

The Social Ministry Committee invites **YOU** to participate in our **\$1,000 Challenge for World Hunger**. The bulletin board in the Narthex explains our challenge and gives examples of various ways for you to participate.

Throughout Lent in our Sunday bulletins, we will be sharing stories like the one below describing how the ELCA works to end world hunger around the world .

Thank you for taking the **CHALLENGE!**

## With women in power, malaria doesn't stand a chance

ZIMBABWE  
[ELCA.org/Hunger](http://ELCA.org/Hunger)



It is easy to think of malaria prevention as simply providing mosquito nets for prevention and medicine to those who have fallen ill. But there's much more to it than that.

Burure is in the Gokwe Region of Zimbabwe, bordered by rivers that are notoriously difficult to cross during the rainy season. It is an area that has been plagued by outbreaks of malaria in the past. It is one of the most remote areas served by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (ELCZ).

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support Burure's schools and the Burure Gokwe Clinic - institutions that provide education and health care to an area of approximately 10,000 people.

Jairos Charedzera is a village health worker supported by the ELCA Malaria Campaign. With a contagiously enthusiastic and upbeat demeanor, Jairos teaches malaria prevention and control in Burure and the surrounding villages and is a "trainer of trainers" for income-generating savings groups in each of the villages.

"Health and income that reduces poverty must never be separated," Jairos said.

"When a household's income rises, so does the likelihood of good health."

In each of the village savings and loan groups, the members - all women - contribute money each month. That money is pooled together to invest in income-generating activities. The women plant and nurture a nutritional garden, growing squashes, peanuts, greens and spices. They also harvest honey from beehives they built and maintain.

The profits of these activities are then used to provide goats, hens, pots, pans, mosquito nets or other necessities for each member of the group and their households.

Strong women are at the center of Burure's journey toward a future of hope and possibility. When women gain access to income, the whole community benefits.



# Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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

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Mrs. Patricia A. Weiser - Director of Music  
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Mrs. Crystal Jordan - Christian Ed. Director  
Mrs. Rochelle Chelius—Youth Minister Leader  
Mrs. Melissa Kerber—Sexton

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 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**

Reader . . . . . Lukas Kohler  
Ushers . . . . . Jay Houp, Nathan Morgan, Jenna Russo, Cody Morgan  
Usher Team Captain . . . . . Ken Bryant  
Assisting Minister . . . . . Peg Gumpert  
Carillonneur . . . . . Sally Kennedy  
Acolyte . . . . . Brody Oswald  
Greeter . . . . . Marcia Holbrook  
Nursery Attendant . . . . . Sarah Gibson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Baptized today** is Jace Boone Rimby, son of Jason Rimby and Tara Gardecki. Jace was born on November 9, 2018 in the Reading Hospital. His sponsors are Jason Boone, Cheryl Yohn and Beth Rimby.

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Dr. Harold and Joan Wegman in celebration of the 5th birthday of their twin great-granddaughters, Olivia and Violet.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Leon Kerner in honor of the birth of his great-granddaughter, Maya June Blocker.

**NEEDED! Bulletin sponsors** (\$14) are needed for April 18, 19, 21 and 28. **Altar flower sponsors** (\*\$25) are needed for April 28. 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 to \$25. Also, please return the vases to the church office, if possible.

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

**SCHWARZWALD'S BREAKFAST BUNCH**

Schwarzwald’s Breakfast Bunch will gather on Thursday, April 11th, at 9:00 AM at Effie’s Charcoal Chef Restaurant. Join us for food and fellowship!

**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 or vestibule 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Delegates are needed to attend the one day Synod Assembly on Saturday, June 1, at Genetti Inn and Suites in Hazleton. All fees will be paid by SLC. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office.

**MEN’S CHOIR REHEARSAL** immediately after worship today!

**EASTER FLOWERS**



Sponsor Easter flowers to beautify the Sanctuary

The cost is \$7:00 per plant

The dates to order are March 31, Apr. 7 and 14 Use the Special Envelope or a pew envelope (check seasonal flowers) and drop in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Please indicate your name on the envelope as you wish it to appear in the bulletin or use the form below.

**FLOWER SPONSOR**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Env. # \_\_\_\_\_

(As you wish it to appear in the bulletin)

LILLIES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MUMS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TULIPS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DAFFODILS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SENDING SONG, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***  
LBW #482 (please use green hymnal)

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE, *Benedictus Qui Venit*** . . . . . Nordman

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**EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**April 21, 2019**  
**9-10 A.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please help by selecting any of the items listed below. Bakes goods may be placed in the breezeway on Saturday April 20, or delivered early Easter morning, April 21.

Complete the bottom half of the form and return to the church office or drop in the offering plate on the Sundays of March 31, April 7 and 14.


**BAKED GOODS**

- |                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Bagels & Cream Cheese _____ | Cookies _____ |
| Muffins _____               | Danish _____  |
| Coffee Cake _____           | Donuts _____  |
| Fruit _____                 |               |

**THE WHITE CAPS OF PEARL HARBOR**

On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall, Winnifred Woll will present a visual program in slides and memorabilia from World War II. Winnie is a member at our sister church down the hill, Schwarzwald UCC. Her mother was an Army Nurse who served on Oahu at the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Her story will focus on the nurses of Pearl Harbor and many of the stories that these nurses shared with Winnie. The program will end with everyone singing "Remember Pearl Harbor" while waving American flags. Do invite friends and family to join us for this special event.

**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.

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE CALENDAR**

**Wednesday - April 10**

7:00 PM Weekday Evening Lenten Service  
*Holden Evening Prayer Service*

**HOLY WEEK CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 14**  
**Palm Sunday**

10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion  
6:30 PM Second Sunday Coffee House Worship Service  
(Coffee at 6:00 PM)



**Thursday, April 18**  
**Maundy Thursday**

7:30 PM Holy Communion Service  
Stripping of the Altar

**Friday, April 19**  
**Good Friday**

7:30 PM Worship Service

**EASTER**

**Alleluia!**  
**He is Risen!**

**Sunday, April 21**  
**Easter Sunday Festival Worship**

8:00 AM Early Service with Holy Communion  
9:00 to 10:00 AM Breakfast in Fellowship Hall  
10:30 AM Festival Worship with Holy Communion

**APRIL 7 through APRIL 14**

Sun 4/7 11:30 AM Men's Choir rehearsal  
5:00 PM Girl Scout troop #1779  
8:00 PM AA meeting

Mon 4/8 5:00 PM Sanctuary in use  
5:30 PM Exercise class  
6:30 PM Exercise class  
7:00 PM Exeter Community Chorus rehearsal  
8:00 PM AA meeting

Tue 4/9 10:00 AM Bible Fellowship / Action Team  
6:30 PM Christian Education Committee meeting  
6:30 PM Prayer Group  
6:30 PM Youth meeting

Wed 4/10 5:30 PM Exercise class  
6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting  
7:00 PM Lenten Service  
7:45 PM Church Council meeting

Thu 4/11 9:00 AM Breakfast Bunch at Effie's  
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 4/12 2:00 PM Exeter Area Food Pantry at Reformation  
6:30 PM Girl Scout troop #167

Sat 4/13 8:00 AM Exercise class  
10:00 AM Fellowship Hall in use

Sun 4/14 9:15 AM Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday (acolytes & crucifers)  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Palm Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion  
11:30 AM Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday (service participants)  
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.)

**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 and 10:30 AM; Continental Breakfast served between services from 9:00-10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall  
Church Office closed  
**April 22** Whitecaps of Pearl Harbor, 9:15 AM Fellowship Hall  
**May 5** Breakfast Bunch  
**May 9** Memorial Day (Church Office closed)  
**May 27** Confirmation, 10:30 AM  
**June 9**

**Members:**

Connie Brewer	Zena Burkert	June Collison
Delores Conrad	Diane Dinkelocker	Emmy Faber
Janet Griesemer	Marcia Holbrook	Steph Kohler
Penny Kroznuski	Cynthia Lott	Steve Marquard
Judi Merkel	Joann Rosales	Katie Rosales
Noelle Rutherford	Jeremy Schaeffer	Bob Schmehl
Ron Slepecki	Geraldine Wagner	

**Family, friends and loved ones:**

Julianne Arnold	Justin Baylor	Marilyn Becker
Jeannie Crass	Linda Dean	Jon Dillon
Bob Dries	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 Reveal your will as you receive our prayers,  
and conform our ways to your ways;  
through the saving work of 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**

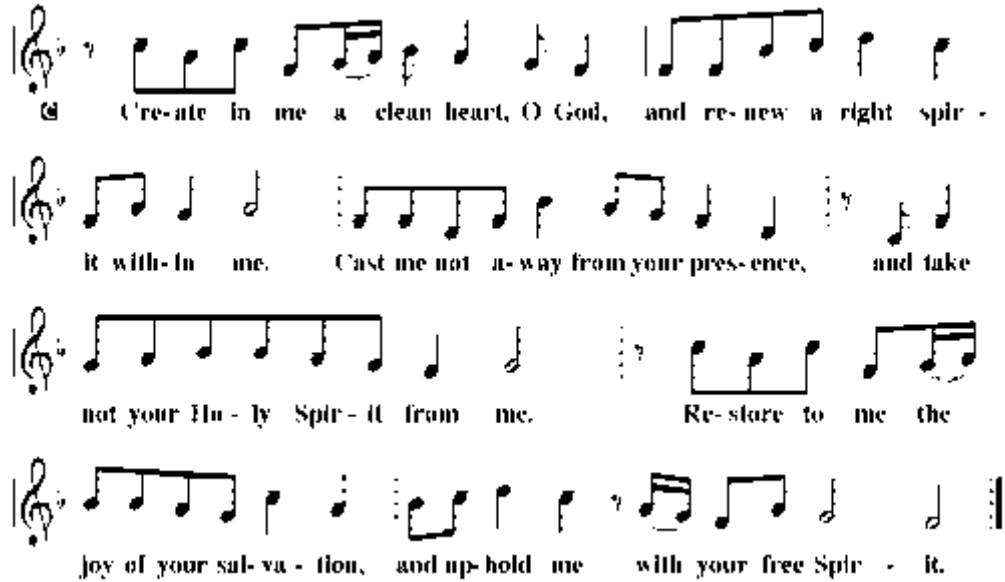
P God, who fills the creation with abundance,  
Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness,  
Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,  
✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

**C Amen**

Please stand.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

### 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 Ho - 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.

### PRAYER INTRODUCTION

P Let us pray...



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place,  
 Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition of the prayers:*  
 A Hear us, O God.  
 C **Your mercy is great.**

### HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE, *Adagio Maestoso* .....Händel

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

### HOLY BAPTISM OF JACE BOONE RIMBY

#### Presentation

*The candidate and parents gather at the font.*

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*The parents present the candidate with these words:*

We present Jace Boone Rimby to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented Jace for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.  
 Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R I do.

### THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. He made water a sign of the kingdom. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that Jace Boone who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away his sin as he is cleansed by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen**

### RENUNCIATION AND PROFESSION

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

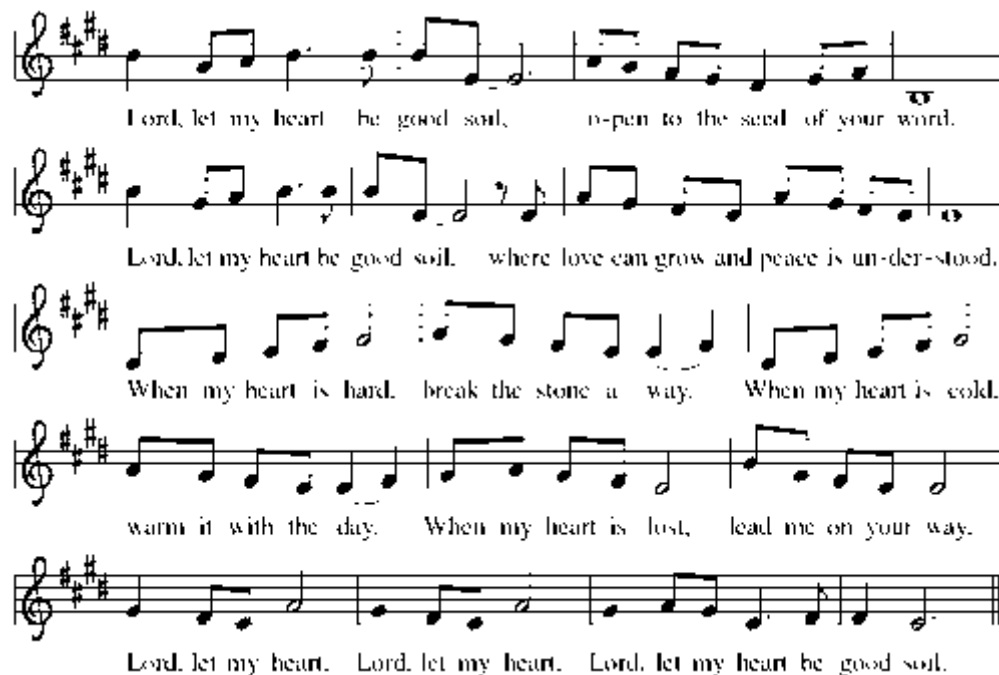
C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

poor?"<sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)<sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial."<sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### VERSE



Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart. Lord, let my heart. Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY, *My Song Is Love Unknown*, stanzas 1, 2 and 4**  
LBW #94 (please use green hymnal)

### SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these words: Peace be with you.*

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING / SR. CHOIR ANTHEM, *Lamb of God* . . . . . Paris/Larson**

Christ.<sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ<sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,<sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

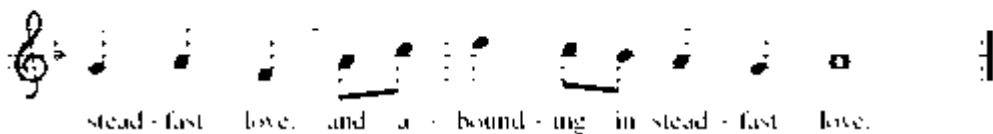
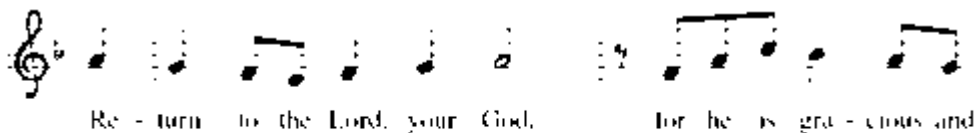
<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.<sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### HOLY GOSPEL, John 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the

### BAPTISM

P Jace Boone, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### LAYING ON OF HANDS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Jace Boone: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C **Amen**

### SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P Jace Boone, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

*The parents respond: Amen*

### GIVING OF THE LIGHT

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

### PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE AND WELCOME

R Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

*Choir and Congregation:*

I'm going on a journey, and I'm starting today.

My head is wet, and I'm on my way.

Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too;

It says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

*Please stand.*

**HYMN, *Be Thou My Vision* - WOV #776** (please use blue 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**

Leader

*Ói e nebeský. Svornitel' u sveta, Bo že, žni huj sa nad na mi.*  
 1 O God, Father in heav en, have mer cy up on us.  
 2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer cy up on us.  
 3 O God, Holy Spir it, have mer cy up on us.

All

*Vie - me to, Pa - ne Bo - že náš, že sa na*  
 Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry  
 Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of  
 O lux - ish Civ - er, come to aid the chil - dren

*náš hrieš - nyh bur - váš, sved - či o tou smrt'*  
 e - vil, ev - 'ty woe, up - on your cross - fur -  
 death and grasp of grave: your scars be - fore the  
 that your word has made. Now make us grow and

*ne - var - ná Troj - ba je - di - né - ho Sv - na.*  
 sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won,  
 Fa - ther move his heart to mer cy at such love,  
 help us pray: bring joy and con - fort, come to stay.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray...Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**C Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ANTHEM, Kum-ba-yah** ..... trad.

**CHILDREN'S CIRCLE**

**FIRST READING, Isaiah 43:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
 who makes a way in the sea,  
 a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse,  
 army and warrior;  
 they lie down, they cannot rise,  
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things,  
 or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
 I will make a way in the wilderness  
 and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me,  
 the jackals and the ostriches;  
 for I give water in the wilderness,  
 rivers in the desert,  
 to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
 so that they might declare my praise.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 126** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
 we were like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup>**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
 and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
 then it was said among the nations,  
 "The LORD has done great things for them."**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
 and we rejoiced.  
<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
 like the watercourses in the Negeb.**  
<sup>5</sup>May those who sow in tears  
 reap with shouts of joy.  
<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping,  
 bearing the seed for sowing,  
 shall come home with shouts of joy,  
 carrying their sheaves.**

**SECOND READING, Philippians 3:4b-14**

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.  
<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of