



Statistically we ranked as:

» #1 organization in all of PA (all denominations, schools, scout and civic groups) by a whopping 5 cans of soup/dollars.

» #1 in the USA for reporting ELCA churches.

In our six year history, the continued benevolence of this congregation is truly spirit driven!!!

All donations will be provided to the Exeter Area Food Pantry.

Souper Bowl of Caring 2019

	6-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	27-Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	TOTAL
P/M - K	48	142 xxx		168	116	210	114	798
1st - 3rd	48	48xxx		198	361	116	243	1014
4th - 6th	48	54xxx		106	124	172	167	671
JrHigh	68	68xxx		94	131	86	34	481
SrHigh	48	48xxx		108	408	48	46	706
Adults	58	88xxx		164	82	202	29	623
At-Large								
TOTAL	318	448	0	838	1222	834	633	4293

HISTORY	Money	Soup	TOTAL	Winner
2014	\$823	2108	2931	SrHi
2015	\$523	2536	3059	P/M -K
2016	\$515	837	1352	n/a
2017	\$761	2491	3252	SrHi
2018	\$660	3858	4518	4th-6th
2019	\$766	4293	5059	1st-3rd

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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

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 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! Please sign the Visitor's Book in the foyer and pick up a welcome packet. If you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table. If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. Visitors who are communing members of other Christian congregations are cordially invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Welcome to the Lord's table where we are one with Christ!

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 MinisterGreg Pomian
Usher Team Captain Larry Houp
Comm. Assistants Greg Pomian, Theresa Readinger, Mark Hoover, Ginni Frey
Carillonneur Sally Kennedy
Acolytes Madeline Doll and Ashley Doll
Nursery Attendant Sarah Gibson
Greeter Bev Brightbill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Dennis and Pat Ruffner in honor of the 1st birthday of their grandson, Callan Grant Ruffner, and 2) by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Lawrence Houp in honor of his 95th birthday.

The **communion wine** is sponsored by Ellen Weaver.

NEEDED! Bulletin sponsors (\$14) are needed for the remainder of March and all of April. **Altar flower sponsors** (*\$25) are needed for March 10, 17 and 31 and all of April. 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. Also, if possible, please return the vases to the church office after use.

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

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.

SCHWARZWALD'S BREAKFAST BUNCH

BREAKFAST BUNCH will meet on Thursday, March 14th, at 9:00 AM at Effie’s Charcoal Chef Restaurant.



If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please use the prayer request cards located in the pew racks or in the Narthex. Please place your completed card in the prayer box in the Narthex. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service with the Imposition of Ashes will be held on March 6th beginning at 7:00 PM.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

BE SURE TO MOVE YOUR CLOCKS **AHEAD** ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 9!

Please stand.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P We thank you, O God,
that you have fed us at your banqueting table
with bread and wine beyond compare,
the very life of Christ for us.
Send your Spirit with us now,
that we may set the captive free,
use your gifts to build one another up,
and in everything reflect your glory
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **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, Alleluia, Song of Gladness
WOV #654 (please use blue hymnal)

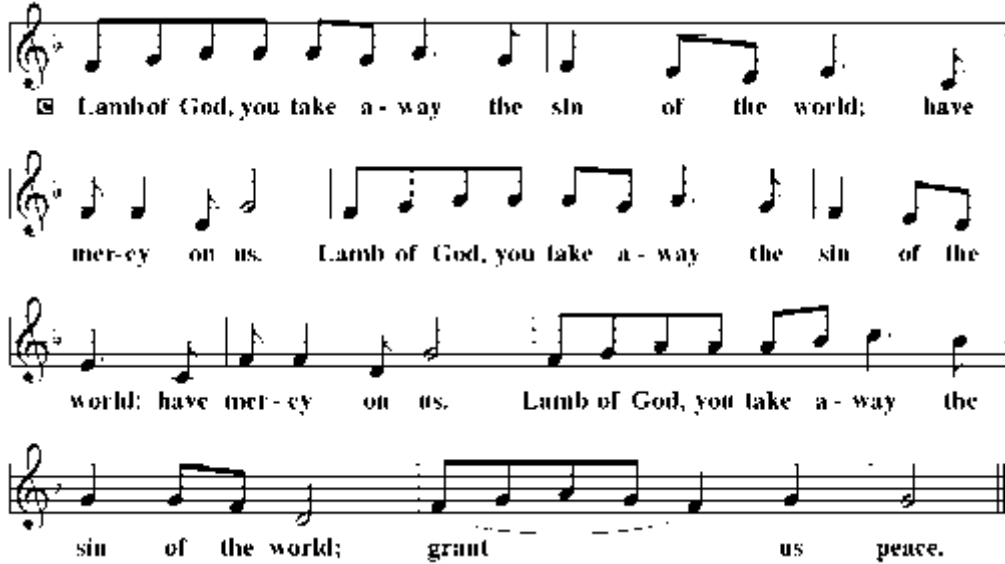
DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is your light.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE, Sing to the Lord Smith

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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.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (Continuous Communion)

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please come forward by way of the center aisle and take a cup from the tray. Approach the Pastor to receive the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available from the communion assistant who is standing behind the Pastor. If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, the Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.

