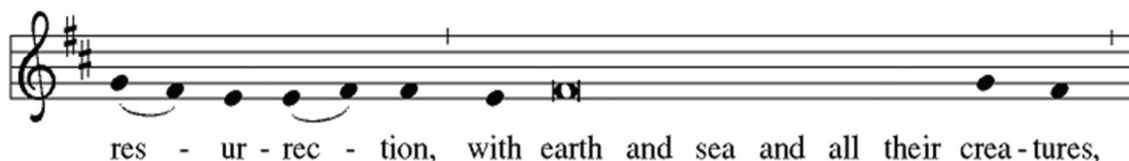
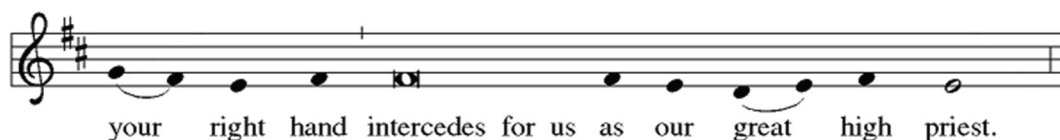
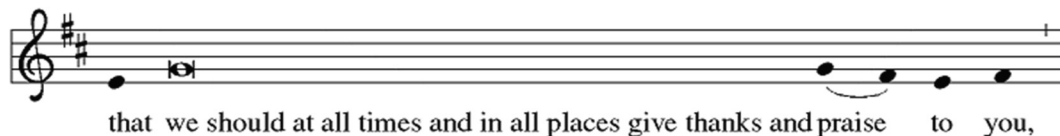
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

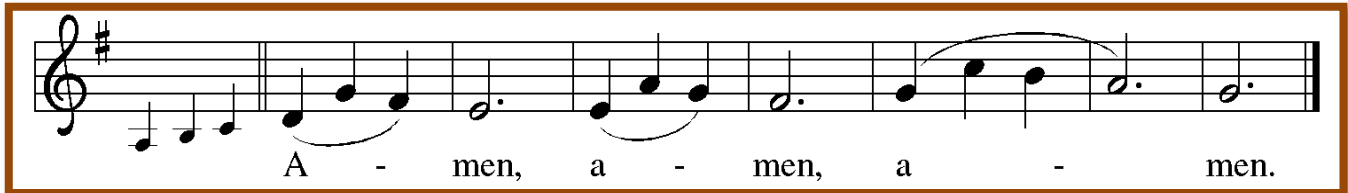
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

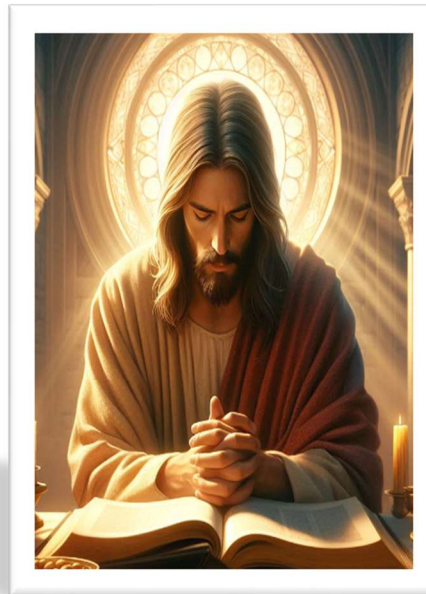
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

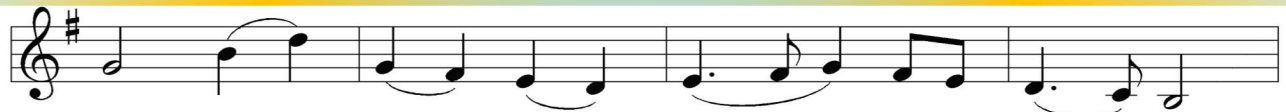
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.


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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival \(LSM\)](#) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

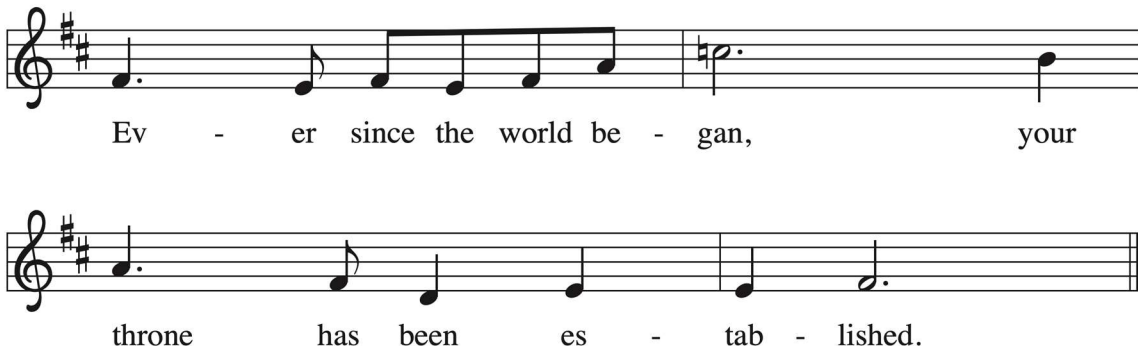
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the
earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the
Lord God, who is and who was and who is to
come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

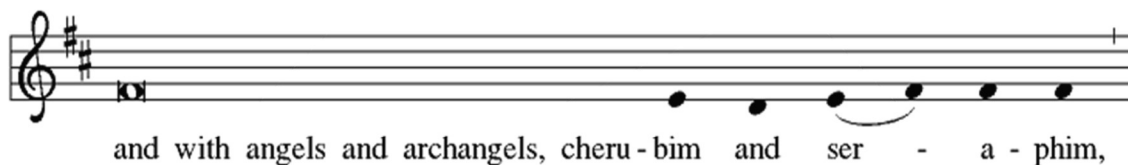
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

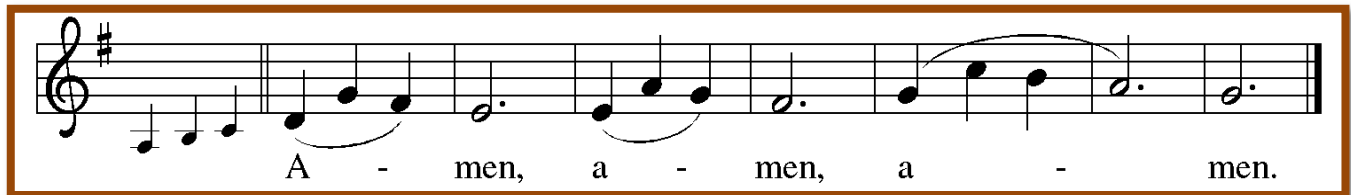
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

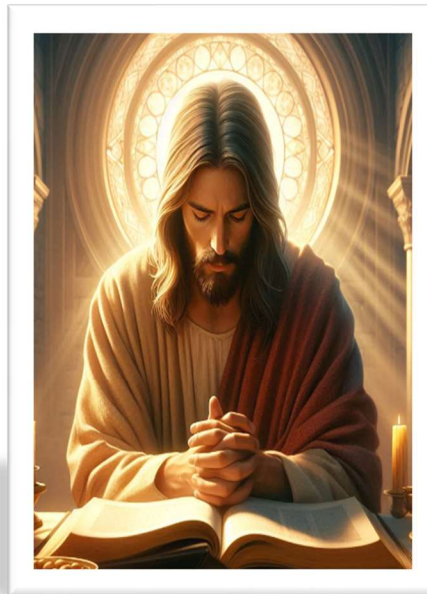
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.


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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival \(LSM\)](#) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93

Musical notation for Psalm 93, consisting of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Ev - er since the world be - gan, your throne has been es - tab - lished." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

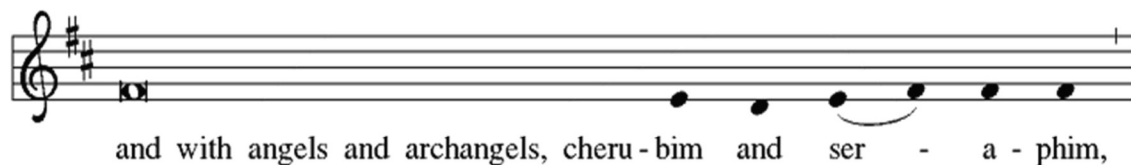
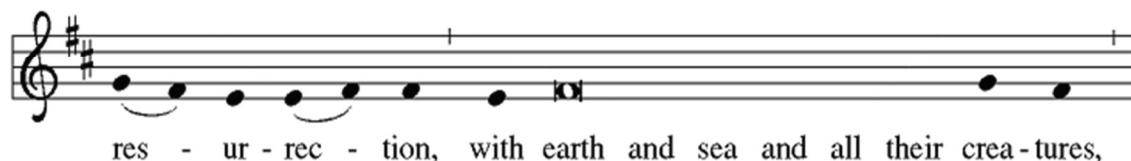
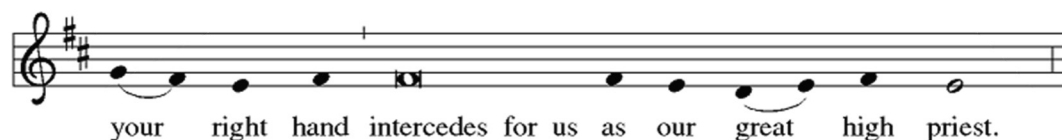
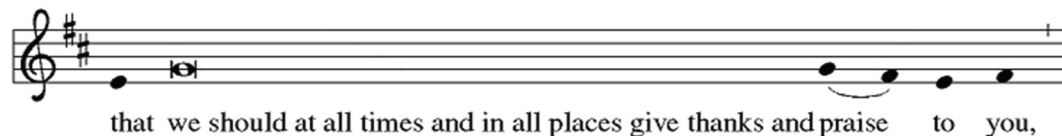
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by slurs. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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

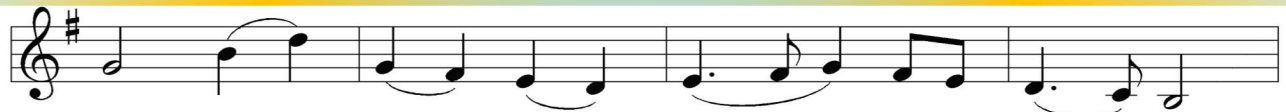
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music,

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

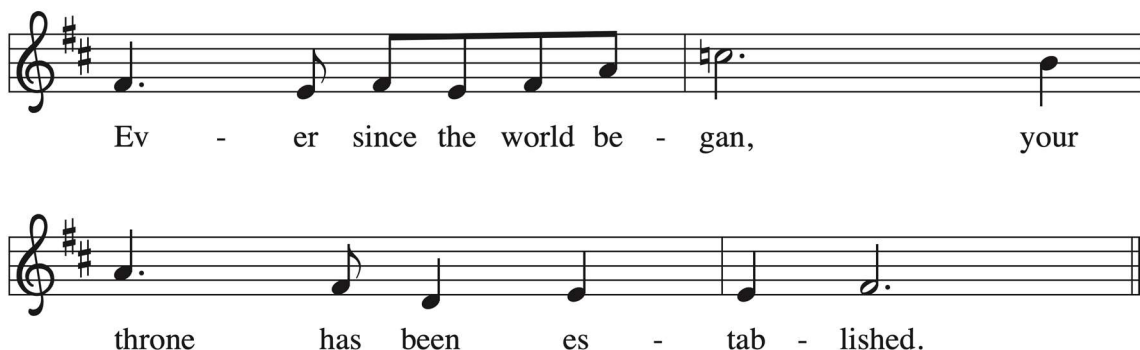
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

