

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Concordia Lutheran Church



40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, Connecticut, 06040

Concordia's WHY/Purpose Statement

To be a welcoming and inviting community empowered
by the Word of God;
So that we may work for social justice and exhibit
compassion for all

February 2, 2025 | 10:00 AM | SCOUT SUNDAY

Introduction: *The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.*

Prelude: *Overture, Rondo ostinato, and Sarabande* - Seth Bingham *John Anderson, Organist*

Welcome Scouts!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

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

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your loving kindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.

All stand as able

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

Gathering

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

Gathering Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

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.

Gloria

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

All are seated.

The Word

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

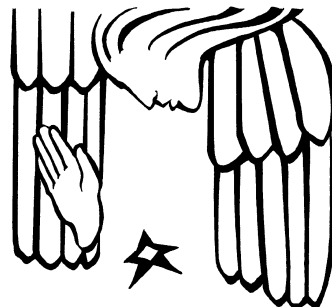
⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord."

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,
"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Psalm:

Psalm 71:1-6



From my moth - er's womb you have been my strength.

Tone



From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps. 71:6)

¹ In you, O Lord, have I | taken refuge;
let me never be | put to shame.

² **In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;
incline your ear to | me and save me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;
you are my crag | and my stronghold.

⁴ **Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor. R**

⁵ For you are my hope, | O Lord God,
my confidence since | I was young.

⁶ **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you
have | been my strength;
my praise shall be al- | ways of you. R**



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

All stand as able.



Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke..... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

He Comes To Us as One Unknown

ELW 737

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



Prayers of Intercession

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness especially those in our prayer list. Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All are seated.



Meal

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

All stand as able.

Offertory Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

Amen.

Dialogue



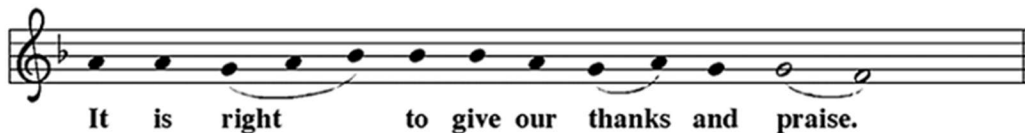
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



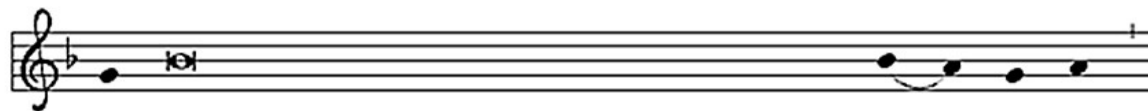
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



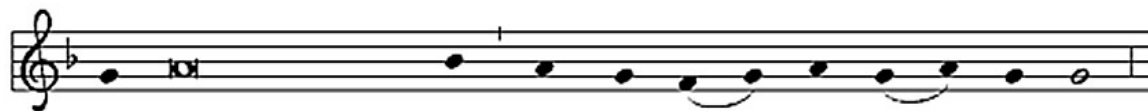
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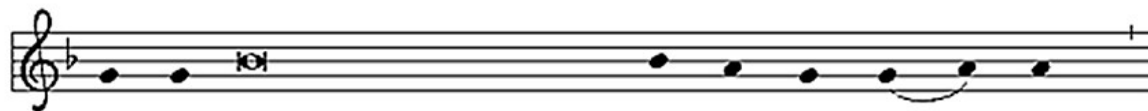
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



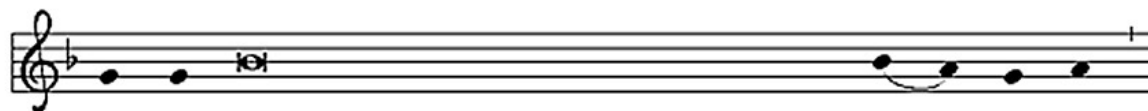
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



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



By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;



in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,



and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.



