

Fifth 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 8, 2026

Introduction

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we lose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

We prepare for worship in quiet prayer and meditation.

Prelude *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation-* David N Johnson *John Anderson, Organist*

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

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

Mighty God, lover of justice,
**you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of
Christ, and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for
others, and bless you with the gift of
peace.
Amen.

All stand as able.

Gathering

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

Gathering Hymn *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* ELW 553

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



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 - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



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



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.



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.



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

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

All are seated.

The Word

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

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

¹Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” [^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm:

Psalm 112:1-9 [10]



Tone



Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ^l fear the Lord and have great delight in ^l God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty ^l in the land; the generation of the upright ^l will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be ^l in their house, and their righteousness will ^l last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness ^l for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full ^l of compassion. R**

⁵ It is good for them to be gener- ^l ous in lending and to manage their af- ^l fairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will nev- ^l er be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlast- ^l ing remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any ^l evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting ^l in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and ^l will not shrink, until they see their desire up- ^l on their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ^l fast forever; they will hold up their ^l head with honor.

[¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and ^l pine away; the desires of the wick- ^l ed will perish. R]**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom.

²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Jesus re - l vealed his glory,* and his disciples be - l lieved in him. *Alleluia.*

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

Lord of Light

ELW 798

Apostle's Creed

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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving especially those in our prayer list. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

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 the Silence

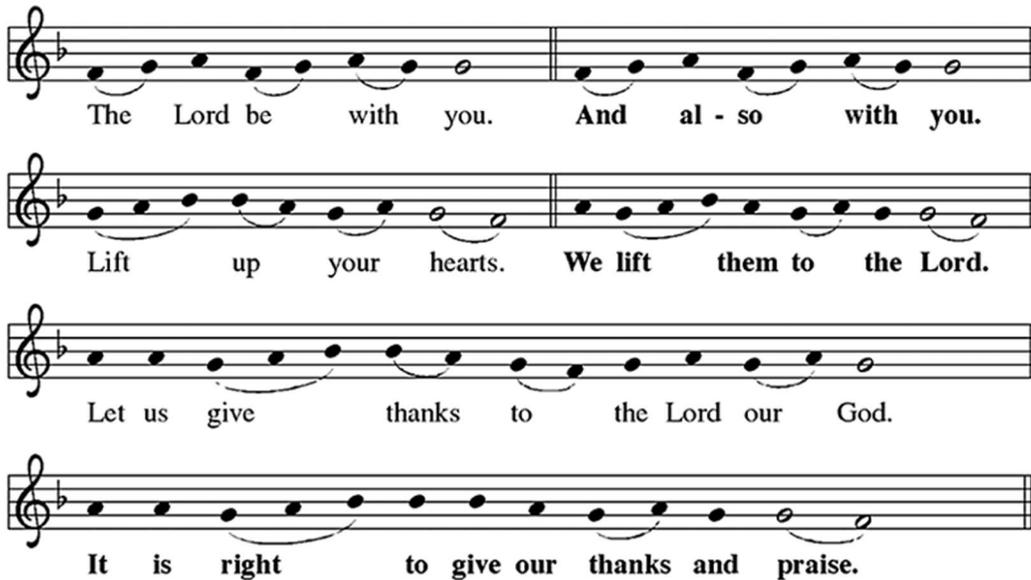
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All stand as able.

Offertory Prayer

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Dialogue



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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.
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

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



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 it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

