

# *Fourth Sunday of Advent*



## *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

**December 22, 2024**

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**Introduction:** *Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."*

**Prelude:** *Lo, How a Rose* - Drischner, Cassler, Brahms *John Anderson, Organist*

*We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation*

**Welcome**

## **Confessions and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
As we await the day of the Lord, let us confess our sin.

*The assembly may kneel or be seated.*

People of God: prepare!  
God, above all, maker of all,  
is one with us in Christ.  
Maranatha!\*\*

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

God, the mighty God,  
bends down in love to earth.  
Maranatha!  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**

God with us, God beside us,  
comes soon to the world he has  
made.

Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

*All stand as able.*

*\*\*Maranatha is an Aramaic (the language Jesus spoke) phrase that can be translated as "Come, Lord!" It is used especially in the season of Advent when we call on the Lord to come again to set things right once more.*

## **G A T H E R I N G**

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

**Gathering Hymn**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**ELW 254**

As we encircle this wreath with blessing, as it is gradually illumined, let our hearts and minds be stirred up to greet your reign.

Rouse your household from its sleep, O God. Make us to beat our swords of war into plows that work in peace. Then nation will not lift up sword against nation and all your children will be ready to welcome your promised day of peace.

We welcome your presence now  
With the lighting of this candle,  
Whose flame brings warmth to winter  
And fills this place with the glow of hope.  
**Amen.**

**Lighting of Advent Candle**    *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (verse 4)*    ELW 240

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## T H E W O R D

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



## First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

*The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.*

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
<sup>5a</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

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

**Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55**



**Tone**



*You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly. (Lk. 1:52)*

<sup>46b</sup> My soul proclaims the  
greatness | of the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> my spirit rejoices in | God my  
Savior,  
<sup>48</sup> **for you, Lord, have looked with  
favor on your | lowly servant.  
From this day all generations  
will | call me blessed:**  
<sup>49</sup> you, the Almighty, have done  
great | things for me  
and holy | is your name.  
<sup>50</sup> **You have mercy on | those who  
fear you,  
from generation  
to | generation. R**

<sup>51</sup> You have shown strength | with your  
arm  
and scattered the proud in | their  
conceit,  
<sup>52</sup> **casting down the mighty | from  
their thrones  
and lifting | up the lowly.**  
<sup>53</sup> You have filled the hungry | with  
good things  
and sent the rich | away empty.  
<sup>54</sup> **You have come to the aid of  
your | servant Israel,  
to remember the prom- | ise of  
mercy,**  
<sup>55</sup> the promise made | to our  
forebears,  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren  
forever. **R**



## Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

### The Gospel Acclamation



*Repeat alleluia*



Here I am, the servant | of the Lord;\* let it be with me according | to your word.  
*Alleluia. (Luke 1:38)*



## **The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]**

*Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke...

### **Glory to you, Oh Lord.**

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[ <sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever." ]

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All are seated.*

## **The Sermon**

*Pastor Rolf Hedberg*

*All stand as able.*

**Hymn of the Day**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

**ELW 263**

## **✝ 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

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

God our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities. Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill especially those in our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died, we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## Exchange of Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way 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.*

**Offertory Hymn**

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

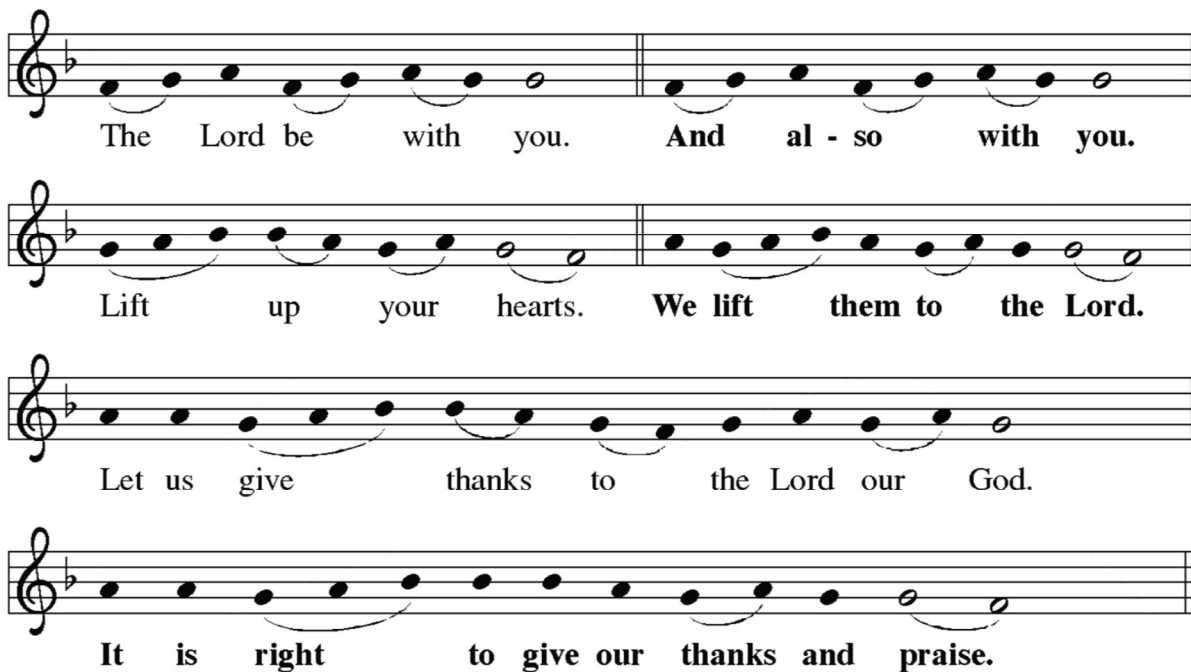
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*The Table is prepared.*

## **The Offering Prayer**

Creator God,  
you made the whole world,  
even the farthest stars,  
and you draw near to feed us.  
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.  
Strengthen us with this food  
that we may live in expectation  
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Dialogue**



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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

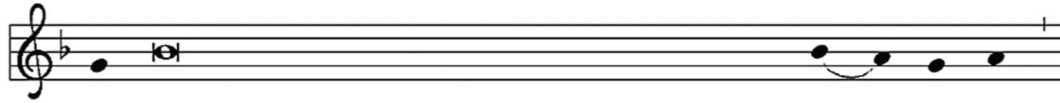




## Proper Preface



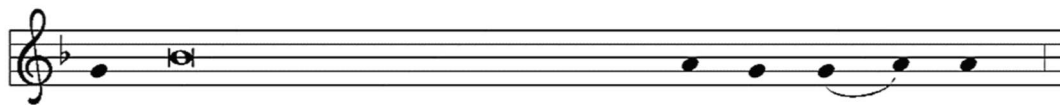
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



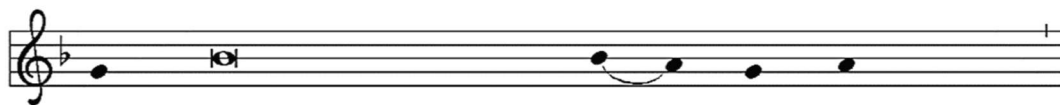
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



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



You comforted your people with the promise of the Re - deem - er,



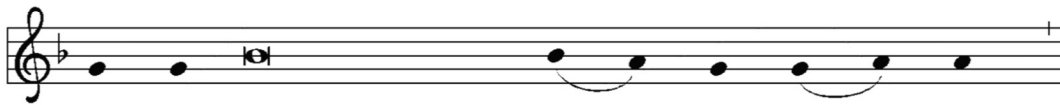
through whom you will also make all things new



in the day when he comes to judge the world in righ - teous-ness.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



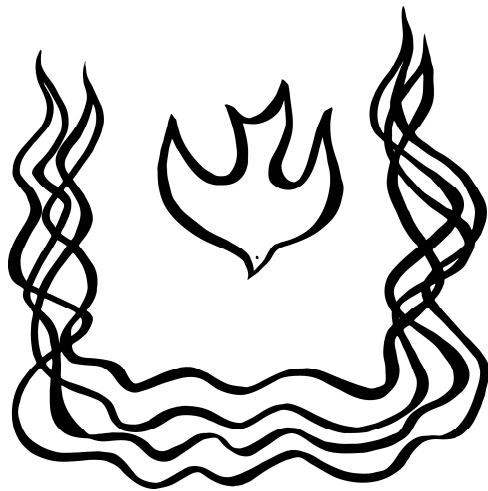
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:



## Sanctus (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus. It consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.



**Eucharistic Prayer** *(Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book)*

Creator God,  
We praise you for your love in coming to us,  
Unworthy though we are.  
Give us grace to accept the Christ who  
comes in your name,  
and the courage to be Christ for others.

We praise and thank you Creator God,  
For you have not left us alone.  
Each year you come to us, Emmanuel,  
God with us in a manger.  
Each time you come to us  
in the broken bread and the cup we share.  
In time or out of time you will be revealed  
And we shall see you face to face.

Give us courage, God our strength,  
To see your Christ in all who suffer,  
To be hands to the helpless,  
Food for the hungry,  
And justice for the oppressed.

And so we remember, that in the night in  
which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave  
thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

Therefore loving God,  
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,  
his suffering and death,  
his resurrection and ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate our redemption with this bread  
of life and this cup of salvation.  
Accept our sacrifice of praise and  
thanksgiving which we offer  
through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of  
bread and wine which we receive may be to  
us the body and blood of Christ, and that we,

filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may  
be renewed for the service for your  
kingdom.

United with Christ with all the saints who  
stand before you in earth and heaven,  
with John the Baptist,  
the Blessed Virgin Mary, Elizabeth,  
Zechariah, Simeon and Anna, we worship  
you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and forever.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

## The Lord's Prayer



Lord, remember us in your king - dom, and teach us to pray.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

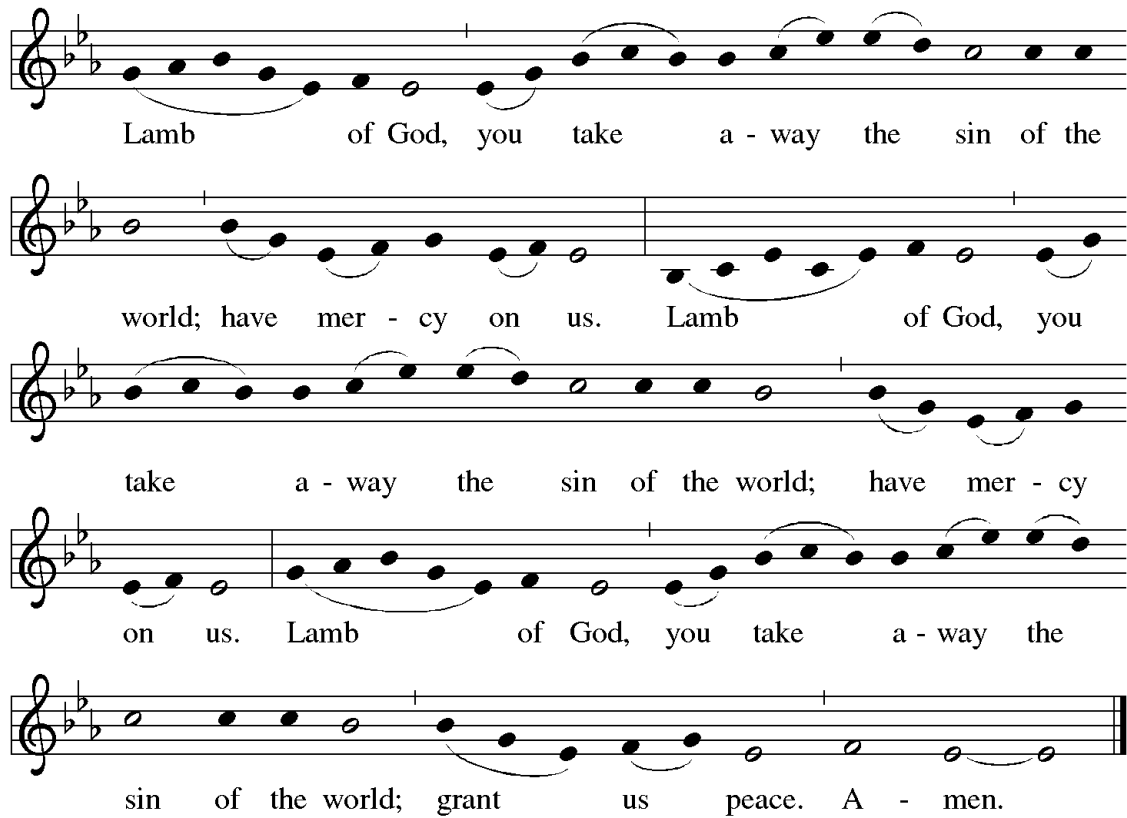
### Invitation to Communion

God feeds us with tender mercy.  
Come to the table.



## Communion Song

## 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. A - men.



## The Distribution of Holy Communion



### Communion Anthem

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

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### Blessing after Communion

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

### Post-Communion Prayer

Generous God,  
we thank you for the gift of life,  
for the bread of salvation.  
We thank you for coming among us,  
for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy,  
for sending us into the world.  
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us  
as we feed the hungry in your name.

**Amen.**

## S E N D I N G

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

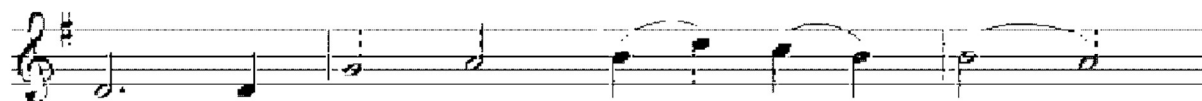
### Blessing

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey, ✚ bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**





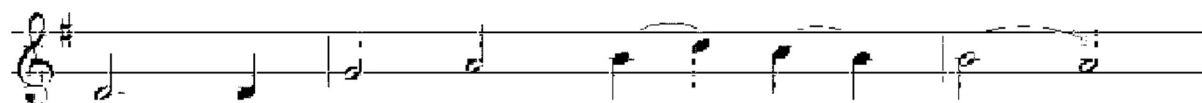
1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing.  
 2 Ev - ry eye shall now be - hold him  
 3 Those dear to - lens of his pas - sion  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee.



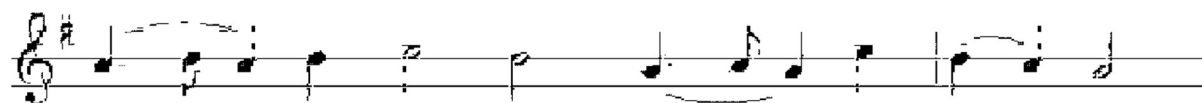
once for fa - vored sin - ners slain,  
 robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty,  
 still his daz - zling bed - dy bears  
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne:



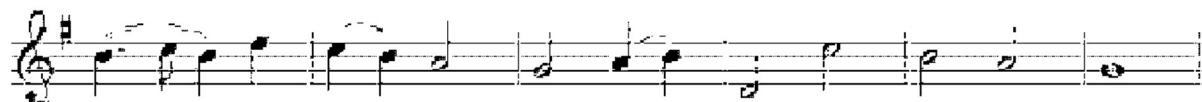
thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 those who ser - ve at and sold him,  
 cause of our end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his tran -  
 pierced and nailed him to the scear -  
 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 - siah sec -  
 with what rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious seats!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Blessing of the Christmas Tree

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude:

*Veni, Emmanuel* - Kenneth Leighton

*John Anderson, Organist*

**+++ To God Be the Glory +++**

## *Serving in Worship Today*

*Presiding:* **Reverend Rolf Hedberg**

*Assisting:* Mark Winzler

*Ushers:* Paul Goodrich

*Minister(s):* Wendy Donagher

*Organist:* John Anderson

*Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of **Marlene Blake***

by Mark L. Winzler



## *Daily Readings*

*December 23 - 29*



### Monday, December 23

Luke 1:46b-55

Micah 4:6-8

2 Peter 1:16-21

### Tuesday, December 24 -

#### Nativity of Our Lord I

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

### Wednesday, December 25 -

#### Nativity of Our Lord II

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm 97

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

### Wednesday, December 25

#### - Nativity of Our Lord III

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]

John 1:1-14

### Thursday, December 26

Psalm 148

2 Chronicles 24:17-24

Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60

### Friday, December 27

Psalm 148

Proverbs 8:32-36

John 21:19b-24

### Saturday, December 28

Psalm 148

Isaiah 54:1-13

Revelation 21:1-7

### Sunday, December 29

Psalm 147:12-20

1 Chronicles 28:1-10

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

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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
12/11/2024	The family of Mark Waxenburg	As they grieve the passing of Mark Waxenburg	Lanie Turner
12/2/2024	The family of Andy Vincens	As they grieve the passing of Andy Vincens	Jan Salvatore
12/1/2024	Ed Brainerd	Healing from virus	Jane Casserly
11/24/2024	The family and friends of Eleanor Symecko	As they grieve the passing of Eleanor Symecko	Lanie Turner
11/17/2024	The Family of Megan Fleckenstein	As they grieve the passing of Megan Fleckenstein	Joel & Sandra Baranowski
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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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.





# Concordia Lutheran Church

## Calendar of Events



Date of Event	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve Eucharist	Concordia Lutheran Church	8 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve Social Gathering	Mark's House	Approx. 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 19, 2025	Congregation Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons	Kaiser Hall	After worship
Sunday, February 9, 2025	Semi-Annual Finance Meeting	Kaiser Hall	11:30 a.m.
<b>All throughout School Year</b>	<b>Healthy Snacks for Highland Park Elementary School</b>	Concordia Lutheran Church	All Day

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### Christmas Eve Social Gathering

All are invited to a **Social Gathering** on **Christmas Eve** following the 8:00 p.m. Eucharist (*beginning approximately 9:30 p.m.*) at the home of Mark Winzler.

Come and celebrate Christmas together! There will be goodies to eat as well as "cups of Christmas Cheer" to raise!



If you plan to attend, kindly e-mail ([markwinz52@aol.com](mailto:markwinz52@aol.com)) or call Mark (860-643-1913) OR call Margie at Church Office (860-649-5311) **no later than Wednesday, December 20.**

We have lots to celebrate and be thankful for as we come to the close of 2024.

**Please come and enjoy the company! All are welcome!**

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### 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!

## Winter Parking Ban



Overnight parking is not allowed on public streets or municipal parking lots between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM from December 1st to April 1st. The Chief of Police may also declare a parking ban if a significant snow event is forecast or in progress.



## COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS

### New Year's Day History Walk

The public is invited to a free walking tour in the Cheney historic district on Wednesday, January 1, at 1:00 p.m. The one-and-a-quarter-hour walk starts at 146 Hartford Road, Manchester, and will proceed along streets and lawn to view the exterior of historic mansions, with a visit to the nine acres purchased by the Town of Manchester in 2005 for open space and historic preservation. Hosts Tom Ferguson and Susan Barlow, members of the Cheney district commission, will comment on the historic landscape and buildings. There is some steep and uneven ground, so participants should wear sturdy shoes or boots. Extreme weather cancels, but the walk will be held in light rain or snow flurries, so please bring an umbrella.



## Holiday Schedule

Town of Manchester Offices & Libraries will be closed in observance of Christmas Day on Tuesday Dec. 24 and Wednesday Dec. 25, and for New Year's Day on Wed. Jan. 1.

The Library will close at 5PM on Dec. 31.

Trash will not be collected on either Dec. 25 or Jan. 1, and will be delayed one day for the remainder of each week.





# Santa's Workshop

Next date: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 | 04:00 PM to 07:00 PM

Mondays through Fridays 4pm-7pm.

Saturdays & Sundays 1pm-5pm.

Enjoy an enchanted visit with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and the elves in the beautiful log cabin nestled at the highest point in the park!

This is a traditional, family friendly event. There are no sponsorships or commercialization of the event and it is free for everyone!

Stop at the elf desk to see if you're on the naughty or nice list then head over to tell Santa how good you've been and what you want for Christmas. Don't forget to visit Mrs. Claus to have some hot cocoa and a cookie!

Bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantries. All donated in the name of the friends of Wickham Park.



## 2024 UPDATE

Starting Jan 2024, the WWLM Donation Center has schedule changes for the following:



- *Donations accepted during the day without an appointment*
- *Can & Bottle Collections now every Monday Night from 7-8 PM*
- *Donations accepted every Monday Night from 7-8 PM without an appointment*

**ALL REQUESTS FOR HELP  
WILL STILL REQUIRE AN APPOINTMENT**

Visit [wwlm.org/donationcenter](http://wwlm.org/donationcenter) for a list of accepted donations and any schedule changes throughout the year!