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

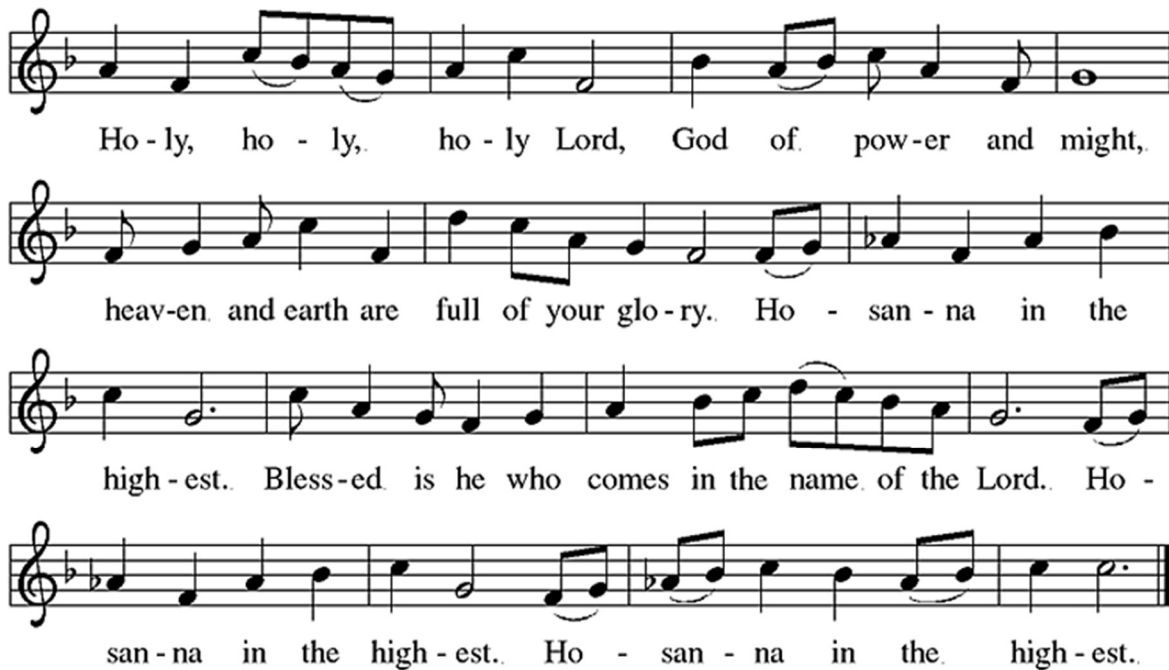


with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



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

Sanctus



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.. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.. Ho - san - na in the high - est..

Eucharistic Prayer Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.
Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



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

With this bread and cup we
remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for
others,
and his death and resurrection,
which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect
through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no
more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy
and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your
Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.



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

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 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.

Enfold in your arms all who share
this holy food.

Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing
your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the
needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to
you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the
Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is
yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy
church, now and forever.