When given the bread, the Pastor will say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

Each person may respond: Amen.

Then proceed to the communion assistant, staying on the same side as you are seated in the church, to receive the wine. For those who would prefer not to have wine, pre-filled cups of grape juice are available at the top of the steps on each side in silver trays.

When given the cup, the communion assistant will say:

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Each person may respond: Amen.

If you wish to stay and reflect at the Altar, please move down the altar rail to allow others to receive Communion. Please return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Please fill out a communion card.



2nd Sunday Coffee House
Worship Service
March 10, 6:30 PM
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Coffee 'n Chat starts at 6:00 PM

SPECIAL GUEST

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.

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 in Fellowship Hall. 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.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP BOOK

As we prepare for the coming of a new pastor, it is imperative that we use the worship book that our candidate may be using in his or her parish. You can obtain an envelope in the Narthex to make a contribution of one or more hymnals in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$25.00 per hymnal. Please mark your envelope as to how you wish the book plate to be printed in the hymnal(s) that you sponsor.

Schwarzwald Egg Hunt 2019



The Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 20, at 10:00 AM. **We are in need of candy!** All candy donations should be small enough to fit in plastic eggs. Donations can be dropped off in the church office or given to Crystal Jordan or Linda Strain on a Sunday morning. Also, **we are looking for volunteers to run the flower activity and other craft areas at the egg hunt.** Please let Diane or Crystal know if you are able to help.

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.

EXETER TOWNSHIP SR. HIGH MUSICAL



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.

WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT Annual Lenten Prayer Breakfast at 8:00 AM

Wednesday, April 17 at The Inn at Reading

1040 Park Road Wyomissing PA 19610

The Inn at Reading offers easy parking and is handicap accessible.

Cost is **\$18** for a breakfast buffet including:

breakfast pastries and biscuits, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, cinnamon French toast, red potatoes, bacon, coffee, tea and juice

**Our guest speaker will be The Rev. Steven Shussett on the topic:
"Spiritual Well-being: Becoming Who We Were Meant to Be"**

Join Marian and Pastor as we reserve a table of 8 for Schwarzwald. Reservation money should be given to Diane in the church office no later than April 7th.

BERKS CHOIR GAMES

The annual Choir Games Grand Finale, sponsored by the Reading Choral Society will be held on Saturday, March 16th at 7:30 PM in the Ballroom of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Reading. Headlining the concert are Parkside Harmony, a barbershop group from Hershey and Street Corner Symphony, an acapella men's quintet from Nashville, Tennessee. It will be a wonderful night of music. Tickets at \$20.00 can be purchased from Pastor Simmons.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us
through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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.

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**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. 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

BEAR CREEK CAMP GALA



March 30, 2019
6pm Cocktails, Dinner to follow
Tickets
\$90 per person January 16-20
\$100 per person January 21-March 26
Location
Homewood Suites
3350 Center Valley Parkway
Center Valley, PA

Tickets must be purchased in advance, either online at bearcreekcamp.org or by calling the BCC office at: 570-472-3741.

Dress

Black Tie Optional

A limited number of rooms are reserved at the Homewood Suites until March 8 at the rate of \$139. Call 610-351-6400 and mention Bear Creek Camp Gala or the group code BCB to reserve your room. You can also go online to make a reservation with the group code BCB.

<https://homewoodsuites3.hilton.com>

Auction Items

If you have an exciting item to donate such as a time share vacation home, event tickets, basket items valuing at least \$50, or a one of a kind item or experience, please contact karen@bearcreekcamp.org for more details or to donate. Thank you in advance for your support!



2019 Summer Theme

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. —Joshua 1:9

God's love for us means so much for our lives. This summer we will examine what a relationship with God means for our daily lives and for the world. We can make a difference and have an impact because with God all things are possible. Join us for an amazing summer of friendship, fun and fellowship!

Look for more information on Summer Camp and Family Camp in the next few weeks.