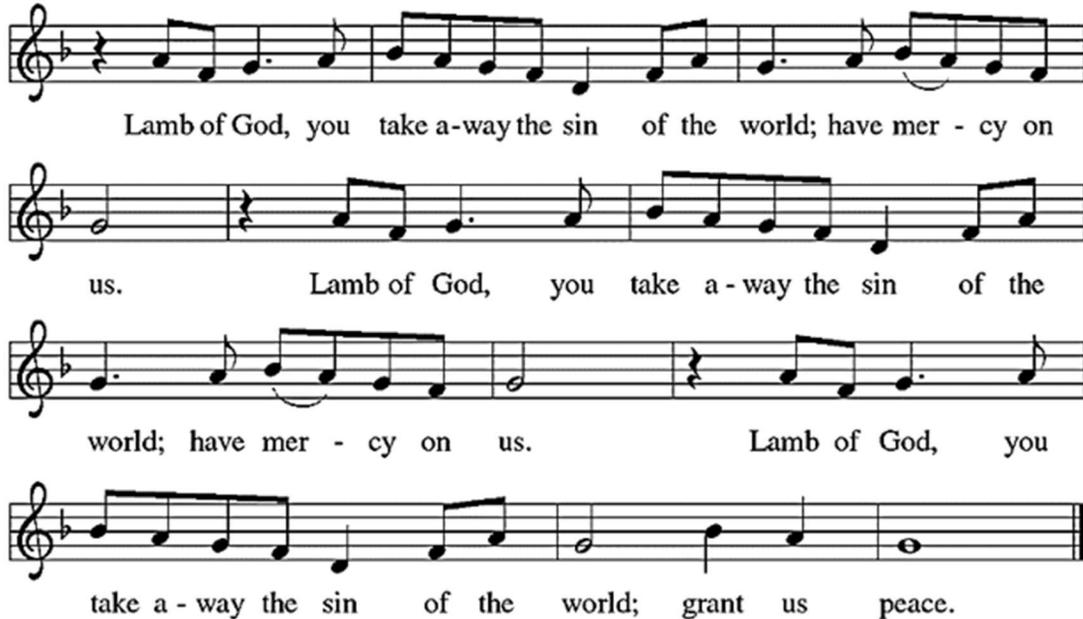
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever, Amen.

Invitation

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

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

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

Robert J. Powell

††† The Distribution of the 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

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart.

Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending

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

Sending Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW 866

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Alleluyas - Simon Preston

John Anderson, Organist

††† To God Be the Glory †††

Serving in Worship Today:

Presiding:

Pastor Ann Lovejoy Johnson

Assisting Minister(s):

Mark Winzler; Wendy Donagher

Usher(s):

Carol Burnett

Organist:

John Anderson

Today is Scout Sunday!

We extend a warm welcome to the members of **Troop 123** and **Cub Scout Pack 47** who are joining us in worship this morning, along with their families. We give thanks for your presence, your service to the community, and your participation in our life together.



Altar flowers are given in *honor* of
Ed and Gail Adam's 66th wedding anniversary



BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 | COUNCIL MEETING | BRANDT LOUNGE | 7:00 P.M.
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | FASTNACHT | 11:30 A.M.
- 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

Congregational Meeting on Finance

Sunday, February 22, 2026

11:30 a.m.

Kaiser Hall

(Postponed from January 25 due to snow)

Please bring your booklet of reports with you to the meeting.

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.

Ash Wednesday

February 18

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Individual Prayer and Imposition of Ashes

Emanuel Lutheran Church

7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Emanuel Lutheran Church

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance.

Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ.

We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.





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!

Daily Readings for February 9 - 15



- Monday:** Psalm 119:105-112 | 2 Kings 22:3-20 | Romans 11:2-10
- Tuesday:** Psalm 119:105-112 | 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25 | 2 Corinthians 4:1-12
- Wednesday:** Psalm 119:105-112 | Proverbs 6:6-23 | John 8:12-30
- Thursday:** Psalm 119:1-8 | Genesis 26:1-5 | James 1:12-16
- Friday:** Psalm 119:1-8 | Leviticus 26:34-46 | 1 John 2:7-17
- Saturday:** Psalm 119:1-8 | Deuteronomy 30:1-9a | Matthew 15:1-9
- Sunday:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20 | Psalm 119:1-8 | 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 | Matthew 5:21-37

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Prayers of the Community

Contact parish office for prayer requests.
Names will be held in prayer for one month, *unless otherwise requested.*



<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 Stoneman's
1/19/2026	Family of Gail Hamblett <i>(Lanie's cousin)</i>	Comfort as they grieve Gail's passing	Lanie Turner
1/18/2026	Carol Bowen	Recovery after a fall	Wendy Donagher
1/7/2026	<i>Linda Lange</i>	<i>Comfort & Healing</i>	<i>Mark Winzler</i>
12/29/2025	<i>Martha Pederson</i> <i>(Recuperating from a stroke)</i>	<i>Comfort & Healing</i>	<i>Lanie Turner</i>
12/17/2025	<i>Joanne Murphy</i>	<i>Comfort & Healing</i>	<i>Mark Winzler</i>
12/15/2025	<i>Ed Adams</i>	<i>Comfort & Healing</i>	<i>Gail Adams</i>
10/12/2025	<i>Kimberly Morrill</i>	<i>Comfort & Healing</i> <i>from cancer</i>	<i>Elaine Briggmann</i>
9/7/2026	<i>Michael Jaworski</i>	<i>Comfor & Healing</i> <i>from cancer surgery</i>	<i>Sharon & John Jaworski</i>
8/17/2025	<i>Dan Burnett</i>	<i>Comfort & Healing</i>	<i>Tina Sollinger-Ruggerio</i>
6/18/2025	<i>Laura McKay</i>	<i>Comfort, strength</i> <i>& healing</i>	<i>Sandy Baranowski</i>

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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Emanuel Lutheran Church
The Church that love builds

January 14, 2026

Dear partners in ministry at Concordia Lutheran Church,

I write to let you know that you are in the prayers of the Emanuel community as you move forward with the holy closure process. We know that this is holy work, guided by the Spirit, and that it is also hard work. I imagine that it carries many emotions: grief, gratitude, weariness, pride, and love, often all at once.

A congregation is never merely a building or an institution. It is a community of baptisms and funerals, meals shared, songs sung, prayers and faithful service offered again and again over many years. Please know that we will be praying for you every week in worship. I share the prayer petition below:

For Concordia Lutheran Church, as they walk through the process of holy closure: that God would surround them with comfort and peace, honor the ministry they have shared, guide them with wisdom and grace in each decision.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

I know that words are never quite enough for moments like this. We hope that this letter and the knowledge that you are in our prayers helps you know that you do not walk this road alone. We hold you in prayer, giving thanks for your faithfulness and asking God to meet you with comfort, courage, and hope. If there are ways we can accompany you—through presence or practical support—we are here.

Peace to you and yours,

Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski
On behalf of the members of Emanuel Lutheran Church



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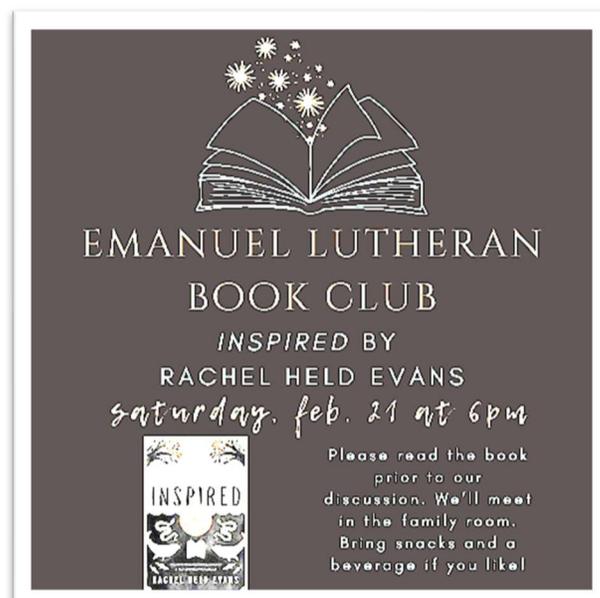
BY PHONE

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- When prompted, say "Thrivent Choice", then press 1
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- 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!





Fastnacht Dinner

With Traditional German Fare

Save the Date!

Sunday February 15, 2026
Concordia Lutheran Church

Social hour 11:15-12:30

Cheese/crackers
Beer and wine

Dinner 12:30

Roast Pork, German Potato Salad,
Red Cabbage, Green Beans and Mushrooms,
Salad, Applesauce

Please Join Us!

Suggested Donation \$15.00 per person



Name(s): _____

Total Number Attending: _____ I can bring dessert: _____

Please submit this reservation form by SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

YOUR HELPING HANDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOU CAN ASSIST:

- SET-UP
- SERVING
- CLEAN-UP