

TOWN HALL MEETING

with Bishop Zeiser

Thursday, March 28, 2019

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Desserts and beverages will be available before the event at 6:30 PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to offer an opportunity to discuss the *Parish Study Report* and to have conversation that will help the Bishop discern the “right” candidate for Schwarzwald.

The Parish Study Report is available electronically or hard copy. Please call Diane in the church office to obtain a copy, 610-779-3480.



2nd Sunday Coffee House
Worship Service

March 10, 6:30 PM

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Coffee ‘n Chat starts at 6:00

Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

We are a family of faith called to do God’s will by inspiring Christian life through teaching and sharing His unconditional love for all.

Vision Statement:

To encourage growth of our faith family through community outreach and engaging youth to serve God.

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Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737
Join our family, share God’s love.

The people of Schwarzwald - Ministers
The Rev. Donald C. Simmons - Interim Pastor
Mrs. Patricia A. Weiser - Director of Music
Ms. Diane V. Hafer - Office Administrator
Mrs. Crystal Jordan - Christian Ed. Director
Mrs. Rochelle Chelius—Youth Minister Leader
Mrs. Melissa Kerber—Sexton

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **FEBRUARY 24, 2019**



WELCOME!

**In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,
welcome to worship this morning!**

If you are a visitor, a special welcome to you, and if you are without a church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. Please fill out the guest card in the pew rack and pick up a welcome packet from the stand in the foyer. If you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table.

For your assistance, comfort and safety, we have ushers on duty before, during and after worship today. Should you need any help, please look for any of the men and women with an “usher” badge. There will be at least one in the lobby during worship. Our ushers are also instructed to offer help to anyone who appears in distress. Restrooms can be found through the door on the left at the front of the church; either proceed downstairs or to the left into the Fellowship Hall.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance. Please be sure to turn off the hearing receivers after the worship service.

For parents with small children: We are blessed to have so many children in our congregation. Our church family knows that teaching children to worship is simply one of our most important ministries. If there is a need, please take advantage of our nursery room available during worship with a changing table, plenty of toys and audio of our service. Please ask any usher in the foyer to help you find the nursery room. **Children’s bulletins** for readers and pre-readers are provided each week. They can be found on clipboards in the marked milk crates in the narthex and vestibule. Storybooks are also provided there for children to enjoy.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Assisting Minister Mark Hoover
Usher Team Captain Walt Smithson
Carillonneur Sally Kennedy
Acolyte Jenna Russo
Nursery Attendant Sarah Gibson
Greeter Marcia Holbrook

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome The Rev. Richard Bardo as our supply pastor this morning.

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by David and Susan Johns in memory and in honor of David's parents, Howard and Mary Johns.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Michael and Helenann Billinger in honor of their grandson Shauny's 11th birthday.

NEEDED! Bulletin sponsors (\$14) are needed for all of March. **Altar flower sponsors** (*\$25) are needed for March 3, 10, 17 and 31. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. *Due to a change in florists (our previous florist is no longer providing fresh flowers), there is an increase in the altar flower sponsorship from \$21 to \$25.

CASH FOR CAUSES—The Redner's and Giant gift cards will be available for purchase in the Narthex after worship today. Please see Sue Bryant.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE—Jesus is calling disciples to serve on our Evangelism Committee. Please call the church office, 610-779-3480, and answer the call of our Lord.

NEW MEMBERS will be received on March 3rd. If you know of any persons who would be interested in church membership, please call the church office.

CANCELLATION INFORMATION

If any services or events being held at the church are cancelled, please check our website (www.schwarzwaldlutheran.org), Facebook (Schwarzwald Lutheran Church), Channel 69 — WFMZ-TV Stormcenter, or our answering machine (610-779-3480) for cancellation information.

All senior citizens are invited to a free dress-rehearsal presentation of the Exeter Township Senior High School Musical "Sister Act" on Thursday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. A free breakfast for *Exeter School District residents* will be served in the Senior High School cafeteria starting at 8:15 a.m. To reserve a seat for breakfast and/or obtain a Senior Citizen PASS, telephone 779-0700 (ext. 1001) no later than March 8. Reservations ARE ONLY NEEDED for district residents who want to attend the breakfast. Non-resident senior citizens are welcome to attend the free dress-rehearsal performance.



Family, friends and loved ones:

Julianne Arnold	Justin Baylor	Marilyn Becker
Si Boone	Jeannie Crass	Linda Dean
Jon Dillon	Breanna Elison	Larry Galloway
Pearl Garman	Donald Gotshall	Emma Herb
Wilbur Herb	Elaine Lutz	Anthony Meyers
Joe Monschein	Carol Orth	Patsy Pierce
Joe Plank	Calvin Rausch	Lucile Reynolds
Lou Roethermel	Bob Rutherford	Dick Sassaman
Sally Sassaman	Elisabeth Scollick	Joan Sehl
Robert Sloan	Joseph Smith	

The prayers conclude:

P Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

P The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG, O Christ, Our Hope LBW #300 (please use green hymnal)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE, Postlude Triumphant Sergisson

OFFERING, *I Am the Bright and Morning Star* Simone

ANTHEM, *The Light Still Shines* Sleeth
Sr. Choir

Please stand.


OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -



it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Hu - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the



joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

After each petition of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

Members:

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| Connie Brewer | Corinne Brumbaugh | Zena Burkert |
| June Collison | Delores Conrad | Diane Dinkelocker |
| Emmy Faber | Janet Griesemer | Marcia Holbrook |
| Cynthia Lott | Steve Marquard | Greg Pomian |
| Katie Rosales | Noelle Rutherford | Jeremy Schaeffer |
| Bob Schmehl | Ron Slepecki | Geraldine Wagner |
| Ted Whitehead | Jan Zabodyn | |

On Sunday, March 17th at 9:15 AM, Attorney Scott Hoh will make a presentation on “The Constitution, the Founding Fathers and Religion.” Join us for coffee and buns in Fellowship Hall as we learn about the roots of our nation in the 1700’s.

FEBRUARY 24 through MARCH 3

- Sun 2/24 8:00 PM AA meeting
- Mon 2/25 5:00 PM Sanctuary in use
5:30 PM Exercise class
8:00 PM AA meeting
- Tue 2/26 10:00 AM Bible Fellowship / Action Team
11:00 AM Worship and Music Committee meeting
6:30 PM Prayer Group
- Wed 2/27 6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting
- Thu 2/28 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1126
6:10 PM Cherub Choir rehearsal
6:30 PM Junior Choir rehearsal
7:00 PM NA Meeting
7:30 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Fri 3/1 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #167
- Sat 3/2 8:00 AM Exercise class
- Sun 3/3 9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
11:30 AM Fellowship Committee meeting
5:00 PM Girl Scout troop #1779
8:00 PM AA Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD - Dates for your calendar!!

(Please watch upcoming newsletters and bulletins for additional information.)

- March 6** Ash Wednesday, 7:00 PM
- March 10** Daylight Saving Time Begins. 2:00 AM
- March 10** First Sunday in Lent, 10:30 AM
Second Sunday Coffee House Worship Service, 6:30 PM
- March 13, 20, 27** Lenten Services, 7:00 PM
- April 3, 10** Lenten Services, 7:00 PM
- April 14** Palm Sunday, 10:30 AM
- April 18** Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM
- April 19** Good Friday, 7:30 PM
- April 20** Egg Hunt, 10:00 AM
- April 21** Easter, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM; Continental Breakfast served between services from 9:00 -10:00 AM in F-Hall

WORSHIP SERVICE

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE, *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unites us and sends us.

C **Amen.**

P Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Mighty and loving God,
C **we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We seek our own way.
We divide the body of Christ.
In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.
Let the words of our mouths,
the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything that we do
be filled with faith, hope, and love.
Amen.**

P Hear the voice of Jesus:
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
to proclaim release to the captives."
In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,
I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released.
The joy of the Lord is your strength,
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN, *Now the Green Blade Rises* - LBW #148 (please use green hymnal)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL, Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON The Rev. Richard Bardo

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY, *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* LBW #315 (green hymnal)

APOSTLES' 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.**

Please be seated.

6He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

7Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

8Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret — it leads only to evil.

9For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

10Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

11But the meek shall inherit the land,
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

39The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

40The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

SECOND READING, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

35But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" **36**Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. **37**And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. **38**But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

42So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. **43**It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. **44**It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. **45**Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. **46**But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. **47**The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. **48**As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. **49**Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.


50What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

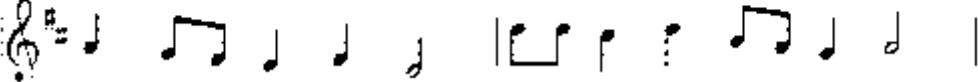
A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

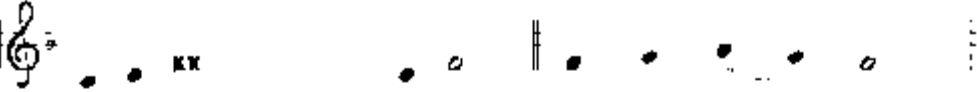

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GREETING

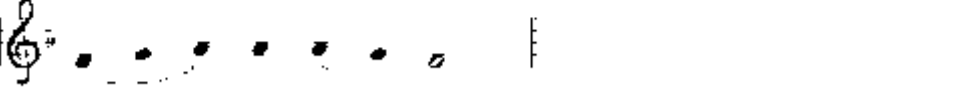
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.


C **And also with you.**


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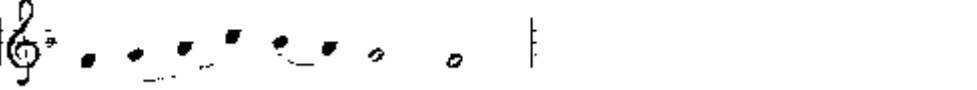

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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.

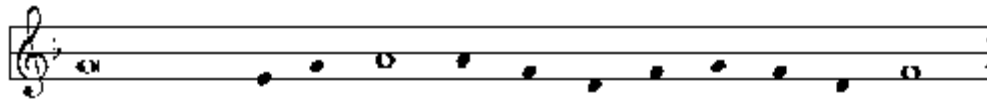

Lord, have mer - cy.


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,


let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. A - - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



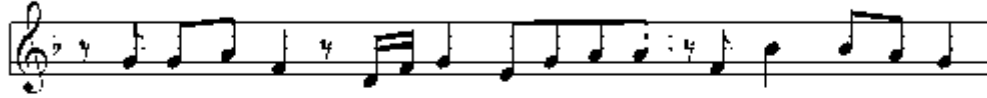
A - glo - ry to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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.



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.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray...O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated.

JR. CHOIR ANTHEM, *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho* trad.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE The Rev. Richard Bardo

FIRST READING, Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40 (read responsively)

¹Do not fret because of the wicked;

do not be envious of wrongdoers,

²for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.

³Trust in the LORD, and do good;

so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

⁴Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD;

trust in him, and he will act.