

# First Sunday in Lent



## 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 22, 2026**

## **Introduction**

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

*We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation.*

## **Prelude**

*John Anderson, Organist*

## **Welcome**

*All stand as able.*

## **Invitation to the Lenten Discipline**

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

Paul writes to the Romans in the tenth chapter, <sup>8b</sup>“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent--self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love--strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

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

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**



# Gathering

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

Gathering Hymn

*O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*

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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.**

## The Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



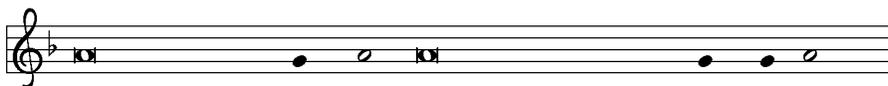
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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.*

## **The Word**

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

### **First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

<sup>15</sup>The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm

## Psalm 32



Mer-cy em - brac - es those who trust in the LORD.

## Tone



*Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. (Ps. 32:10)*

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>1</sup> are forgiven, and whose sin is <sup>1</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the Lord im-<sup>1</sup> putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there <sup>1</sup> is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away, because of my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer. R**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt. I said,  
“I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye. R**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you.”

<sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. **R**



## **Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup>for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

**The Hymn at the Gospel**

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

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**Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" "

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" "

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ” <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All are seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Ann Lovejoy Johnson

*All stand as able.*

**Hymn of the Day**

*Oh, Love, How Deep*

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**Apostles’ Creed**

With the whole church, 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

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. Especially we pray for the people in our prayer list. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray that you will bless, keep and guide our Concordia Members as we move forward with the Holy Closure process. We ask for your continuing presence among us, reminding all that you are with us and will not fail us. Give us strength and courage as we move forward in your name. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

## Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



*All are seated.*

## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*The Table is prepared.*

**Offertory Hymn**

*Now We Join in Celebration*

ELW 462

*All stand as able.*

### Offertory Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.

You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.

Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.

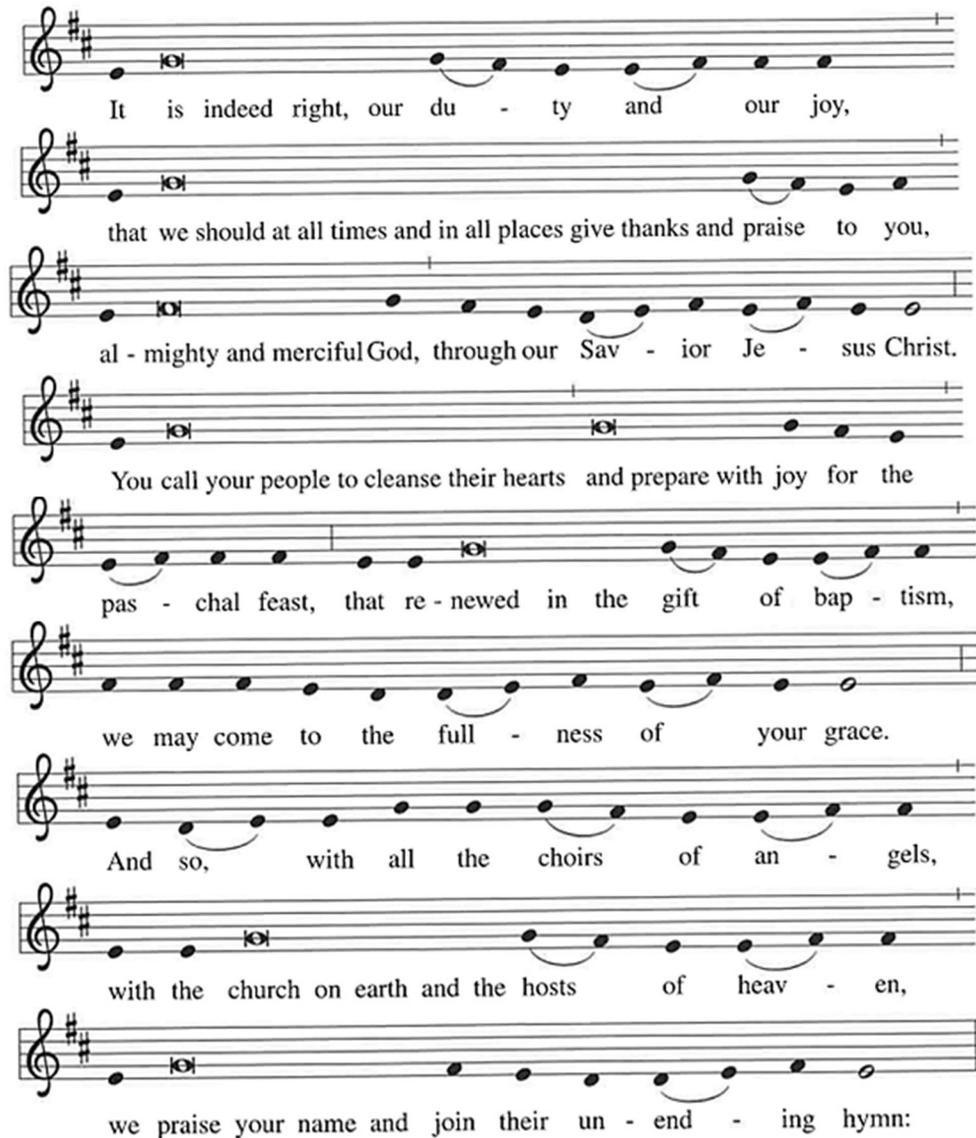
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

