

## TWO ITEMS FROM OUR SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

### 1. SERVICE TRIP

The Social Ministry Committee is planning a volunteer day at the 10,000 Villages warehouse in Brownstown, PA (near Ephrata) on **MONDAY, JUNE 3, 9:00AM until NOON**. We will leave the church around 8:30. It's a BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch)! The people who went last year are eager to go again and would like more volunteers to join them. If you are interested, please contact Mary Phillips, 610-779-5875; maryphillips@ptd.net.

### 2. A MOTHER'S DAY WISH LIST from SAFE BERKS

This year we celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12. There are some women (mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, friends) who have experienced the trauma of domestic abuse or sexual assault. Safe Berks is our local organization that provides a safe haven and support to victims of such violence. They provide advocacy and education programs to increase awareness of oppression and promote the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault. They embrace the values of Safety, Respect, Empowerment, Education, and HOPE. Their services to women include a hotline, housing/shelter, counseling, legal services, education and community outreach.

During the Month of May the social ministry committee will be collecting personal care items to donate to the women of Safe Berks. The list of needed items follows:

**DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE, HAIR BRUSHES, ETHNIC HAIR CARE PRODUCTS, HAIR CONDITIONER, GEL, MOUSSE, SOAP FOR SENSITIVE SKIN, LIP GLOSS OR LIP BALM, COUGH DROPS, LADIES' AND GIRLS' UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS (ALL SIZES), WALMART GIFT CARDS, GAS CARDS (WAWA, SHEETZ, GIANT)**

There is a complete (and much longer!) list of items on their website: [www.safeberks.org](http://www.safeberks.org).

Bins for donations will be available in the parlor and the downstairs Sunday School hallway during the month of May. Thank you for your generosity!

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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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 12, 2019**



**MUSIC SUNDAY**



**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 ..... Judy McLain  
Usher Team Captain ..... Denton Quick  
Carillonneur ..... Sally Kennedy  
Acolytes ..... Samantha Kerber and Jay Houp  
Nursery Attendant ..... Heather Hafer  
Greeter ..... Iris Ringler

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Iris N. Ringler in loving memory of her mother, Olga F. Gehris, her godmother, L. Mae Davidson; and her grandmothers, Annie Beck and Katie, and 2) by Judith Merkel in memory of loved ones.

The **chancel flowers** are in honor of Pat Weiser, our Director of Music.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored Iris N. Ringler in honor of her granddaughter, Holly Sharon Behm's birthday. May God bless her "new year" and every path she follows.

**NEEDED! Altar flower sponsors** (\$25) are needed for May 26 and all of June. **Bulletin sponsors** (\$14) are needed for May 19 and 26 and all of June. 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 Scot Griesemer.

### ATTENTION GRADUATES

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

### NEW MEMBERS

New members will be received on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. If you would like to join our church family, please call the church office.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class will meet on Sunday, May 26 at 9:15 AM.

### 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. All gifts for our new worship book need to be returned to the church office no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>. This date will allow us to prepare book plates for inside the front cover of each hymnal, as well as to prepare the donor listing for the Dedication of our new worship resource, which will take place on Pentecost, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Together, we will lift every voice and sing the glories of our God.

# YARD SALE

**8 June 2019**

**7:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Sponsored by: St Mark's - Schwarzwald -  
Reformation Lutheran Churches**

**All proceeds directly support church ministries**



**3670 Perkiomen Avenue Reading, PA 19606**

**Church Social Hall**

**[Rain or Shine]**

**610-779-0534**

Bring your items to **Schwarzwald Lutheran Church** on or before June 6 and **leave them in the breezeway at the office entrance.** Please see the announcement in today's bulletin for additional information.

**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, To God the Glory** ..... Richolson

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**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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**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 our office entrance.** Please be sure to mark the items that they are for the BB&B yard sale. We will transport the items to Reformation. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and provide the funds to continue our ministry. (See flyer in today’s bulletin.)