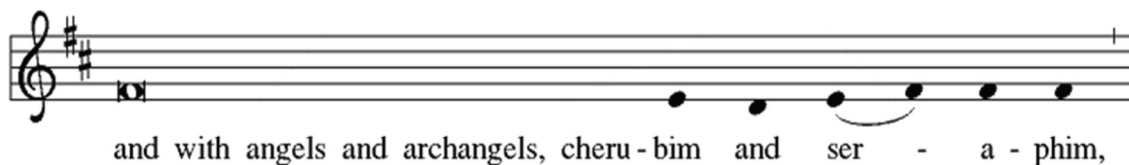
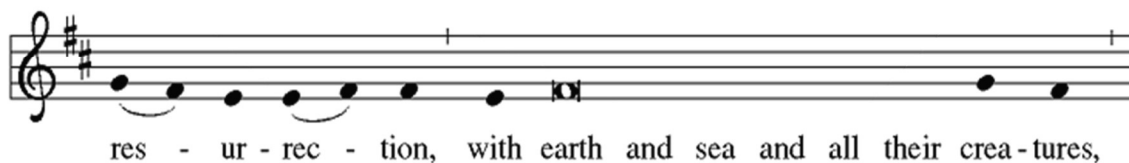
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

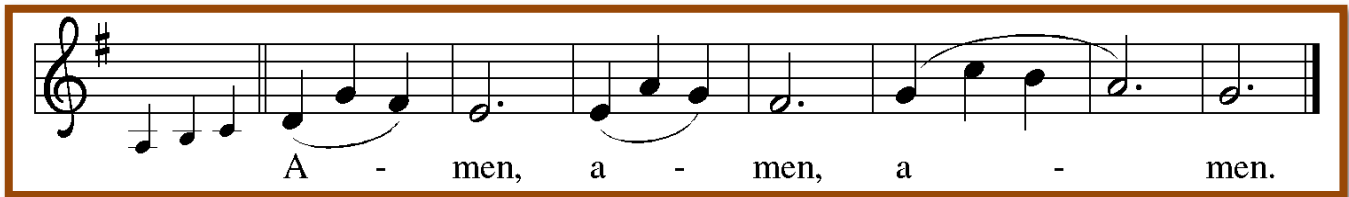
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

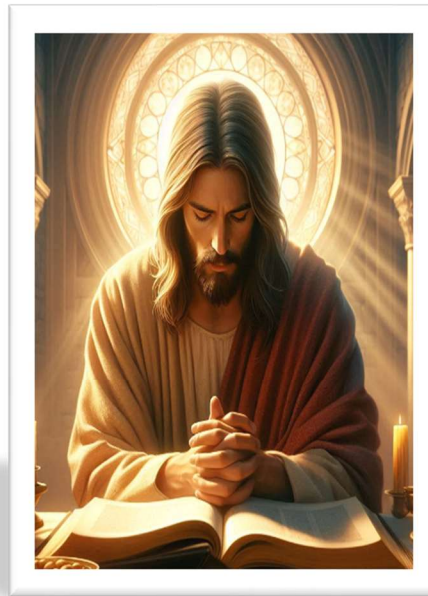
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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**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!

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Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

**Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM**

FEATURING:
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Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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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**

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

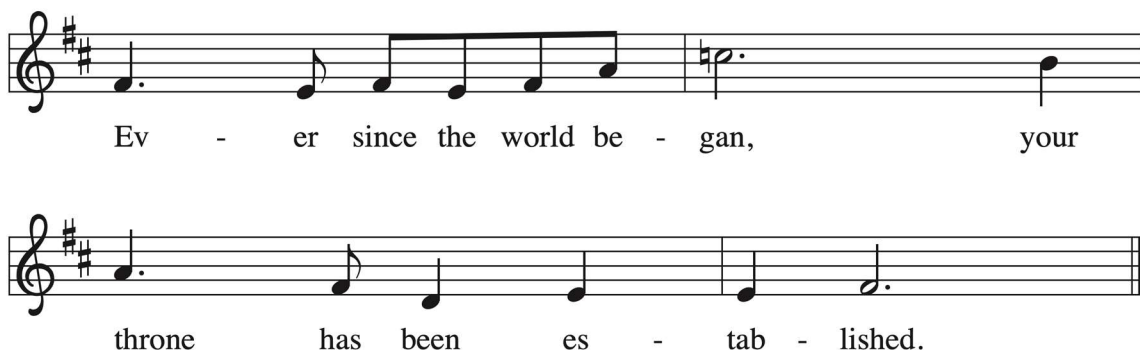
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

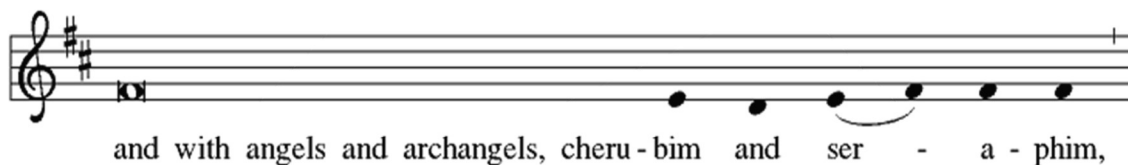
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

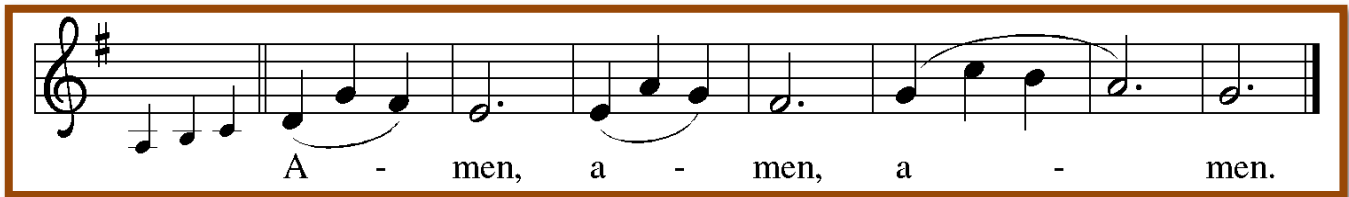
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

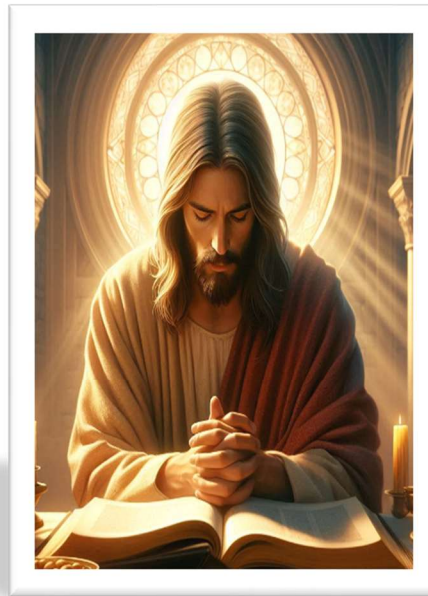
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

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NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

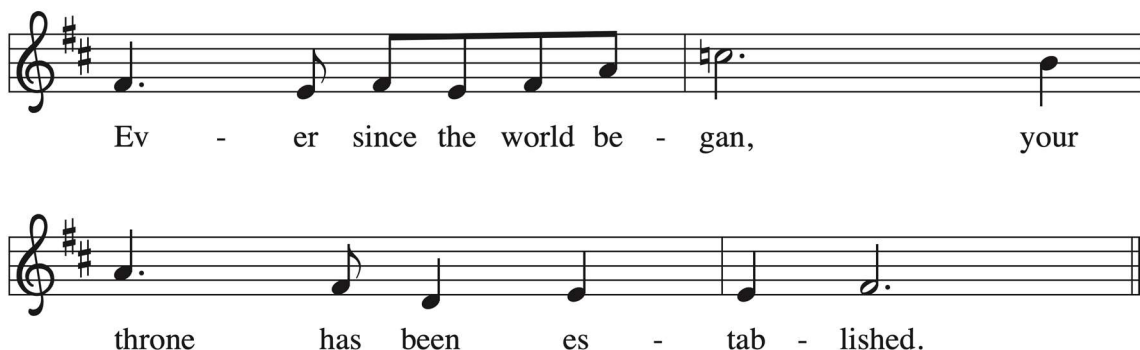
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

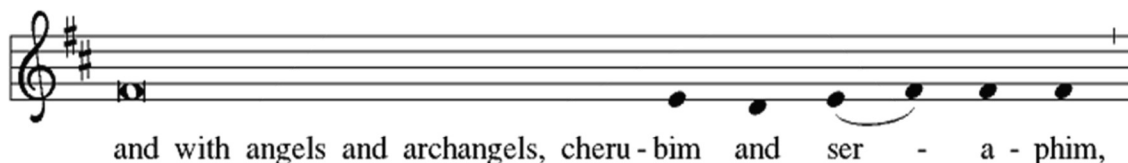
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by horizontal lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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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✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

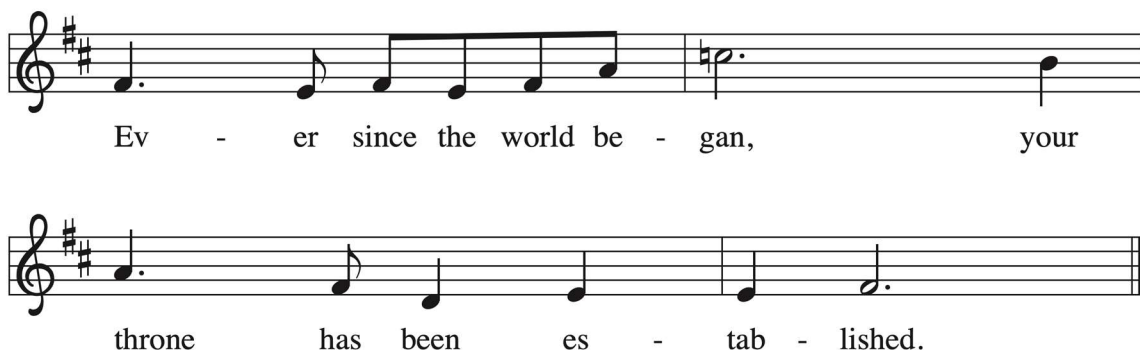
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

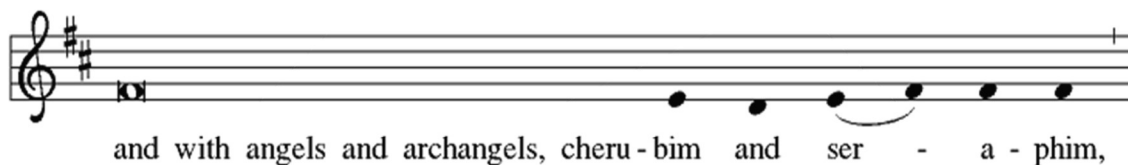
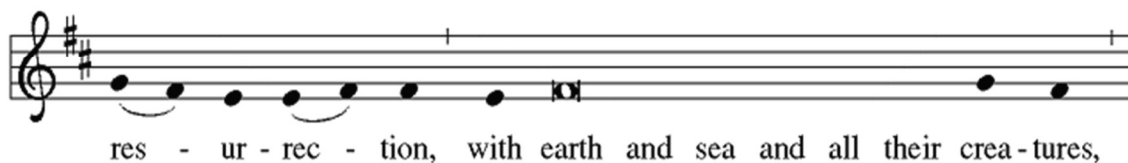
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by horizontal lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