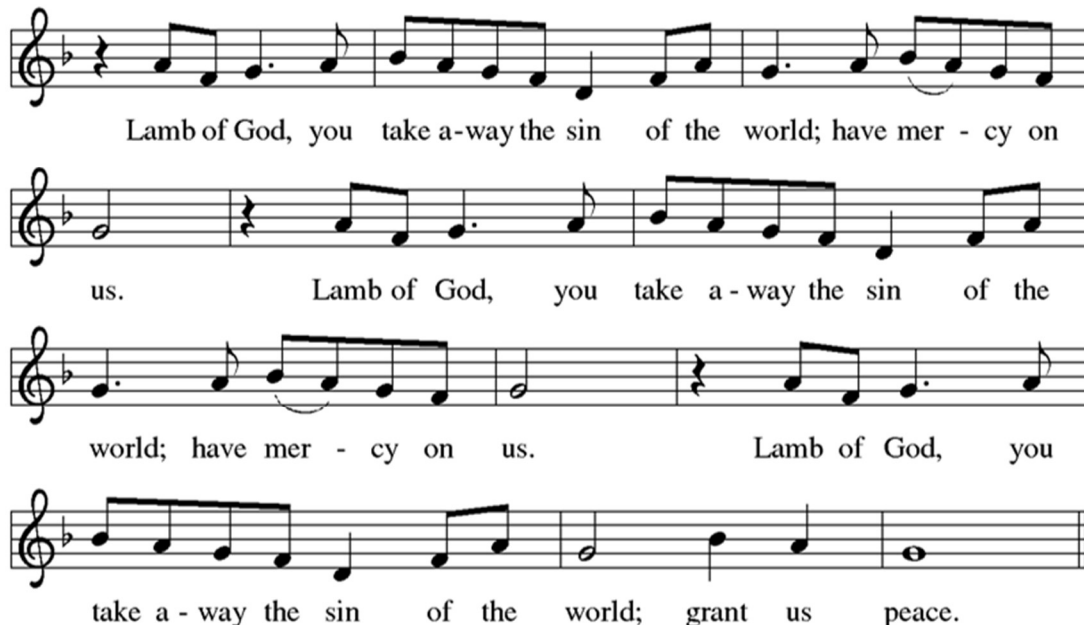


Invitation

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat his meal of gladness.

All are seated.

The 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.

Communion Anthem

O Word of God Incarnate

ELW 514

††† The Distribution of Holy Communion †††

All stand as able.

Blessing after Communion -

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

Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God
✚ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

Sending

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

Sending Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Rhythmic Trumpet - Seth Bingham

John Anderson, Organist

+ ++ To God Be the Glory + + +

Serving in Worship today:

Presiding: Pastor Rolf Hedberg

Assisting Minister(s):

Mark Winzler

Ushers: Jan Salvatore

Organist: John Anderson

Brief Announcements



- ✚ The FastNacht Dinner is back! See the flyer in the last page of this bulletin.
- ✚ We are still collecting healthy snacks for the students at Highland Park Elementary School – please see the flyer in the back of the bulletin.
- ✚ The Annual Statements are available.
- ✚ Please see the Agenda for our upcoming Semi-Annual Meeting on February 9 after worship.
- ✚ There will be no worship services at Concordia Lutheran Church on February 16th and 23rd due to the Congregation's Church Visitation as part of our Transition process.
- ✚ Please see announcement for Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist

Agenda
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
February 9, 2025

Call to Order

Opening Devotions

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Congregation Meeting Minutes

June 2024 Semi-Annual Meeting

Reception of Reports

Pastor's Report
Council President's Report
Treasurer's Report
Legacy for Ministry Board Report
Worship and Memorial Garden Board Financial Report
Concordia Nursery School Board Financial Report
Stewardship Committee Report
Internal Audit Committee

Concordia Nursery School Status

Approval of 2025 Proposed Ministry Budget

Revised Legacy For Mission Document

Election of Synod Assembly Voting Members

(Friday-Saturday, May 30-31 Worcester, MA)