### Dialogue

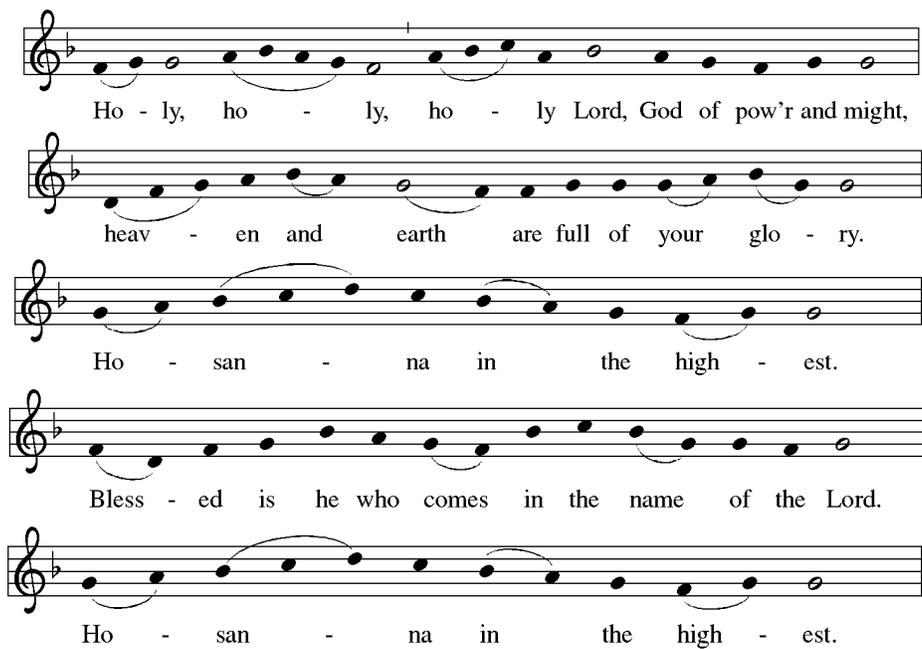


## Proper Preface



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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the  
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,  
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.  
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

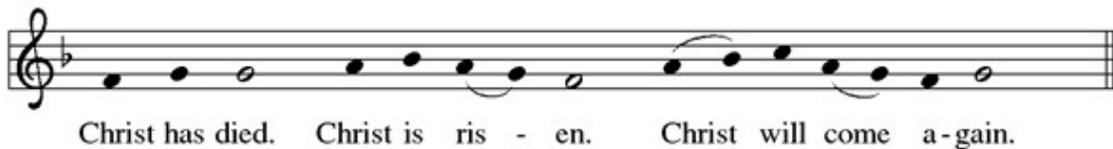


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise. You never cease to call us to a new and more abundant life.

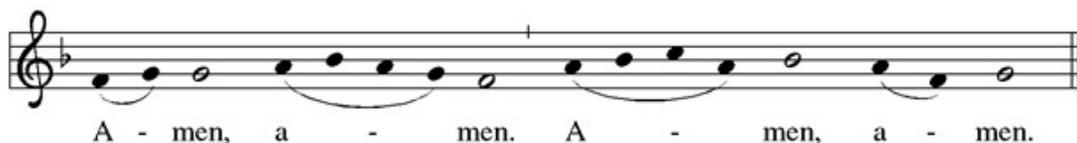
God of love and mercy, you are always ready to forgive; we are sinners, and you invite us to trust in your mercy. Time and time again we broke your covenant, but you did not abandon us. Instead, through your Son, Jesus our Lord, you bound yourself even more closely to the human family by a bond that can never be broken. Now is the time for your people to turn back to you and to be renewed in Christ your Son, a time of grace and reconciliation. You invite us to serve all of humanity by opening our hearts to the fullness of your Holy Spirit. God of Covenant, from the beginning of time you have always done what is good for us so that we may be holy as you are holy. When we were lost and could not find the way to you, you loved us more than ever; Jesus, your Son, innocent and without sin, gave himself into our hands and was nailed to a cross. Yet before he stretched out his arms between heaven and earth in the everlasting sign of your covenant, he desired to celebrate the Paschal feast in the company of his disciples. 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. At the end of the meal, knowing that he was to reconcile all things in himself by the blood of his cross, 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:



Lord our God, your Son has entrusted to us this pledge of his love. We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection and wait for that day when he will come again to gather all of creation unto himself.

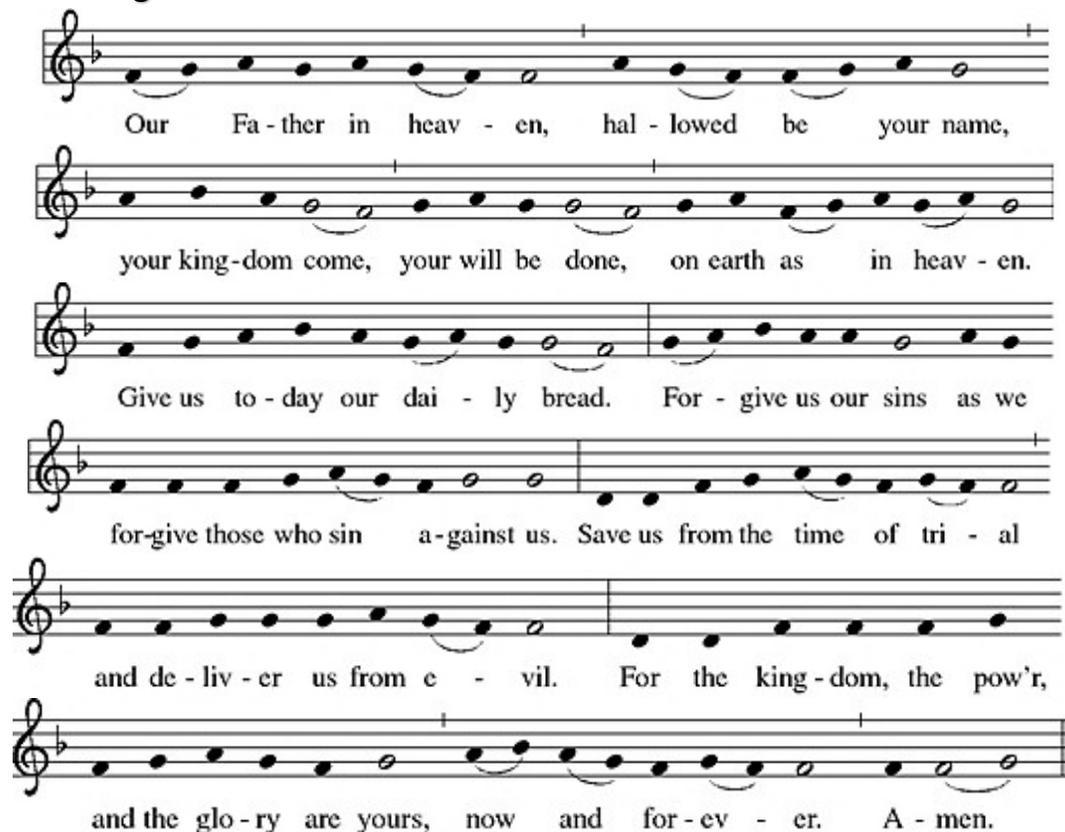
Covenant God, send anew the reconciling power of your Spirit upon these gifts and upon your church. Through that same spirit, accept us and fill us through our sharing in this meal. May all that divides us be taken away that your Church throughout the world may be a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace.

You have gathered us here around the table of your Son with the whole community of saints. In that world of the new covenant where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, language and way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus Christ the Lord. Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours almighty Father, both now and forever.



## The Lord's Prayer

We pray as Jesus taught us:



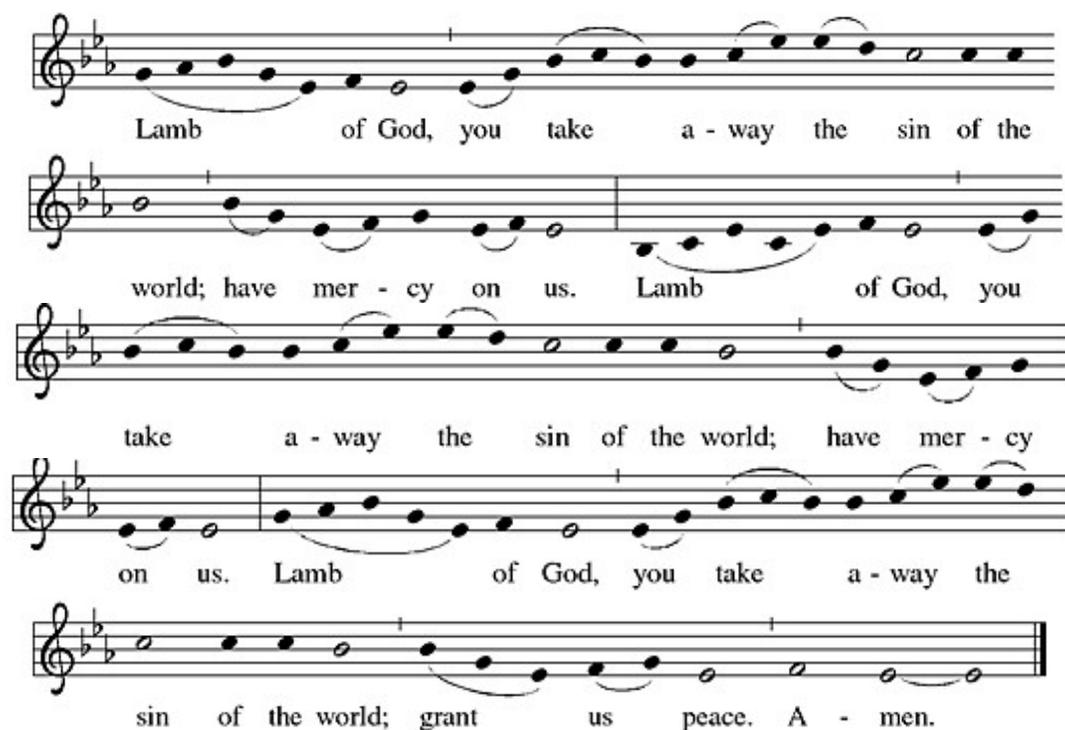
Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the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

## Invitation

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*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. A - men.

**††† The Distribution of the Holy Communion †††**

*All stand as able.*

**Table Blessing**

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

**Prayer After Communion**

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Blessing**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✚ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

**Sending**

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

**Sending Hymn**

*Jesus, Still Lead On*

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*All are seated for the Postlude.*

**Postlude**

*The Agincourt Hymn - John Dunstable*

*John Anderson, Organist*

**††† To God Be the Glory †††**

**Serving in Worship Today:**

*Presiding:*

**Pastor Ann Lovejoy Johnson**

*Assisting Minister(s):*

**Mark Winzler; Jeanine Barber**

*Usher(s):*

**Phil Stoneman**

*Organist:*

**John Anderson**

## BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the flyers in the next following pages for messages, reminders, and upcoming events!

### \*\*\*\*\*CONCORDIA CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\*

- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | KAISER HALL | 11:30 A.M.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026 | COUNCIL MEETING | BRANDT LOUNGE | 11:30 A.M.
- SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 | COUNCIL MEETING | BRANDT LOUNGE | 11:30 A.M.
- SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 | COUNCIL MEETING | BRANDT LOUNGE | 11:30 A.M.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026 | COUNCIL MEETING | BRANDT LOUNGE | 11:30 A.M.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026 | A VILLA LOUISA - LUNCHEON

### Reminders

**Prayers-** We are looking for people to write prayer petitions for Sunday morning worship and to be included in the Chimes. Holy Closure Team members will write prayers for meetings.

*Interested? Contact Margie or Mark.*

**Reflections/Stories/Memories-** We are looking for people to share these. We would like to include at least one each month in the Chimes, although they may be other means by which we can share as well as we move forward.

*Interested? Contact Margie or Mark.*

### ***Daily Readings for February 23 – March 1***



<b>Monday:</b>	Psalm 32   1 Kings 19:1-8   Hebrews 2:10-18
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalm 32   Genesis 4:1-16   Hebrews 4:14—5:10
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalm 32   Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28   Matthew 18:10-14
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalm 121   Isaiah 51:1-3   2 Timothy 1:3-7
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalm 121   Micah 7:18-20   Romans 3:21-31
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalm 121   Isaiah 51:4-8   Luke 7:1-10
<b>Sunday:</b>	Genesis 12:1-4a   Psalm 121   Romans 4:1-5, 13-17   John 3:1-17

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## Season of Lent

“The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts forty (40) days (excluding Sundays which are always feast days celebrating the resurrection). Lent- the word originally meant ‘spring’ - is to be understood as a time to reflect on Baptism and its basis in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is, therefore, a time for rebirth and a renewal in preparation for the celebration of Easter. In the Gospels one finds a constant conjunction of cross and discipleship. The traditional color of Lent is purple, to suggest somberness and solemnity. Veils are draped over crosses throughout these days.” (*Manual on the Liturgy*- pages 24-25).

Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus’ sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church’s fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added. As the candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The calculation of the forty days has varied considerably in Christian history. It is now usual in the West to count them continuously to the end of Holy Week (not including Sundays), so beginning Lent on the sixth Wednesday before Easter, Ash Wednesday. (*from Common Worship, Lent, Church of England*)

### Wednesdays in Lent

#### **Holden Evening Prayer**

**February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25**

**7:00 p.m. In-Person at Concordia**

### Thursdays in Lent

#### **Holden Evening Prayer**

**February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26**

**7:00 p.m. In-Person at Emanuel**  
**in the Community Room**

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Eligible Thrivent members include those with benefit membership who have \$750 or more in annual premiums of qualifying life and health insurance products OR have \$20,000 or more in contract value of qualifying life insurance and annuity products. Qualifying members are able to direct some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds each year. It can be done one of two ways described below **no later than March 31, 2026:**

### **BY PHONE**

- Call Thrivent at 800-847-4836.
- When prompted, say "Thrivent Choice", then press 1
- Speak to a representative who will help you direct Choice Dollars.
- Call between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Central Standard Time); Monday-Friday.

### **ONLINE**

- Visit Thrivent.com
- Log in by entering your user ID and password. (If you haven't yet registered on Thrivent.com, click "Register for Account Access".)
- From the "Shortcuts" on the home page, select the "Direct Choice Dollars". In the search box, type "Concordia Lutheran Church, Manchester, CT" OR
- Follow the prompts to select your charity and finish at "Direct".

**Concordia needs revenue in support of its mission during these last six months.** It will make a meaningful difference. At this time, you can designate your remaining balance all at once!

## **Pastoral Care**

Pastor **Ann Lovejoy Johnson** will be the primary contact to provide pastoral care for those in need. Pastor **Rebecca Bourret** will do so, if Pastor Ann is not available.

**IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CALL MARGIE (MON-THU, 9 AM TO 2 PM). IF OUTSIDE OF THESE TIMES, CONTACT MARK WINZLER AT 860.643.1913 (HOME) OR 860.690.8651 (CELL).**

**NOTE:** There will be no pastoral presence on site except for Sunday mornings. Please call Margie or Mark with any needs or questions!



# Prayers of the Community



For prayer requests, please contact the parish office or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.  
Names will remain on the prayer list for one month *unless you request otherwise.*

<u>Date Requested</u>	<u>Praying For (Person/Family)</u>	<u>Prayers For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
2/3/2026	James Kennedy <i>(Mark's friend)</i>	Comfort & prayers before cancer surgery	Mark Winzler
1/28/2026	Miles Turner <i>(Carol's Brother-in-Law)</i>	Healing & strength	The Stonemans
1/19/2026	Family of Gail Hamblett <i>(Lanie's cousin)</i>	Comfort as they grieve Gail's passing	Lanie Turner
<b>1/7/2026</b>	<b>Linda Lange</b>	<b>Comfort &amp; Healing</b>	<b>Mark Winzler</b>
<b>12/17/2025</b>	<b>Joanne Murphy</b>	<b>Comfort &amp; Healing</b>	<b>Mark Winzler</b>
<b>12/15/2025</b>	<b>Ed Adams</b>	<b>Comfort &amp; Healing</b>	<b>Gail Adams</b>
<b>10/12/2025</b>	<b>Kimberly Morrill</b>	<b>Comfort &amp; Healing from cancer</b>	<b>Elaine Briggmann</b>
<b>9/7/2026</b>	<b>Michael Jaworski</b>	<b>Comfor &amp; Healing from cancer surgery</b>	<b>Sharon &amp; John Jaworski</b>
<b>8/17/2025</b>	<b>Dan Burnett</b>	<b>Comfort &amp; Healing</b>	<b>Tina Sollinger- Ruggerio</b>
<b>6/18/2025</b>	<b>Laura McKay</b>	<b>Comfort, strength &amp; healing</b>	<b>Sandy Baranowski</b>

### The Intentions of this Community:

- † Concordia Nursery School Students and their families
- † The work of Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC)
- † The work of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA)
- † For our Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop
- † For Licensed Lay Minister Beatrice Luciano and Ministerio Nueva Creacion
- † 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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# Concordia's Annual Easter Breakfast Returns! Sunday | April 5, 2026 | 8:30 A.M



You are cordially invited to join us for breakfast, delightful treats, and engaging conversation.

We eagerly anticipate celebrating Easter Morning with you and your family.

*A free-will offering will be collected.*

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### Contribution:

- I can bring: \_\_\_\_\_ Coffeecake or muffins

### Assistance:

- I can help with:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Set Up
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Serving
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Clean Up

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number *and/or* Email:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please submit this form to the church office by Sunday, March 29, 2026.

# + *Flowers for Easter* +



Each Easter we invite members and friends of Concordia to purchase Easter flowers for our worship space. Please consider making a gift of flowers to Concordia this Easter.

We are also happy to report that **Atrium Brass Quintet** will provide special music for our service; gifts may be made to offset that expense as well. Financial gifts to support our ministries are also welcome.

**Each plant cost \$12.00.**

Gifts for musicians and ministries are given at the givers discretion.

**Please attach payment with this form and return to the church office by Sunday, March 29th.**

Thank you!



I/We give \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Flower(s) to Concordia

In **Memory** of: \_\_\_\_\_

In **Honor** of: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Concordia for Musicians

In **Memory** of: \_\_\_\_\_

In **Honor** of: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support *Concordia's ministries*

In **Memory** of: \_\_\_\_\_

In **Honor** of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number and/or E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return this form in its entirety to the church office by Sunday, March 29, 2026.**