

Second 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*

March 1, 2026

Introduction

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation.

Prelude *What Wondrous Love is This* - Charles Callahan *Linda Hilliard, Organist*

Welcome

All stand as able.

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 God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW 714

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,



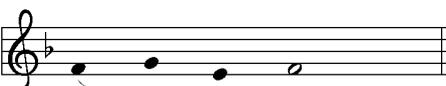
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

¹ The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a} So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
my help comes from the LORD.

Tone

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the Lord. (Ps. 121:1, 2)

¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills; from where is my | help to come?

² **My help comes | from the Lord, the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

³ The Lord will not let your | foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R**

⁵ the Lord watches | over you; the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike | you by day, nor the | moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will preserve you | from all evil and will | keep your life.

⁸ **The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in, from this time forth for- | evermore. R**

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

All stand as able.

The Hymn at the Gospel

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

ELW 811

Gospel: John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

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

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All are seated.

Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Bourret

All stand as able.

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.

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss especially those in our prayer list. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. 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.

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. 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:



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

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.



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

The Lord's Prayer

We pray as Jesus taught us:



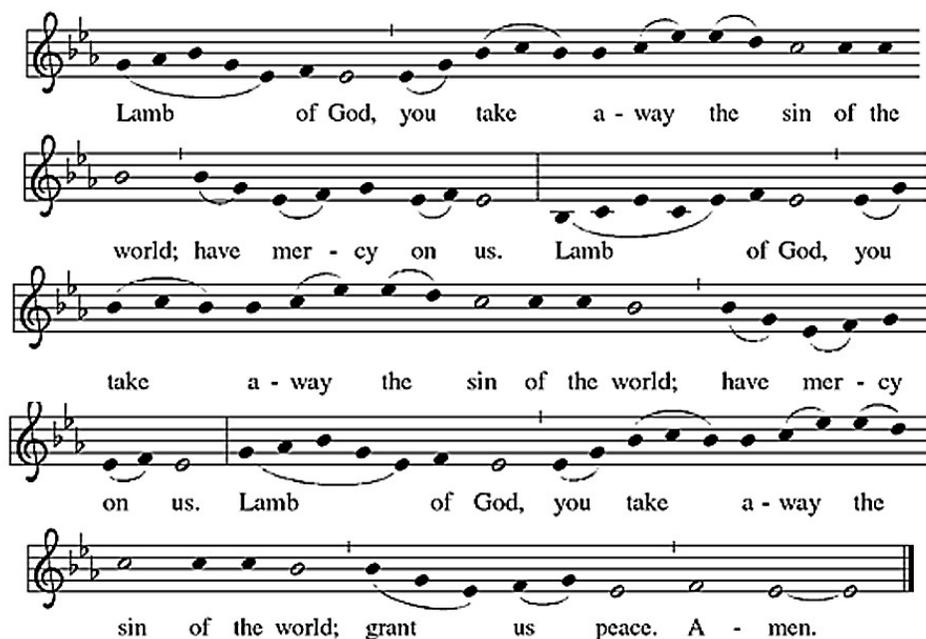
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the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

There a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW 587

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God!

All are seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

Agincourt Hymn - John Dunstable

Linda Hilliard, Organist

Please refrain from applause during Lent.

††† To God Be the Glory †††

Serving in Worship Today:

Presiding:

Pastor Rebecca Bourret

Assisting Minister(s):

Mark Winzler; Sandy Baranowski

Usher(s):

Phil Stoneman

Organist:

Linda Hilliard

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*****CONCORDIA CALENDAR*****

- SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026 | COUNCIL MEETING | BRANDT LOUNGE | 11:30 A.M.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026 | SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | KAISER HALL | 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 March 2 - 8



Monday:	Psalm 128 Numbers 21:4-9 Hebrews 3:1-6
Tuesday:	Psalm 128 Isaiah 65:17-25 Romans 4:6-13
Wednesday:	Psalm 128 Ezekiel 36:22-32 John 7:53—8:11
Thursday:	Psalm 95 Exodus 16:1-8 Colossians 1:15-23
Friday:	Psalm 95 Exodus 16:9-21 Ephesians 2:11-22
Saturday:	Psalm 95 Exodus 16:27-35 John 4:1-6
Sunday:	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

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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

March 4, 11, 18, 25

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

Thursdays in Lent

Holden Evening Prayer

March 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, March 15 - 11:30 a.m. - Kaiser Hall

Agenda

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Determination of 501 (c)(3) groups/organizations for our Legacy Giving

(Pastor Maria Hammons, Associate to the Bishop)

Adjournment

***** YOU MUST BE A QUALIFIED VOTING MEMBER TO VOTE *****

Those in attendance at the meeting on February 22 were given the “Legacy Giving” brochure (along with a letter of introduction) in preparation for this meeting. (This information was sent by “snail mail” to those who were not able to be present.)

A reminder that when we speak of “Legacy Giving”, we are **NOT** referring to our Legacy Fund, but rather “Legacy Giving” refers to our collective mission assets remaining (sale of building, other funds etc.), after expenses.

Pastor Maria will lead us through a legacy workshop process and will explain everything in detail. Before the meeting, you are asked to think about the names of 501 (c)(3) groups, organizations, and entities which you would like the congregation to consider gifting. These organizations should in some way connect to Concordia’s current or past ministries, or to the broader church. At the end of this meeting, we will have identified and voted on which 501(c)(3) organizations will receive financial gifts from Concordia. NOTE: The amounts will NOT be determined at this meeting, just the organizations/ groups/entities. The amounts come later.

The following IRS Legacy Directives are included in the Synod’s Legacy Giving brochure that was handed out on Sunday (or that you should soon receive in the mail).

“The congregation will approve legacy directives which will direct the disbursement of the mission assets of the congregation in a fashion that will honor the legacy of the Saints who have gone before, prosper the Church, and advance the Kingdom of God.

Determining how to direct the church property can be an enormous project. The Internal Revenue Service has strict guidelines for the disposing of non-profit assets. According to the IRS: Assets of an organization must be permanently dedicated to an exempt purpose. This means that should an organization dissolve, its assets must be distributed for an exempt purpose described in this chapter or to the federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose. If the assets could be distributed to members for private individuals or for any other purpose, the organizational test is not met. IRS section 501(c)(3), Chapter 3.”

In other words, once something is given to a church, it belongs solely to the church. If a church closes, where the items go is to be determined by the remaining members. No individual can come back and say, “I bought that for the church, so I want it back.” Another important aspect of the non-profit tax code is also found in Section 501(c)(3) in the ‘Dissolution’ clause. If a church decides to close its doors, the congregation is required to dispose of the remaining assets by transferring them to other charities with like charitable purposes.

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>
2/25/2026	Family of Tim DeVanney, Sr.	Comfort as they grieve the passing of Tim DeVanney, Sr.	David Beauregard
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
1/7/2026	Linda Lange	Comfort & Healing	Mark Winzler
12/17/2025	Joanne Murphy	Comfort & Healing	Mark Winzler
12/15/2025	Ed Adams	Comfort & Healing	Gail Adams
10/12/2025	Kimberly Morrill	Comfort & Healing from cancer	Elaine Briggmann
9/7/2026	Michael Jaworski	Comfor & Healing from cancer surgery	Sharon & John Jaworski
8/17/2025	Dan Burnett	Comfort & Healing	Tina Sollinger-Ruggerio
6/18/2025	Laura McKay	Comfort, strength & healing	Sandy Baranowski

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)



Concordia Lutheran Church

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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.

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:

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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