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Adjournment

Semi-Annual Meeting-Program (Tentative)
Sunday, June 15, 2025

*****Concordia Calendar*****



February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
~Worship 10 AM	~AA, Garden Room, 5:30 PM	~Pop Up Shop, 10 AM	~Bible Study, 7-9 PM	~Cub Scouts Pack 47, Kaiser Hall, 6 - 8 PM	Cub Scouts - Derby Track Race (<i>Snow Day alt</i>)	~ICC, Garden Room, 5-7 PM
~Coffee Hour, Brandt Lounge, 11 AM - 12 PM						
~MNC Service, Garden Room, 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM						
~Scouts, Kaiser Hall, Derby Track, 4 - 8 PM			~Boy Scouts Troop123, Kaiser Hall, 6:30-8:30 PM	Cub Scouts - Derby Track Race (<i>Snow Day alt</i>)		Cub Scouts - Derby Track Race (<i>Snow Day alt</i>)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
~Worship 10 AM	~AA, Garden Room, 5:30 PM	~Pop Up Shop, 10 AM	~Manchester Board of Education, Kaiser Hall, 8 AM - 4 PM	~Cub Scouts Pack 47, Kaiser Hall, 6 - 8 PM		~ICC, Garden Room, 5-7 PM
~Coffee Hour, Brandt Lounge, 11 AM - 12 PM			~Bible Study, 7-9 PM			
~Semi-Annual Finance Meeting, Kaiser Hall, 11:30 AM			~Boy Scouts Troop123, Kaiser Hall, 6:30-8:30 PM			
~MNC Service, Garden Room, 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
~NO Worship, Church Visitation	~AA, Garden Room, 5:30 PM	~Pop Up Shop, 10 AM	~Manchester Board of Education, Kaiser Hall, 8 AM - 4 PM (<i>tentative</i>)			~ICC, Garden Room, 5-7 PM
~MNC Service, Garden Room, 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM			~Bible Study, 7-9 PM	~Blue and Gold Ceremony, Kaiser Hall, 4-9 PM		
			~Boy Scouts Troop123, Kaiser Hall, 6:30-8:30 PM			
			~Scouts Setting up for Blue & Gold Ceremony after 8 PM			

Ash Wednesday
March 5, 2025

10:00 a.m.-12 Noon
 Imposition of Ashes and Prayer
 Emanuel Lutheran Church

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 Concordia Lutheran Church

Daily Readings for February 3 - 9

Monday

Psalm 56
1 Kings 17:8-16
1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Tuesday

Psalm 56
2 Kings 5:1-14
1 Corinthians 14:13-25

Wednesday

Psalm 56
Jeremiah 1:11-19
Luke 19:41-44

Thursday

Psalm 138
Numbers 20:22-29
Acts 9:19b-25

Friday

Psalm 138
Numbers 27:12-23
Acts 9:26-31


Saturday

Psalm 138
Judges 3:7-11
Luke 4:42-44




Sunday; Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



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
1/8/2025	The family of Bob Bell	As they grieve the passing of Bob Bell <i>Resilience, comfort, and healing amidst profound health challenge since March 2023.</i>	Lanie Turner
10/27/2024	Robert Feder	<i>Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.</i>	Gail Feder
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett		Carol Burnett

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COMMUNITY NOTES & UPCOMING EVENTS



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!

Troop 123 Bottle & Can Drive



Saturday, March 29, 2025

9 AM to 3 PM

Concordia Lutheran Church (Front)
40 Pitkin St., Manchester, CT 06040

Support Troop 123 by bringing your empty bottles and cans! Your contributions help fund our community projects and activities.

Benefit Concert

To Support
Interval House of Hartford and
Manchester Area Conference of Churches

Sunday February 2nd at 4pm
The Lutheran Church of St. Mark
75 Griswold Street Glastonbury

Come hear **Andante Strings Quartet**
Violinists Christa Berezowskyj and Selah Kwak,
Violist Dana Saccomano, Cellist Shannon
Carlson play pieces by all female composers
including Jessie Montgomery, Florence Price,
Taylor Swift, and more.

Suggested donation of \$20 per person

Raffle Baskets and Lite reception follow afterwards

For more information, contact church office at 860-633-1188

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For Concordia's ongoing transition process.

The Intentions of this Community:

- † Concordia Nursery School Students and their families
- † The work of MACC
- † The work of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA)
- † For our Cub Scout Pack
- † For Licensed Lay Minister Beatrice Luciano and Ministerio Nueva Creación
- † For Pr. Simpson and the people of New Horizons
- † For our friends at Emanuel Lutheran and former members of St. Mary's now merged with St. John's Episcopal Church (Vernon)

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Margie B. Gallagher, *Parish Administrator* Church Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs., 9 AM-2 PM

Veterans Tributes at Town Hall

Visitors to Town Hall are invited to view the 3 military displays, courtesy of the VFW Post 2046. The displays are located on the 2nd floor and two of these include mementos left by family members, friends, and students in honor of the fallen soldiers whose names are on The Wall That Heals, from both Manchester events of 2024 and 2015.

Visitor Hours are Mon., Wed., Thurs.
8am-4:30pm, Tues. 8am-7pm and
Fri. 8am-1pm.





Fastnacht Dinner

With Traditional German Fare

Save the Date!

Social hour 11:15-12:30

Cheese/crackers
Beer and wine

Dinner 12:30

Roast Pork, German Potato Salad
Red Cabbage Salad, Applesauce

Please Join Us!

Sunday March 2, 2025
Concordia Lutheran Church

Suggested Donation \$14.00 per person



Name: _____

Total Number Attending _____ I can bring a dessert _____

Please submit this reservation form by February 23, 2025



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As a result of our meeting this past Sunday (January 19) with Associate to the Bishop Pastor Maria Hammons, our next step is for members to visit three area Lutheran Churches. The purpose of these visits is for members to experience worship. You are also encouraged to look on the websites of the three churches to learn about their ministries.

On **Sundays February 16 and February 23**, there will be no worship held at Concordia. Please use each of these two Sundays to worship at two different churches.

For the third Sunday, there is not a designated Sunday. Therefore you can go on any of the following dates: **February 9 or March 2**. There will be worship at Concordia on those Sundays. (Note: February 9 is Concordia's semi-annual meeting at 11:30. March 2 is Fastnacht with Social Hour at 11:15 and dinner at 12:30. You can visit another church and then come back if either of those is the Sunday you choose.)

Emanuel Lutheran- Manchester (10:00 a.m. worship)

60 Church Street
Manchester

Lutheran Church of St. Mark (9:00 a.m. worship)

75 Griswold Street
Glastonbury

Trinity Lutheran (9:00 a.m. worship)

20 Meadowlark Road
Vernon

There was a straw poll (non-binding) taken at the end of this past Sunday's meeting about which option to pursue with the following results:

Merger w/ another Lutheran Church- 14

Maintenance Ministry- 7

Holy Closure- 7

Pastor Maria will be back to meet with us again on Sunday, March 9 to debrief on our visits and then determine a path forward.

So that we do not all go to the same church on the same Sunday, there will be a sign up list available this Sunday (January 26). You can all call Margie in the Church Office (Mondays through Thursdays 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.).

If you are going to visit a church this coming Sunday (January 26), please also let Margie know which church.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Congregation Council (C) or Transition Team (T): **Sandy Baranowski (T), Jeanine Barber (T), Susan Bourret (C and T), John Corl (T), Pastor Hedberg (C and T) Ruth Sprong Heyden (C), Nancy Lynn Knauff (C), Ruthie Lynch (C), Jan McGarity (C), Bobby McKinney (C), Tina Ruggerio (C), David Smith (T), Carol Stoneman (C and T), Mark Winzler (C and T).**

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Baltimore, MD 21297-1061
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Friends in California are asking for help — your help — as wildfires completely destroy their homes and communities. Houses, schools, churches, grocery stores, businesses ... all reduced to ashes.

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Our team is already preparing a response, and they need **compassionate and faithful people like you** to make it happen. The destruction and need are overwhelming — and only getting worse. But you can do so much good at times like this.

Thank you for being someone who goes above and beyond to help. And thank you for sharing your God-given spirit of love with families affected by disasters in the U.S. and around the world.

To our neighbors affected by the wildfires, please know you are surrounded by love and prayers, and that help is on the way from your Lutheran partners.

In faith and gratitude,



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P.S. We are also preparing quilts and kits to comfort families affected by the wildfires. **Please rush aid now** and show neighbors in need that they are not alone.