**MAY 12 through MAY 19**

- Sun 5/12 **HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!**  
8:00 PM AA meeting
- Mon 5/13 5:00 PM Sanctuary in use  
5:30 PM Exercise class  
7:00 PM Exeter Community Chorus rehearsal  
8:00 PM AA meeting
- Tue 5/14 10:00 AM Bible Fellowship/Action Team  
6:30 PM Youth Meeting
- Wed 5/15 1:00 PM Exeter Senior Citizens  
5:30 PM Exercise class  
6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting
- Thu 5/16 6:00 PM Girl Scout troop #1909  
7:30 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal
- Fri 5/17 2:00 PM Exeter Area Food Pantry  
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #167
- Sat 5/18 8:00 AM Exercise class
- Sun 5/19 9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion  
11:30 AM “Gathering”  
5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1779  
5:30 PM Dinner (confirmation)  
6:00 PM Confirmation class  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

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

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

- May 27** Memorial Day (Church Office closed)
- June 9** Confirmation, 10:30 AM
- June 16** 9:30 AM worship time starts
- July 14-18** M.A.D. Camp

# WORSHIP SERVICE

## HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE MUSIC

*Daystar* ..... Richardson  
Mark Hoover and Russ Frey, vocal duet

*Gospel Medley* ..... Adams  
Mike and Peg Gumpert, instrumentalists

## 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, renew 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**

## Family, friends and loved ones:

Julianne Arnold	Justin Baylor	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	Bobbie Searle
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, *We Are \*Marching*** — WOV #650 (please use blue hymnal)

\* dancing, praying, singing

Please stand.

### OFFERTORY

Create 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 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:

Pat Arndt	Connie Brewer
June Collison	Delores Conrad
Emmy Faber	Janet Griesemer
Stephanie Kohler	Penny Kroznuski
Steve Marquard	Joann Rosales
Noelle Rutherford	Jeremy Schaeffer
Ron Slepceki	Geraldine Wagner

Zena Burkert
Diane Dinkelocker
Marcia Holbrook
Cynthia Lott
Katie Rosales
Bob Schmehl

### HYMN, *We Gather Here* (sung to the tune of *A Mighty Fortress*) . . . Luther/Weiser

1.  
 We gath-er here to wor-ship our God  
 And praise Him for His in-fin-ite Love,  
 He guards and guides as on we plod,  
 And leads us to our home a-hove.  
 He is our Strength and Shield,  
 To e-vil we won't yield,  
 We stand u-nit-ed, strong,  
 To fight a-gainst all wrong,  
 And we are His, for-ev-er sealed.

2.  
 We hon-or those who came be-fore,  
 They gave us an ex-am-ple true.  
 And as they did in days of yore  
 We en-ter here to praise a-new.  
 Their faith was strong in-deed,  
 And God was there to lead,  
 To guide them in their strife,  
 Sup-port them in their life,  
 And with His ho-ly man-na feed.

3.  
 O God of fu-ture, past and now,  
 We wor-ship and a-dore Thee,  
 Help us to show our chil-dren how  
 Your love has made, and keeps them free.  
 En-ab-le them to know  
 Your love, and let them grow,  
 That there will al-ways be  
 A church to hon-or Thee,  
 And in Your Name good seeds to sow.

4.  
 We join with all the saints gone by  
 And those who fol-low af-ter us too  
 Our God to wor-ship and glo-ri-fy  
 In all we think and say and do  
 Our Tri-une God we praise,  
 And loud our voices raise  
 To hon-or and a-dore  
 His throne we kneel be-fore  
 Now and for-ev-er, all our days.

**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.

**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**, *Sonata in B<sup>b</sup> Major, Opus 43, No 1 - 2nd Movement . . . . Romberg*  
Harrison Brumbaugh, cello solo

**ANTHEM**, *Behold the Lamb\** . . . . . Rambo/Larson  
Sr. Choir

Verse 1: Choir Only

\* Verse 2: Choir and Congregation

Crown Him with Many Crowns (music by George J. Elvey, words by Matthew Bridges)

Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His

throne; Hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them - - - - - drowns all

mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and

sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy

match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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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 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### HOLY GOSPEL, John 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

### SERMON

Please stand.

### HYMN OF THE DAY, *Now Thank We All Our God* - LBW 534 (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.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

A - glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - mighty 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 peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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.*

ANTHEM, *Love In A Box* ..... Morgenthaler  
Cherub Choir

**CHILDREN’S CIRCLE**

ANTHEM, *I’m So Glad I’m Here* .....Shafferman  
Junior Choir

**FIRST READING, Acts 9:36-43**

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff —  
they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.**

ANTHEM, *Let Some Drops Fall on Me* ..... Lister  
Men’s Choir  
Mike Vought, soloist

**SECOND READING, Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM, *Beautiful Savior* ..... Fettke  
Women’s Choir