Questions? Contact : Stephanie Kohler
484-706-1708

MARCH 3 through MARCH 10

Sun 3/3	11:30 AM Fellowship Committee meeting 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1779 8:00 PM AA meeting
Mon 3/4	5:00 PM Sanctuary in use 5:30 PM Exercise class 7:00 PM Exeter Community Chorus rehearsal 8:00 PM AA meeting
Tue 3/5	10:00 AM Bible Fellowship / Action Team
Wed 3/6	6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
Thu 3/7	6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1909 6:10 PM Cherub Choir rehearsal 6:30 PM Junior Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM NA Meeting 7:30 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
Sat 3/9	8:00 AM Exercise class Set clocks AHEAD one hour at bedtime
Sun 3/10	9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Coffee served 6:30 PM Second Sunday Coffee House Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD - Mark your calendar!!

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

March 13, 20, 27	Lenten Services, 7:00 PM
April 3, 10	Lenten Services, 7:00 PM
April 14	Palm Sunday, 10:30 AM; Second Sunday service, 6:30 PM
April 18	Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM
April 19	Good Friday, 7:30 PM
April 21	Easter, 8:00 and 10:30 AM; Continental Breakfast served between services from 9:00-10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall
May 27	Memorial Day (Church Office closed)
June 9	Confirmation, 10:30 AM

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.

Please stand.

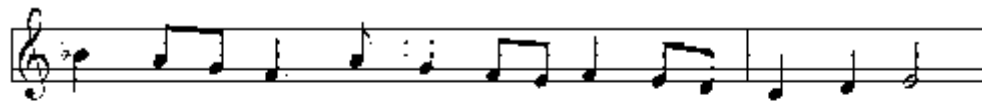
OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



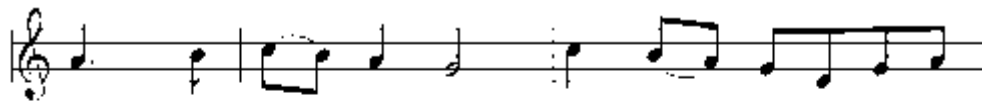
cup of bless - ing, Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORSHIP SERVICE

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:

- | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 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 | | |

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 | Patsy Pierce |
| Joe Plank | Lucile Reynolds | Lou Rothermel |
| Bob Rutherford | Dick Sassaman | Elisabeth Scollick |
| Joan Sehl | 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**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC, *Shine, Jesus, Shine.* Kendrick
Russ Frey and Mark Hoover, vocal duet

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Terry Jenkins to our church family today. She comes to us from St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Devon.

PRELUDE, *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies.* Koury

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.**

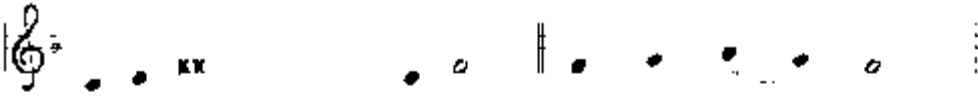
HYMN, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
LBW #526 (please use green hymnal)

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.

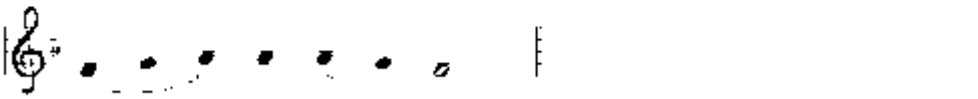
KYRIE




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.



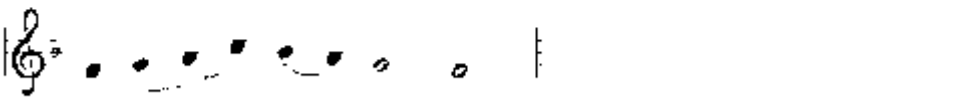
Lord, have mer - cy.




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, gra - cious Lord. A - - - - - men.

entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY, *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

LBW #89 (please use 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.**

SECOND READING, 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

- 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 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL, Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they

HYMN OF PRAISE Verses 1 and 3—Women Verses 2 and 4—Men
Refrains—All

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or.

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray...

Holy God, mighty and immortal,
 you are beyond our knowing,
 yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
 Transform us into the likeness of your Son,
 who renewed our humanity
 so that we may share in his divinity,
 Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

FIRST READING, Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99 (read responsively)

¹The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²**The LORD is great in Zion;**

he is exalted over all the peoples.

³Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

⁴**Mighty King, lover of justice,**

you have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Extol the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

⁶**Moses and Aaron were among his priests,**

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees,

and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them;**

you were a forgiving God to them,

but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹Extol the LORD our God,

and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy.