

**APRIL 28 through MAY 5**

- Sun 4/28 11:30 AM Men's Choir rehearsal  
11:45 AM Baptism  
5:30 PM Dinner (Confirmation)  
6:00 PM Confirmation class  
8:00 PM AA meeting
- Mon 4/29 5:00 PM Sanctuary in use  
5:30 PM Exercise class  
7:00 PM Exeter Community Chorus rehearsal  
8:00 PM AA meeting
- Tue 4/30 10:00 AM Bible Fellowship/Action Team
- Wed 5/1 5:30 PM Exercise class  
6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting
- Thu 5/2 6:00 PM Girl Scout troop #1909  
6:10 PM Cherub Choir rehearsal  
6:30 PM Junior Choir rehearsal  
7:30 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal
- Fri 5/3 6:30 PM Girl Scout troop #167
- Sat 5/4 8:00 AM Exercise class
- Sun 5/5 9:15 AM "White Caps of Pearl Harbor" - Winifred Woll  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion  
11:30 AM "Gathering"  
11:30 AM Women's Choir rehearsal  
3:00 PM Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall in use  
5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1779  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

**LOOKING AHEAD - Mark your calendar!!**

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

- May 12** Music Sunday  
**May 27** Memorial Day (Church Office closed)  
**June 9** Confirmation, 10:30 AM  
**June 16** 9:30 AM worship time starts

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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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 28, 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 . . . . .	Larry Houpp
Carillonneur . . . . .	Judy Ney
Acolyte . . . . .	Nathan Morgan
Nursery Attendant . . . . .	Sarah Gibson
Greeter . . . . .	Fay Weaver

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Matthew and Becky (Shearer) Thren in honor of their wedding held here yesterday, and 2) by Ken and Susan Bryant in memory of their nephew, Glenn Oliver.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Bill and Doris Jaeger in honor of the 1st birthday of their granddaughter, Hannah Bonnett, and 2) by Becky and Matthew Thren for Patrick and Quinn Robinson.

**NEEDED! Altar flower sponsors** (\$25) and **bulletin sponsors** (\$14) are needed for all of May. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

**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.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Delegates are needed to attend the 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.

## ATTENTION GRADUATES

We will be recognizing graduates on Sunday, June 9. If you will be graduating (high school, college, trade school), please call the church office with your name, where you are graduating from, and your future plans.

## THE WHITE CAPS OF PEARL HARBOR

**Next 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.

## 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.

## Family, friends and loved ones:

Julianne Arnold	Justin Baylor	Linda Ciraulo
Jeannie Crass	Linda Dean	Virginia Diehl
Jon Dillon	Bob Dries	Breanna Elison
Larry Galloway	Pearl Garman	Donald Gotshall
Emma Herb	Wilbur Herb	Elaine Lutz
Patsy Pierce	Joe Plank	Lucile Reynolds
Bob Rutherford	Brittany Schmehl	Elisabeth Scollick
Joan Sehl	Gail Sittler	Joseph Smith

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen 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 blessing of the living God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING SONG, *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen* — WOV #674 (please use blue hymnal)**

## **DISMISSAL**

**A** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE, *Thine Is the Glory* . . . . . Händel/Paxton**

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**OFFERING, He Shall Feed His Flock.** . . . . . Händel

**ANTHEM, The Heavens Proclaim** . . . . . Marcello/Hopson  
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 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.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A Trusting God’s promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church,  
the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition of the prayers:*

- A Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**

**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  |                |

**MEN’S CHOIR REHEARSAL** immediately after worship this morning.

**BIER, BRATS AND BIBLE** - The BB&B Men's Group is running a yard sale at Reformation Lutheran Church on June 8 from 7 am - 2 pm. It is a fundraiser for the BB&B Men's Group and the Native American Ministry. We are accepting kitchenware, decorative items, clothing, lawn and garden items, tools and electronics. (NO TELEVISIONS AND NO ITEMS WITH A GASOLINE/DIESEL MOTOR). Bring your items to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church on or before June 6 and leave them in the breezeway at the office entrance. Please be sure to mark the items that they are for the BB&B yard sale. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and provide the funds to continue our ministry.

**TIME FOR ANOTHER LADIES NIGHT!**

The food was great...the fellowship was even better!

We gave a challenge.....“Get the food distributed quickly so we can have another Ladies Night!”

The challenge has been met!

Please join us on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Bring along a favorite casserole, crock pot meal or any item of your choosing. We will share a meal and have time for fellowship and then fill the freezer with tasty food.

We had a great turn out last time and hope that even more of you will be able to join us this time.

It won’t be long before the construction moves over towards Fellowship Hall and the kitchen, which is why we are scheduling this event as soon as possible.

Hope to see YOU on May 7<sup>th</sup>.



Please call Doris Jaeger or Lori Bauer with any questions.

**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.

# WORSHIP SERVICE

## HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**, *Welcome Happy Morning* . . . . . Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

*Please stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, re new us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**HYMN**, *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* - LBW #144 (green hymnal)

## HOLY GOSPEL, John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**, *We Walk By Faith & Not by Sight* - WOV 675 (blue 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.*

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
**O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**  
<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
 We bless you from the house of the LORD.  
<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,  
**and he has given us light.**  
**Bind the festal procession with branches,**  
**up to the horns of the altar.**  
<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
 you are my God, I will extol you.  
<sup>29</sup>**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,**  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**SECOND READING, Revelation 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:  
 Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.  
 To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.  
<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
 every eye will see him,  
 even those who pierced him;  
 and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
 So it is to be. Amen.  
<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
 C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



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



**B** 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 God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 118:14-29 (read responsively)

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>**I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.