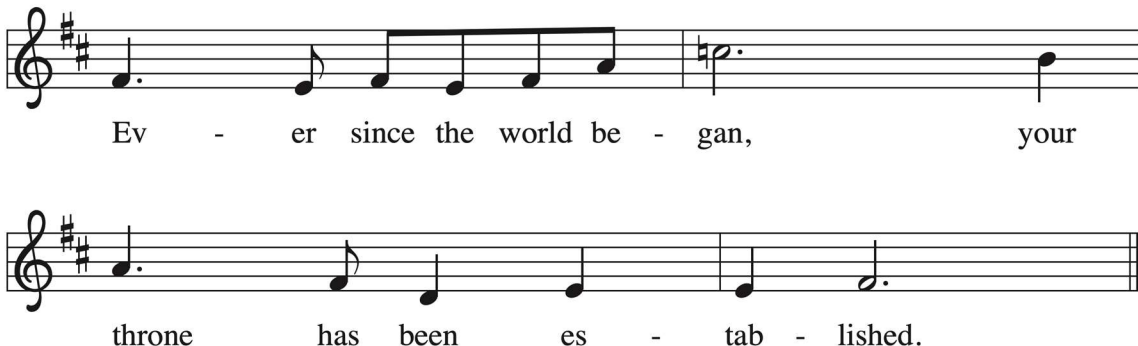
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

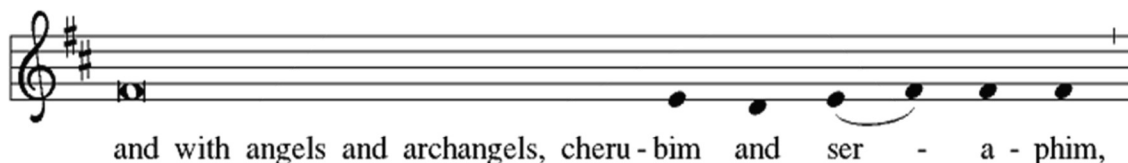
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
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Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

**Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM**

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

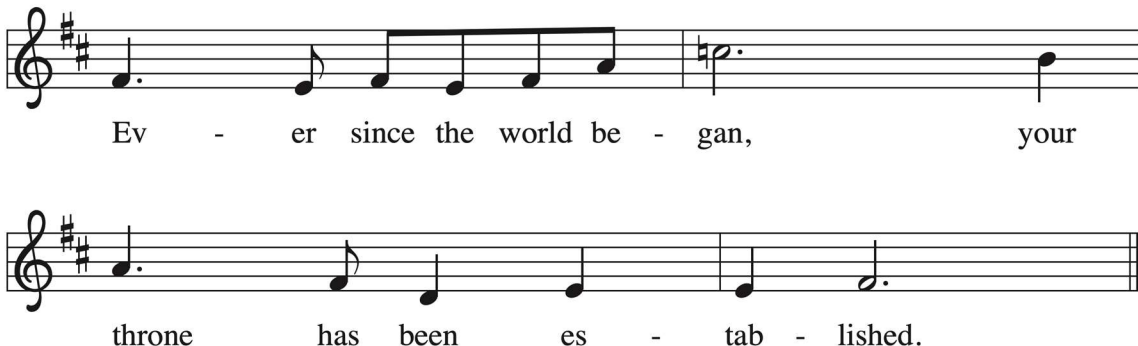
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

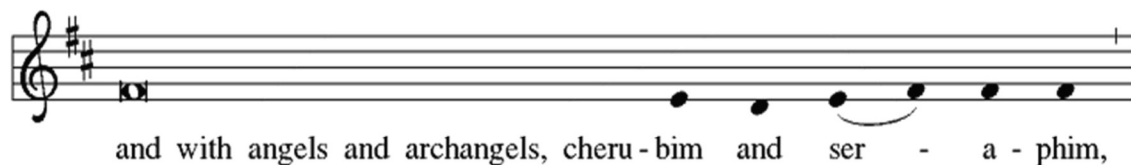
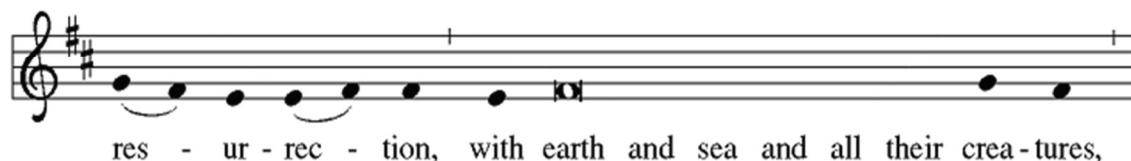
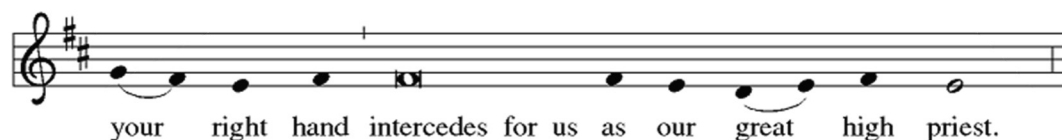
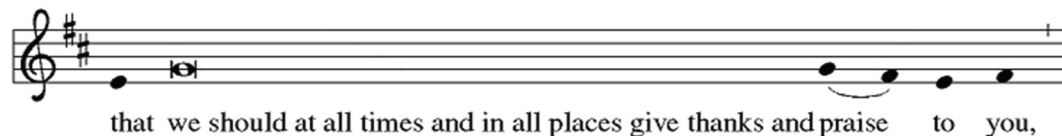
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

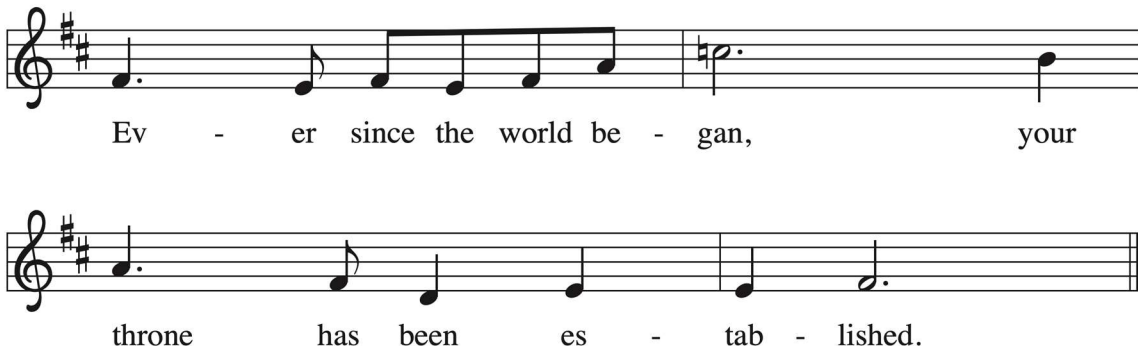
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

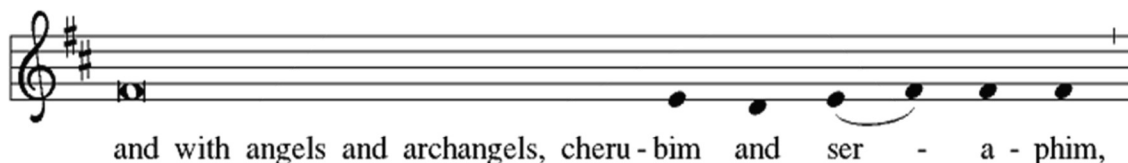
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by horizontal lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

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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

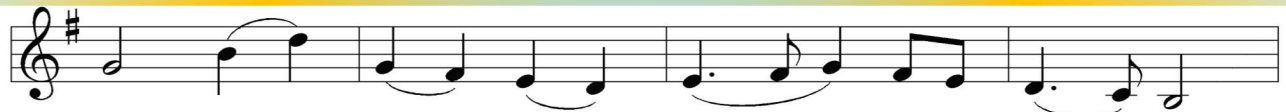
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival \(LSM\)](#) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

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.



The Vernon
Chorale

Presents:



Night, Dreaming, and Awakening

SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

WINTER STARLIGHT

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing

*Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

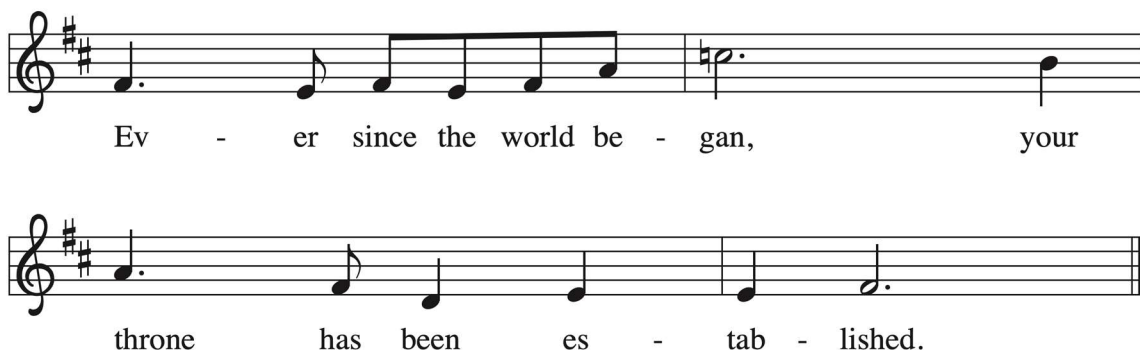
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

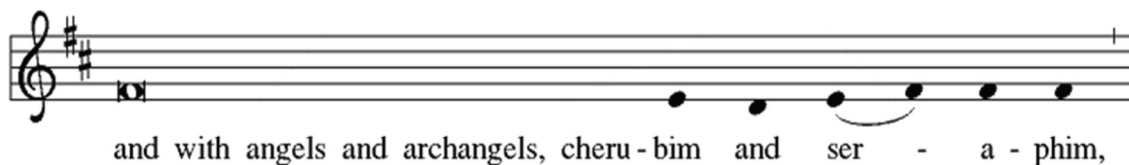
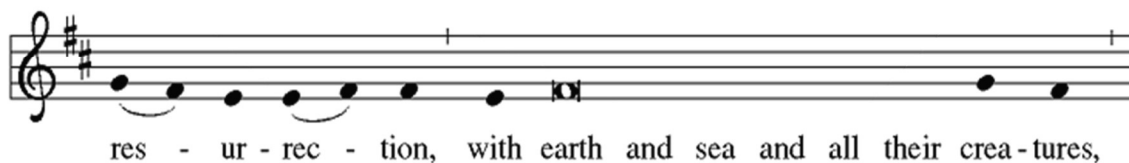
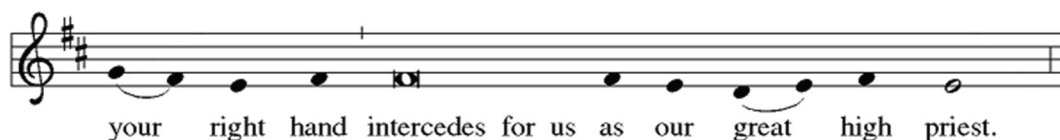
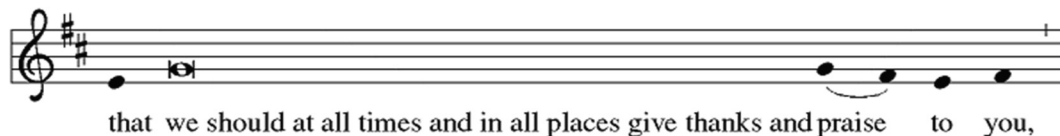
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

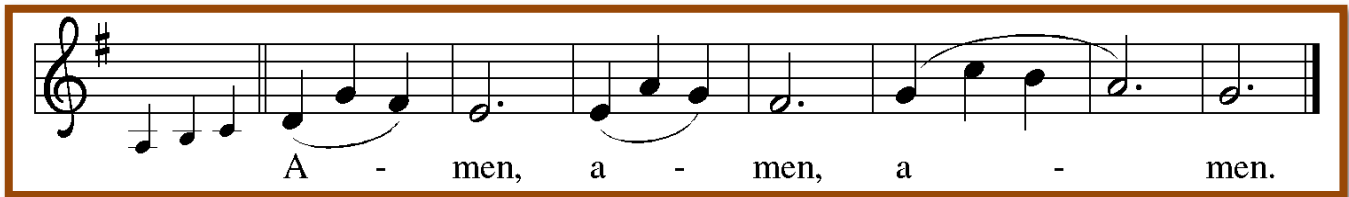
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

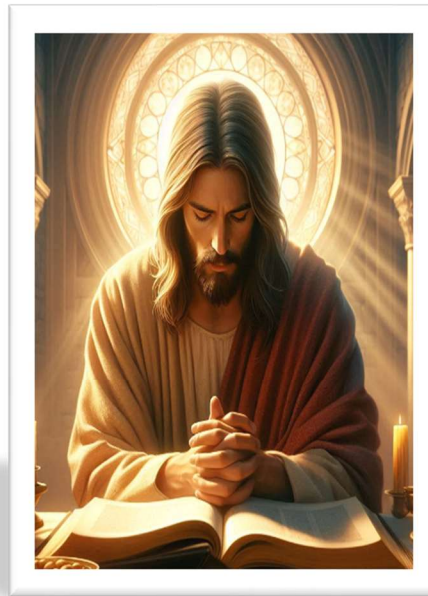
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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.**

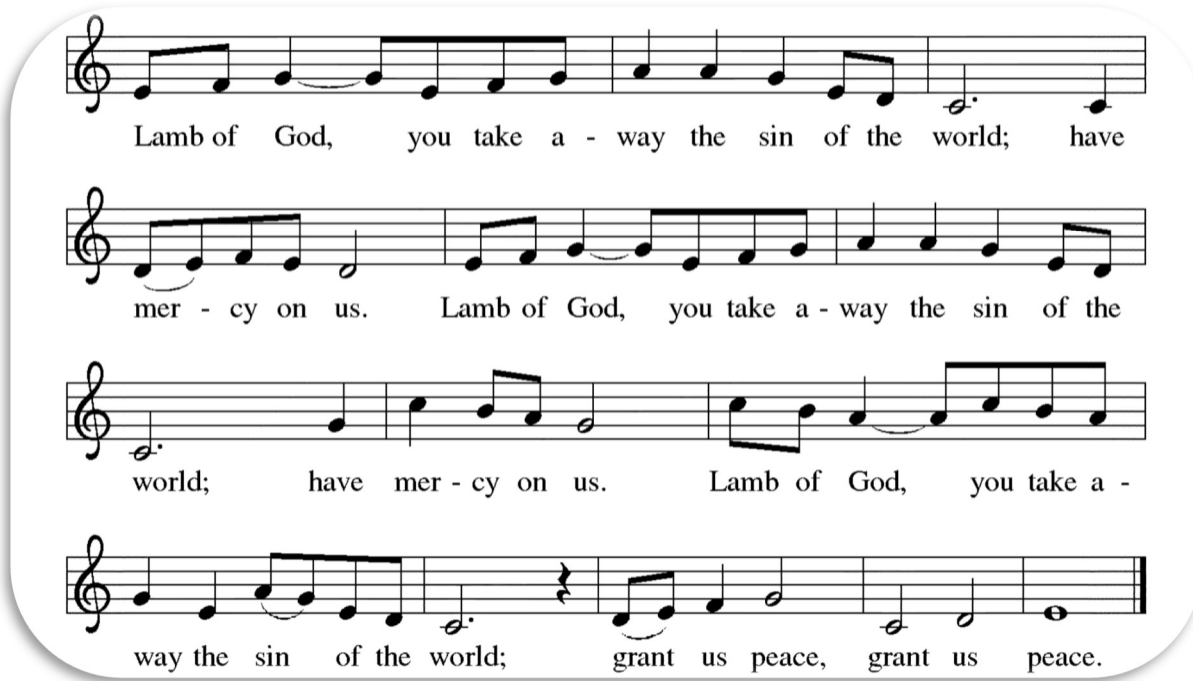


Invitation

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.


 **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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah
Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

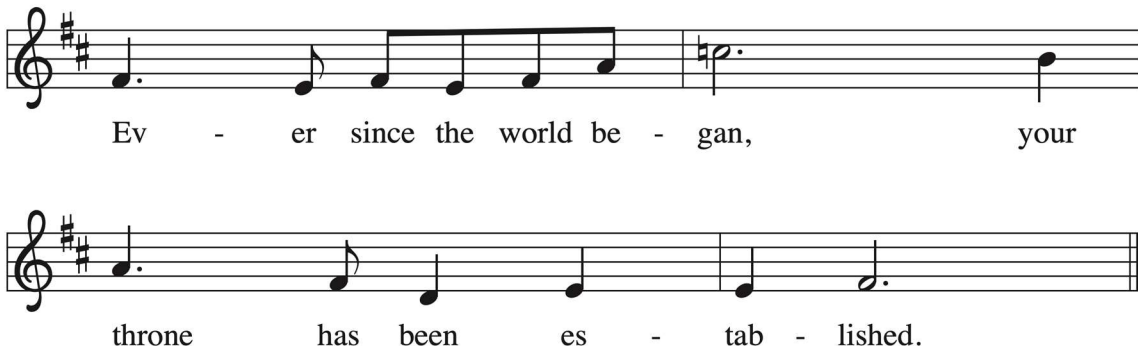
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

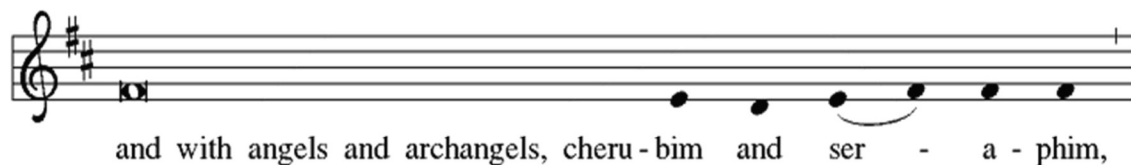
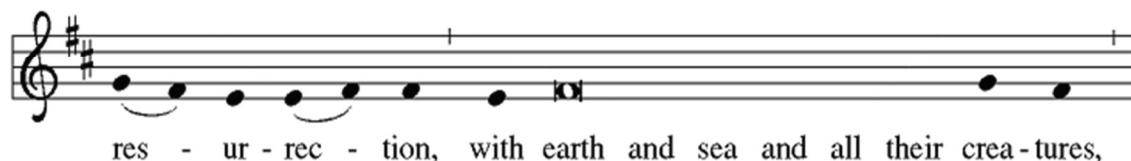
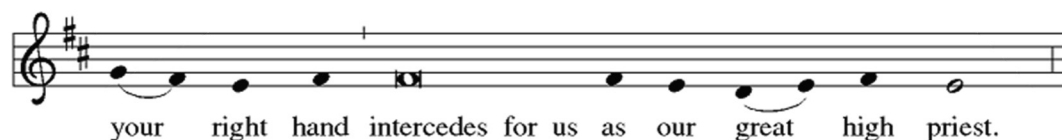
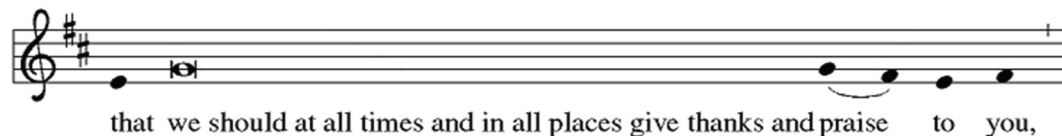
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

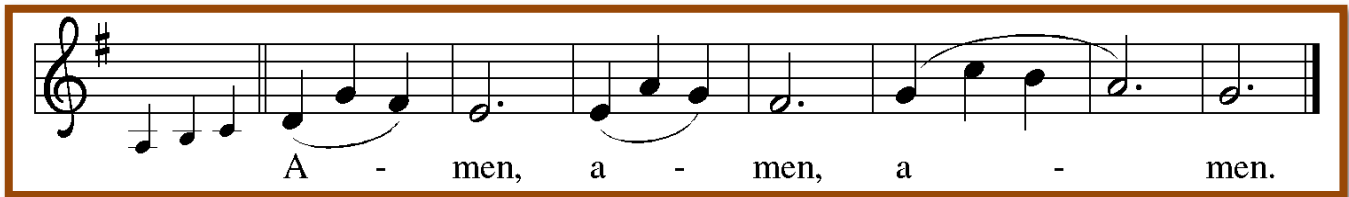
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

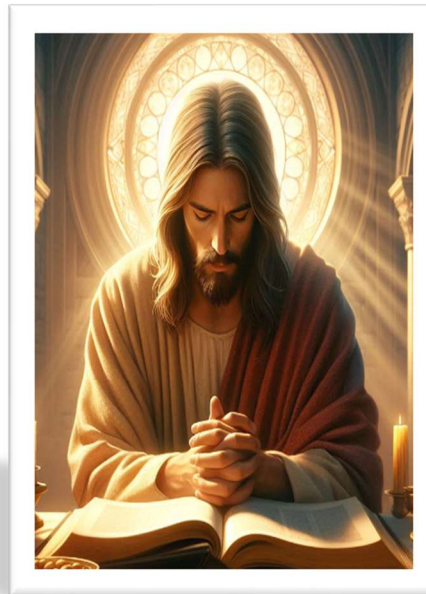
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music,

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

**Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM**

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

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Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

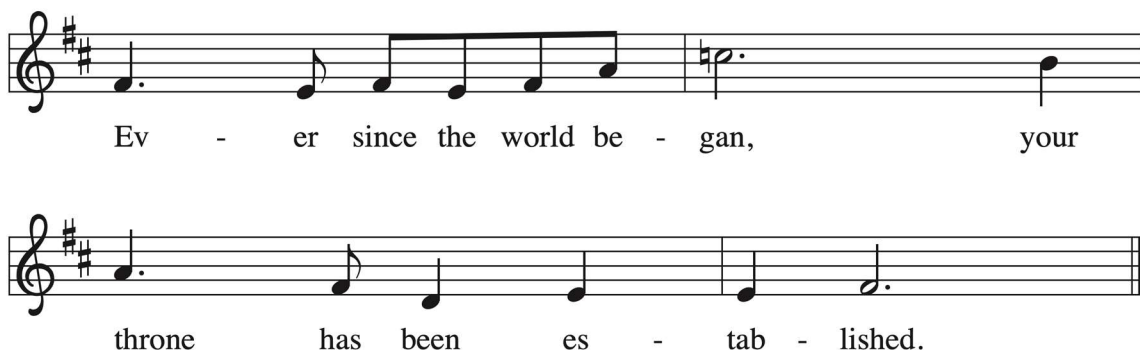
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

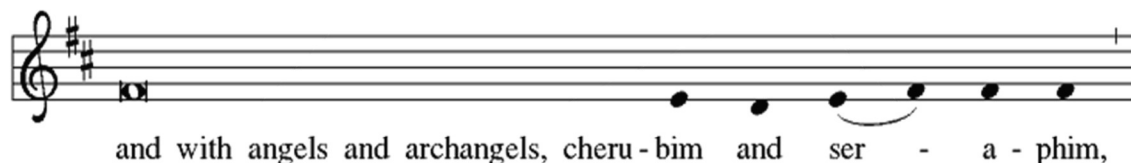
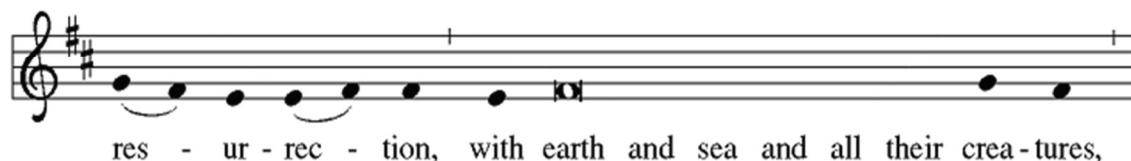
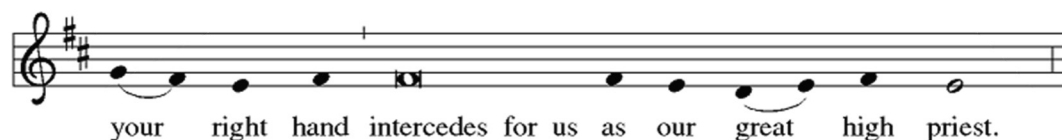
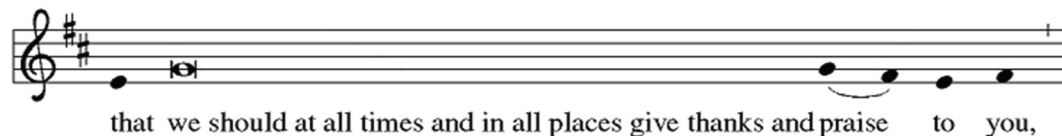
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

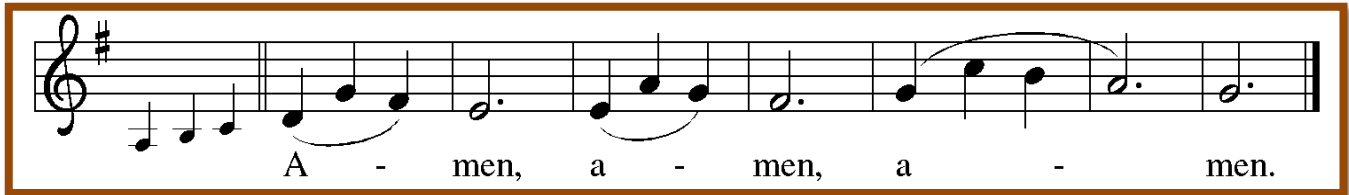
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

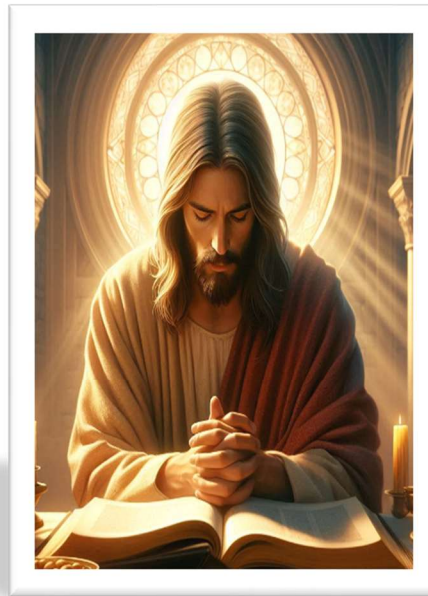
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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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 Mrs. **Margie Gallagher**, *Parish Administrator*

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.


 **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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

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NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music,

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

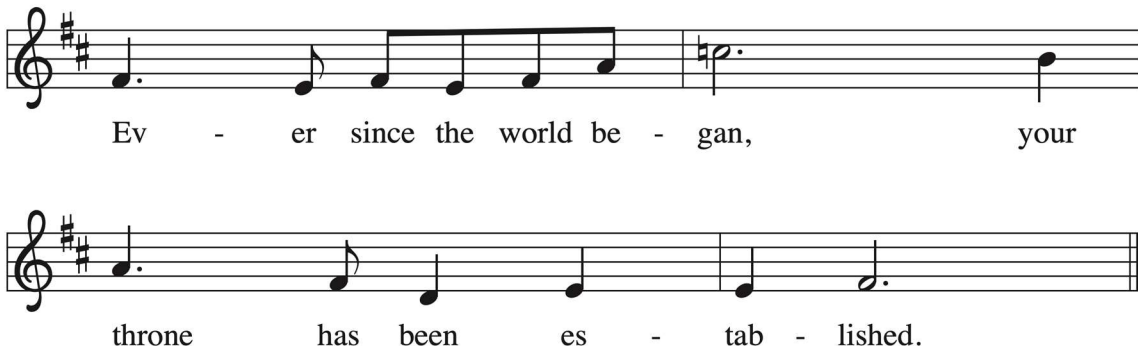
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the
earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the
Lord God, who is and who was and who is to
come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

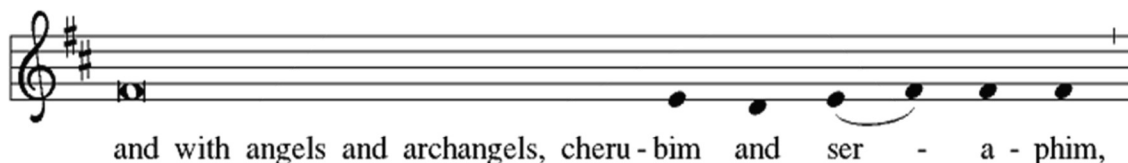
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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

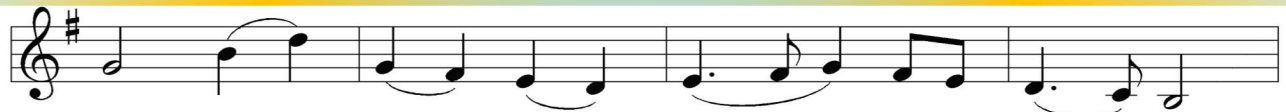
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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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✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

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NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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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.



The Vernon
Chorale

Presents:



Night, Dreaming, and Awakening

SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

WINTER STARLIGHT

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107
Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing

*Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

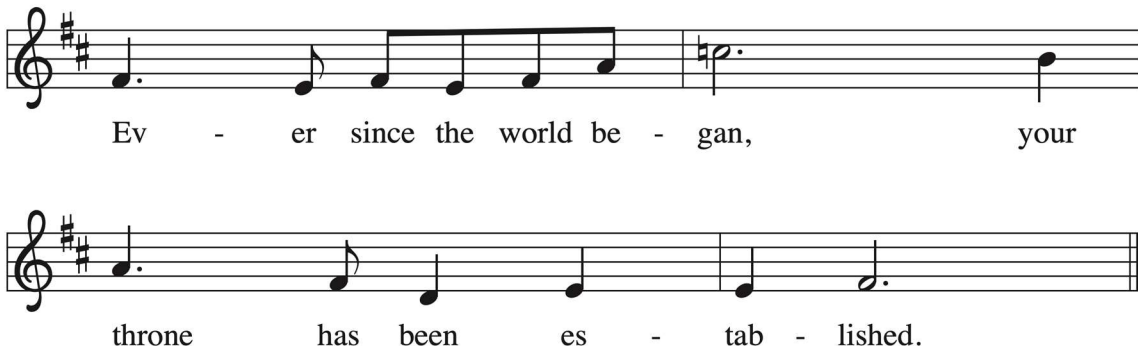
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

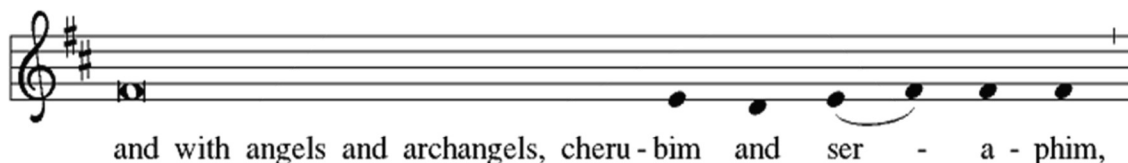
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by horizontal lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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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✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

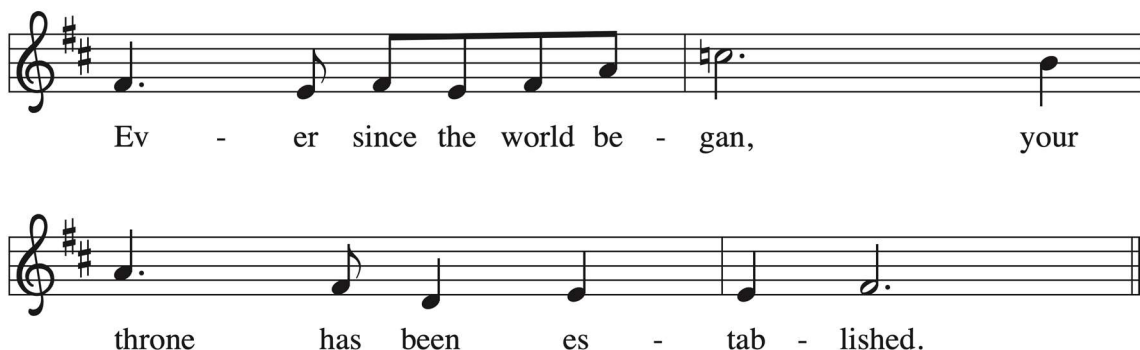
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

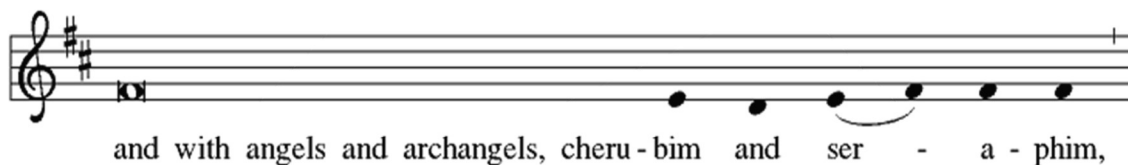
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by slurs. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.


 **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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival \(LSM\)](#) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

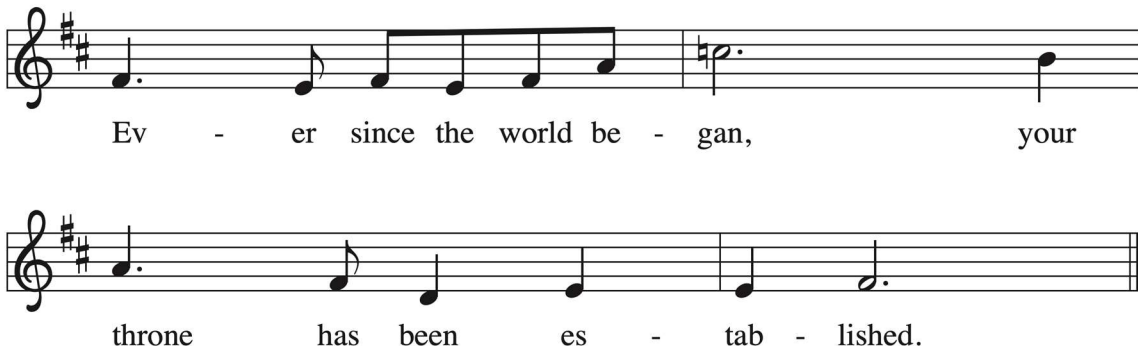
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

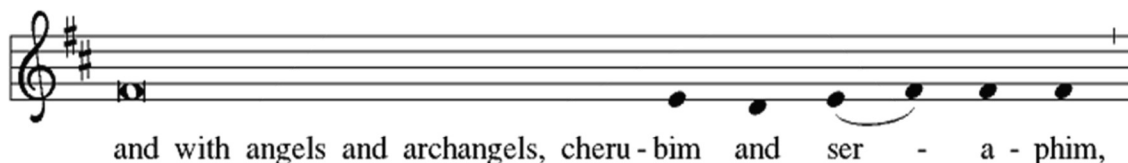
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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

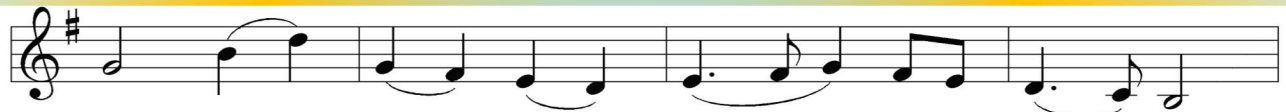
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival \(LSM\)](#) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

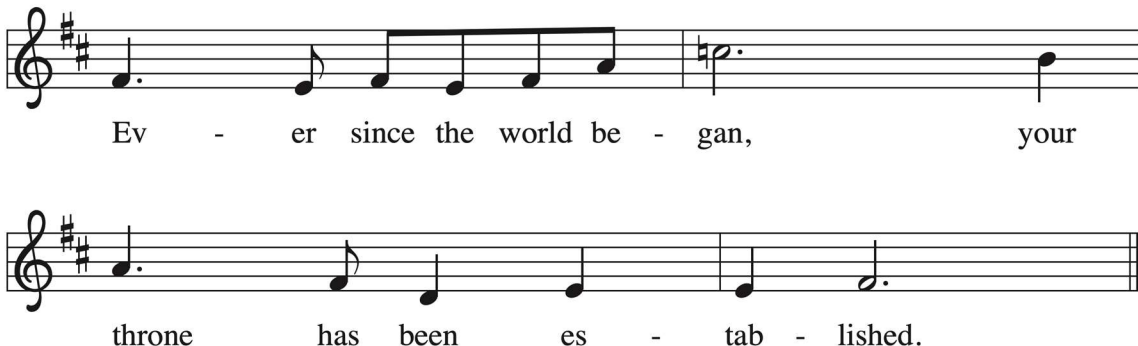
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

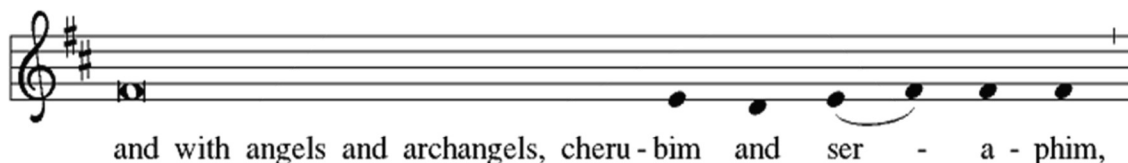
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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

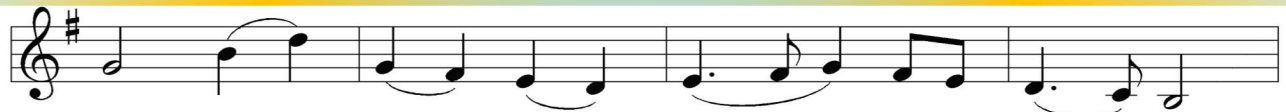
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

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.

The **Vernon** Chorale

Presents:



Night, Dreaming, and Awakening

SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

WINTER STARLIGHT

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

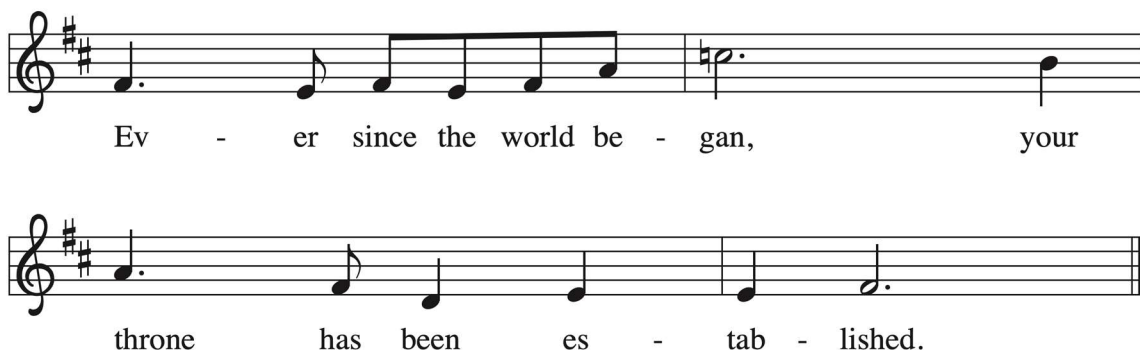
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

A musical score for a dialogue, consisting of four staves of music. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: "The Lord be with you." and "And al - so with you." The second staff has two measures: "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff has one long measure: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff has one long measure: "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

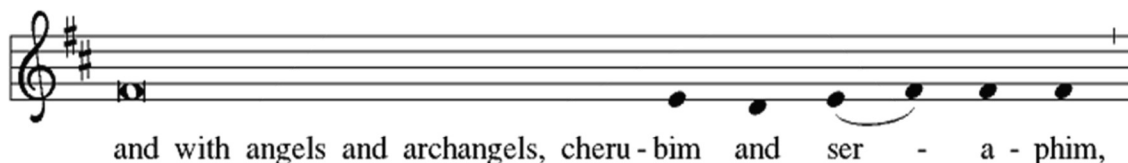
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

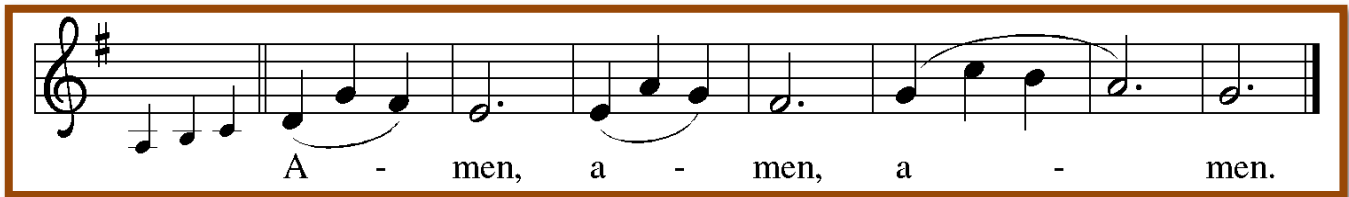
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

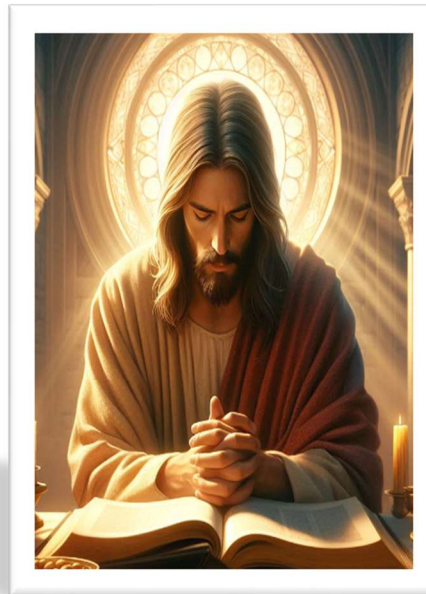
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

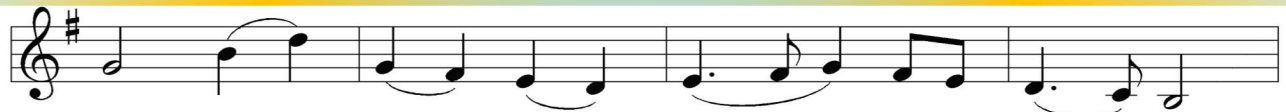
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

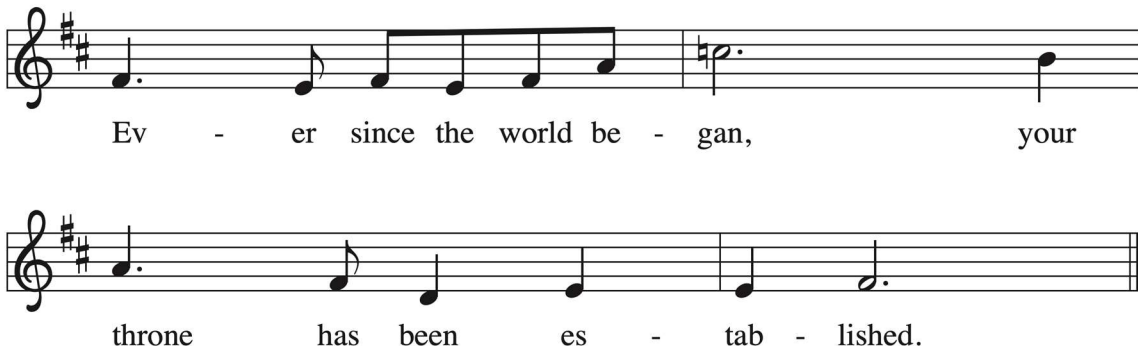
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

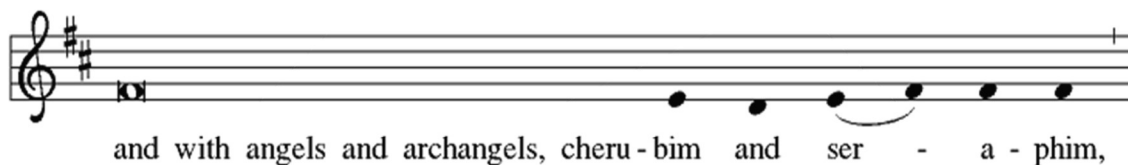
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

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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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

**Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM**

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells* *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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

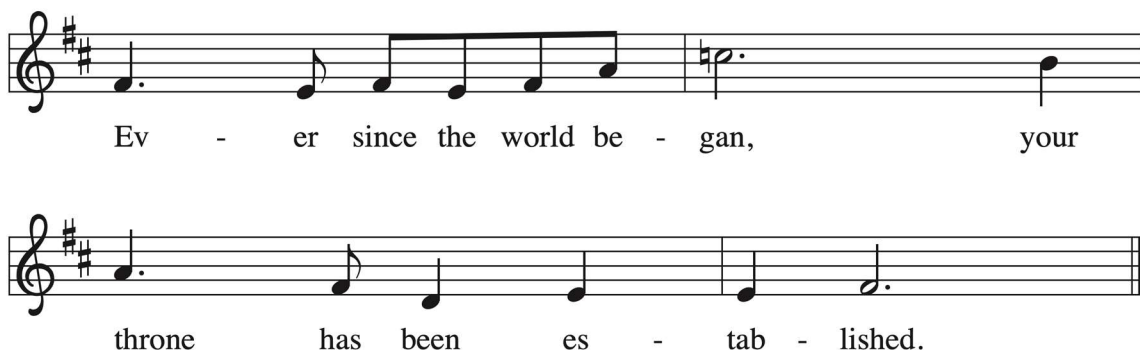
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

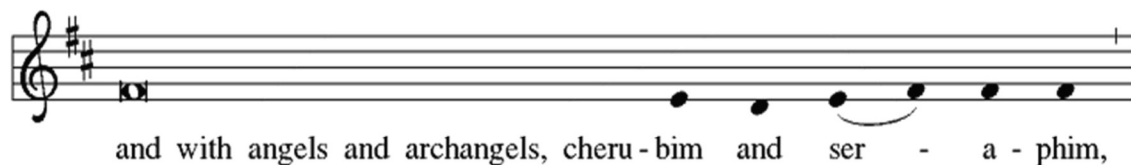
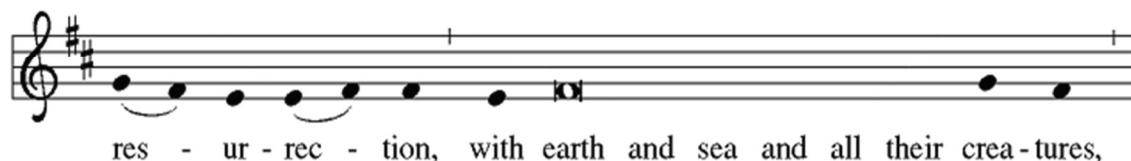
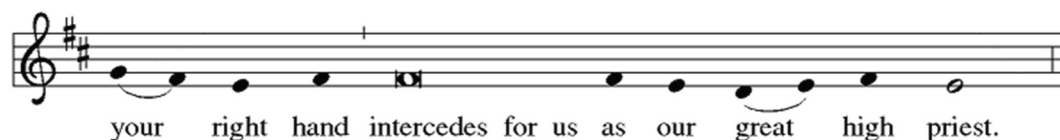
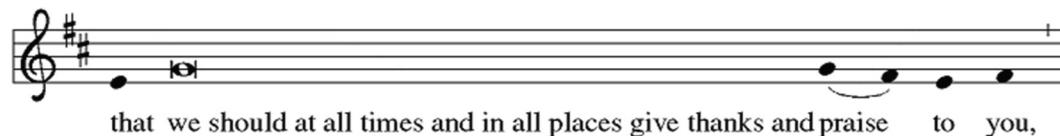
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

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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

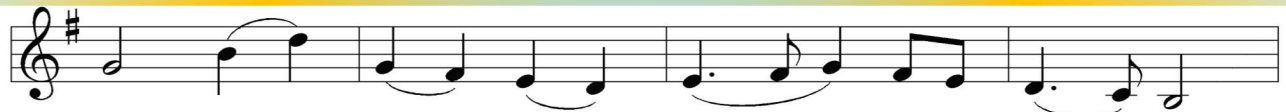
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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*

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040 ☎ (860)649-5311

✉ office@concordiamanchester.org 🌐 www.concordiamanchester.org

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



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

**Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM**

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

N o v e m b e r 2 4 , 2 0 2 4

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

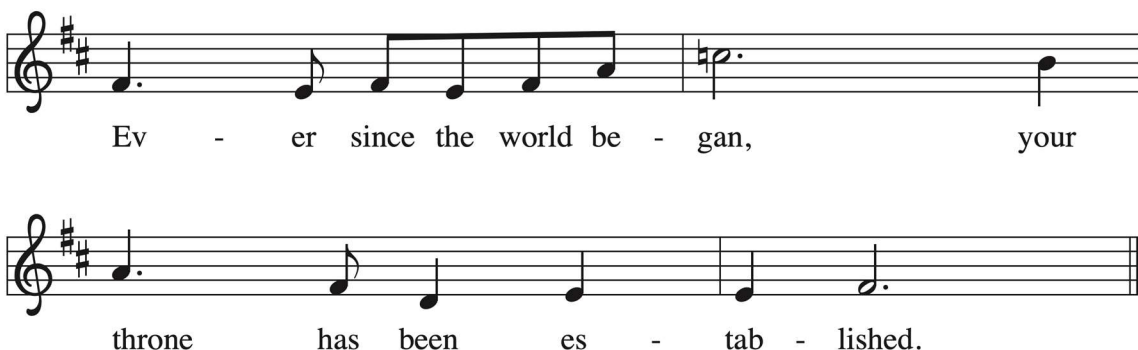
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

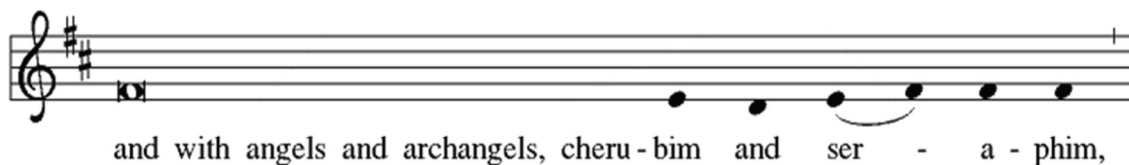
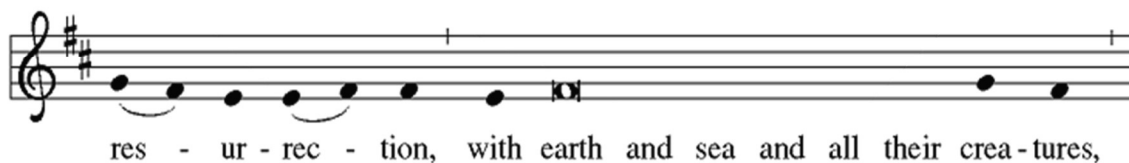
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

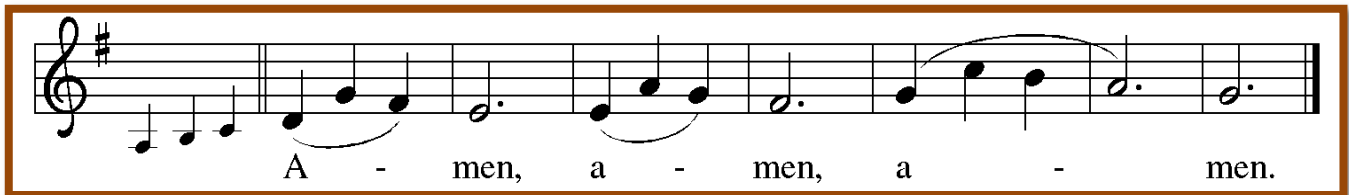
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

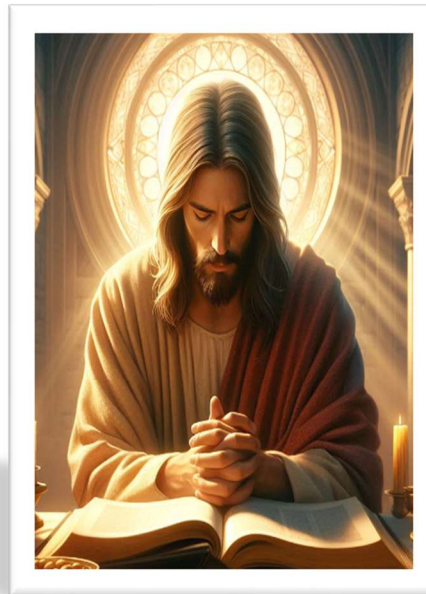
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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.**

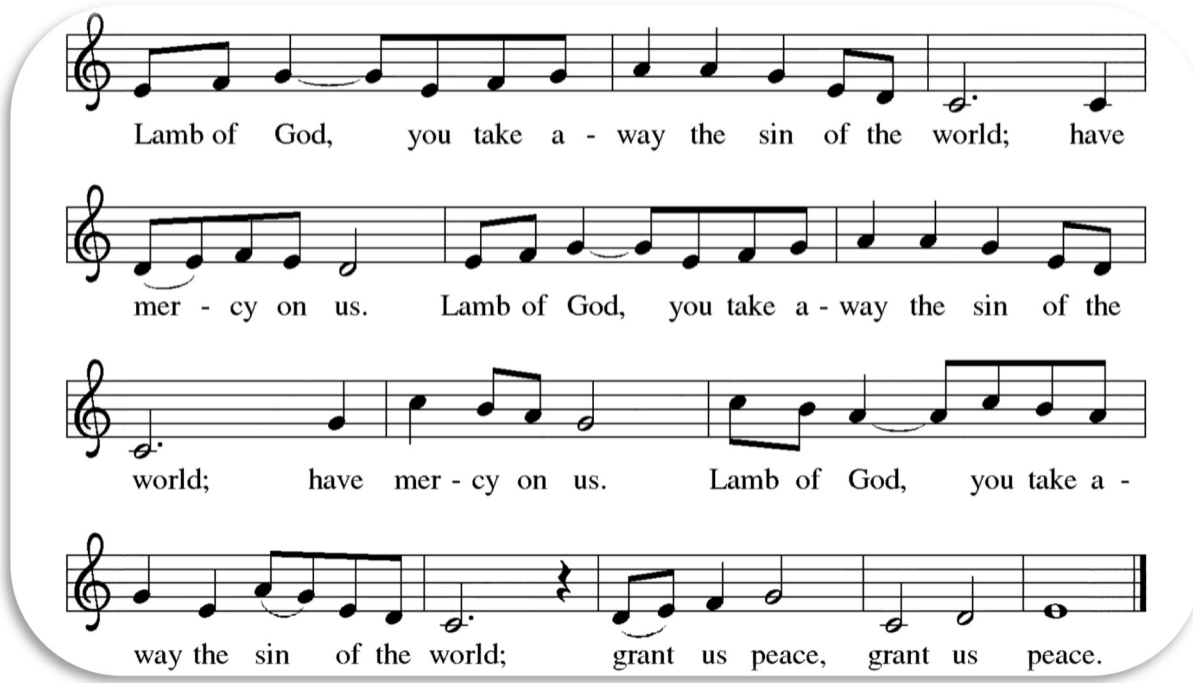


Invitation

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

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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

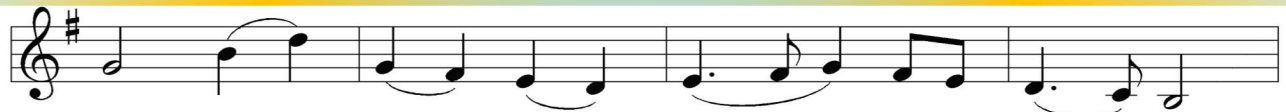
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.


 **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!



Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

downtown manchester

NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

Scan Me!



Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



Scan me!

**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



vernonchorale.org | 860-375-0545

WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

United Congregational Church of Tolland

45 Tollan Green

Contact: (860) 875-4160

Web: www.ucctolland.org

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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**

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: *Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells*

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93

Musical notation for Psalm 93, consisting of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Ev - er since the world be - gan, your throne has been es - tab - lished." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

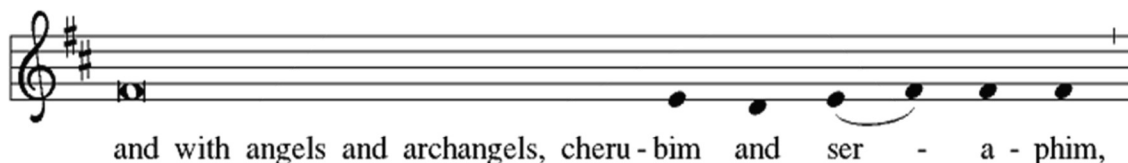
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 Shall Reign

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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

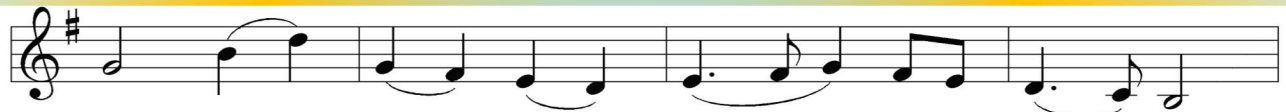
Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

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NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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**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!

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Messiah
Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
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Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

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Christ the King



C o n c o r d i a L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



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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**

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

Introduction: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation

Prelude: Two Slow Airs – Herbert Howells

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,
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.**

All stand as able.

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.

G a t h e r i n g

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

Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

W O R D

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song



First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

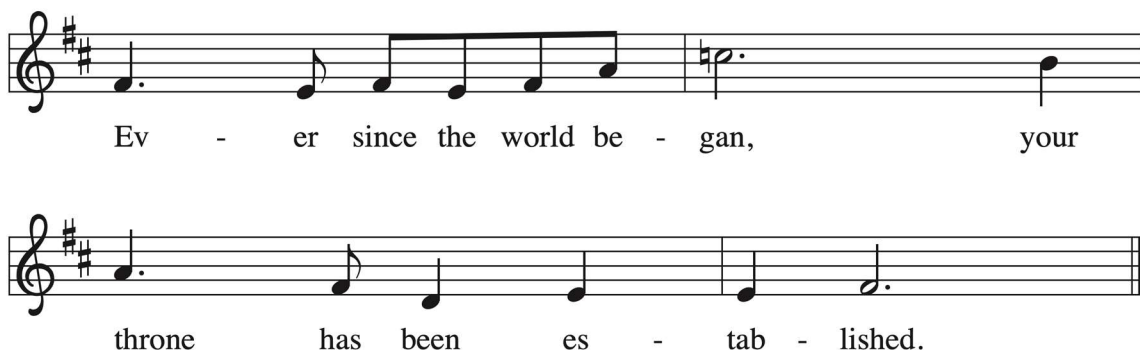
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to

All stand as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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

Gospel:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not

from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

ELW 431

Nicene Creed

Together with all the people of God, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Help us all to understand the royal priesthood to which you have called us in baptism, so that we may serve you constantly. Grant that we may welcome people of every race and background that your kingdom of grace may be extended. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Almighty God, you execute justice and mercy through the righteousness of your Son. We pray that the dominion of your kingdom may touch our present world, to bring peace where there is strife and conflict especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray for the health and safety of our troops stationed throughout the world away from their families and loved ones during this upcoming holiday season. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you, who sent Christ to be our King, would also raise up shepherds of integrity to gather the church in safety and to preach the Gospel message of redemption and forgiveness. We also pray that our congregation might become ever more a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for those who are estranged from God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Merciful God, we believe and trust in you to provide for all who call upon you. We pray that your comforting Spirit may touch the lives of all in need: those struggling for food or shelter; those unemployed or facing job uncertainty; those troubled with anxiety over the pressures of life; those confronted by challenges of faith; the lonely; the sick; the suffering; those who mourn and those on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Lord, as we come to the end of the church year, we look beyond to the end of time, when you shall come again in your kingly power, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. When you come to rule, remember us so that we may be numbered with the throng of saints who have gone before us, as heirs to your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

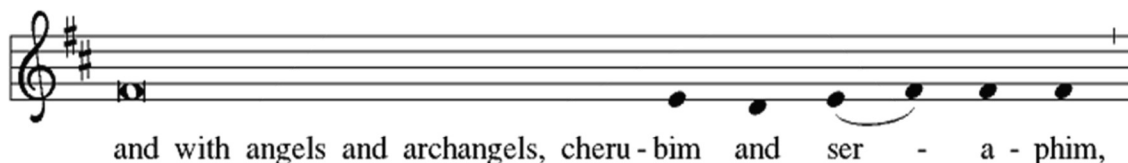
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface



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.

+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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

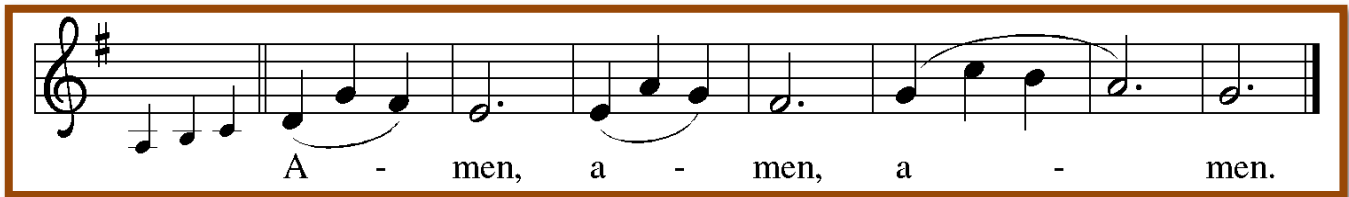
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and
cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and
justice in all the world.

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.

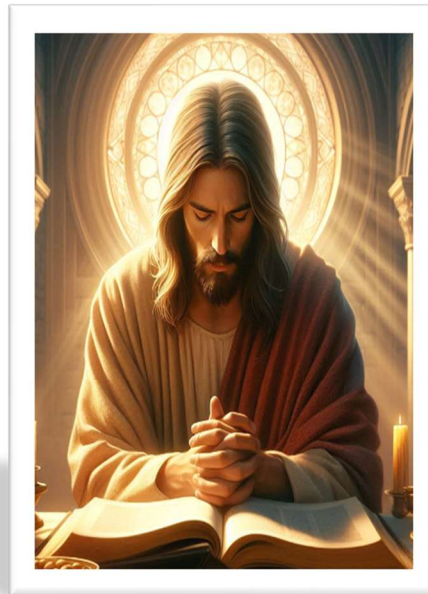
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

S E N D I N G

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

Blessing

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins

John Anderson, Organist

+++ To God Be the Glory +++

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding: **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

Assisting Mark Winzler

Ushers: Don & Marian Slater

Minister(s): Candace Wilson

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements

- † Join us right after Worship at Kaiser Hall for our informal congregational meeting. We hope everyone can join us for this important discussion and fellowship. See you there!
- † After the service today, feel free to take the gourds and pumpkins to your house for your Thanksgiving celebrations.
- † The December 7th Pop-Up Shop **needs** *small, inexpensive stocking stuffer gifts* for men, women, and children. We will box & decorate. Please leave in Highland Park School basket in the rear of the church. THANK YOU! 🙏
- † 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 calendars & flyers for upcoming Concordia Lutheran Church and Community events!

Daily Readings

November 25 –
December 1



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Psalm 76 Psalm 63 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</u>	
Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	

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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
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
11/14/2024	Andy Vincens	A swift and smooth recovery as he goes through rehab at Glastonbury Healthcare	Jan Salvatore
11/12/2024	The family of Sindi Pietrorazio	As they grieve the passing of Sindi Pietrorazio	Lanie Turner
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
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	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 Pastor 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.



Concordia Lutheran Church Calendar



<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Concordia Lutheran Church	After Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
All throughout School Year	Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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 each week beforehand.

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.

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!

Pop Up Store

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MACC proper will be open November 11th for Veterans Day and closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving. **The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving. Salvation Army, Manchester will be serving lunch.**

Date of Event	Event	Place	Time
Saturday, November 30, 2024	Holiday On Main	Downtown Manchester	Starts at 10 a.m.
November 8th - 24th	Musical Play	Cheney Hall	See flyer
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Night, Dreaming & Awakening (Concert)	St. Bernard Catholic Church, 25 St. Bernard Ter., Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 2024	MACC's Coffee Corner	MACC	See flyer
Friday, December 13, 2024	Winter Starlight	St. James Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avel, West Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sep 14 - Saturday, Dec. 14	Air Painting On Horsebarn Hill	Jorgenson Gallery/UCONN	Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Messiah Sing	United Congregational Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green	3 p.m. See Flyer!
June 22 - July 20, 2025	Lutheran Summer Music '25	Valparaiso University in IN	See flyer/Scan QR Code

HOLIDAY MARKET DOWNTOWN DEALS SANTA & MRS. CLAUS PHOTO OPS

HOLIDAY ON MAIN

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NOVEMBER 30TH
STARTING AT 10AM

FREE CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING POP UP SHOPS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, December 12th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



Friends in Christ and friends in music.

Enrollment for the 2025 [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival \(LSM\)](#) is open, and we write to provide you with easy tools to share about LSM within your congregation.

Every year, young musicians from across the country join together for an unforgettable summer, growing in music, connecting in faith, and flourishing in a joyful community. We ask that you please share about this opportunity within your children, youth & family ministries, music ministries, as well as with families with students in grades 8-12.

Below please find bulletin blurbs, presentation slides, shareable graphics and videos, and more.

Please also consider the young musicians in your congregation who would thrive at LSM, and connect them with us to learn more. You may respond to this email, or [nominate a student through this form](#).

Lutheran Summer Music 2025

Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 22-July 20*
Half Session: June 22-July 6
Grades 8-12

*Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

[Nominate a Student](#)

SHARE THIS...

Copy-paste or share these links with your congregation and youth. Find all shareable promotional materials at LSMacademy.org/promo.

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Hello and Thank You for Your Time,

On Friday November 29th, 2024, the 39th Annual Ray Crothers Memorial Blood Drive Sponsored by the Manchester Road Race will take place in the Manchester High School Gym and Cafeteria from 8am-3:30pm.

We are in need of your support in three important ways.

- First, we need blood donors: especially afternoon appointments; 12pm to 3:30pm. Sign up to donate blood via redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: RoadRace and encourage your friends and family to come with you.
- Second, we need your help in promoting the blood drive. Are you willing to hang up posters in your building? Lawn Signs to advertise? Social media? Included with this letter is a small flyer to place on a bulletin board if possible.
- And last but not least, would the head of your organization (President/CEO/Leader) be willing to make a personal ask to all of your employees, customers and community members encouraging participation in our blood drive?

The Manchester Road Race blood drive is the largest single site blood drive in the entire state of Connecticut and this year we anticipate over 425 blood donors to attend our annual event on the day after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Blood donation is crucial to support patients' ongoing medical needs and unforeseen emergencies.

We look forward to your partnering with us to help support the life-saving blood donors at our annual Memorial Ray Crothers Manchester Road Race Blood Drive. Please share the enclosed flyer with your community whether it be in a newsletter or bulletin board. Any help is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Hamilton (Volunteer)
(860) 753-0028



Help save lives. Give blood.



JORGENSEN GALLERY



FALL 2024

A Year of Plein Air Painting on Horsebarn Hill

by Blanche Șerban

Sat, Sep 14 – Sat, Dec 14



This fall Jorgensen Gallery will feature 366 canvases, painted plein air daily over the course of an entire year on Horsebarn Hill in Storrs by award-winning artist and educator, Blanche Șerban. Alternating panoramic views, local scenes, and minute subjects, the project poetically documents the light and the atmosphere on the hill rolling through the seasons. Based in Storrs, Șerban said "I look to paint the air between things that hold the shape of seen and unseen, the transient beauty of changing light, the passing hours and seasons, the fragile balance between the wealth of the material world and the simplicity of formless."

Fall 2024 Gallery Hours:
Mon - Wed, 10 am - 4 pm
Thurs, 1 pm - 4 pm
Fri, 10 am - 4 pm



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**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.

The **Vernon**
Chorale

Presents:



**Night, Dreaming,
and Awakening**

**SAT. DEC. 7, 2024
7:30PM**

St. Bernard Catholic Church
25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT

EHREN BROWN
Artistic Director

KATHLEEN BARTKOWSKI
Collaborative Pianist

AUDREY RIVETTA
Conducting Fellow



TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS & STUDENTS \$15 | UNDER 18 FREE
Tickets available online and at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit vernonchorale.org.



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WEST HARTFORD
WOMEN'S CHORALE
Presents

**WINTER
STARLIGHT**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2024
7:30 P.M.

St. James Episcopal Church

1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$15

At the Door, or Online at: www.whwchorale.org

Messiah Sing *Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 15
3:00 PM

FEATURING:
Elizabeth Miller
Susan McAdoo
Paul Patinka
Jermaine Woodard
Directed by Allan Conway

This event is free and open to the public, though donations are happily accepted to help defray costs. You are urged to bring your own score, if you have one, though some copies will be available to borrow.

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