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Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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

The Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett - Pastor
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Mrs. Melissa Kerber—Sexton

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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. 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 turn 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.

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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SERVING AT WORSHIP

Assisting Minister Greg Pomian
Usher Team Captain Denton Quick
Acolytes Tony D’Angelo and Vinnie D’Angelo
Greeters David and Susan Johns
Cantor Russ Frey
Communion Assistants. . . . Greg Pomian, Ginni Frey, Susan Johns, Peg Gumpert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank Clara Worrall for serving as our supply organist this morning.

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Robert and Cecelia Erisman in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Denton and Barbara Quick in honor of this blessed congregation.

The **communion wine** is sponsored by Barry and Ruth Hoover to the glory of God.

NEEDED! **Altar flower sponsors** (\$25) and **bulletin sponsors** (\$14) are needed for August 18 and 25. 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.

ACOLYTE FOR 8/11—Noelle Rutherford

OLD HYMNALS — There are old green hymnals (LBW) and old blue hymnals (WOV) in the Parlor. If you would like one or more, please help yourself and take them along after worship.

HELP WANTED - Someone willing to stay an extra 30 minutes after Communion Services during August and September to wash the communion vessels. If interested please contact Judi Merkel, judimerk@aol.com or 610-689-5332.

FLOWER BED ADOPTION

We still have a couple of flower beds at SLC in need of some TLC. Please consider adopting one and helping to beautify our property. Please contact Diane Hafer at the church office or Kevin Kennedy, property committee chair, to obtain a list of available spots and to adopt one.

WISDOM 31

Wisdom31 is discontinuing its ESL and citizenship classes. Thanks to all who have supported this ministry over the years with prayers, time, donations and Redner’s tapes.

After receiving the bread from the Pastor, 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.

If you wish to stay and reflect at the Altar, please move down the altar rail to allow others to receive Communion. Return to your seat by way of the side aisle.

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 O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN #685 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is sending you. **C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Praise to God the Father* Ritter

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS AT THE “GATHERING” IN THE NARTHEX.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mercy 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.

(Communion cards will only be used on Easter, Pentecost, Reformation, and Christmas.)

**If you know anyone who may be interested in our
Director of Music and/or Organist position,
please pass along the following information:**

Organist and/or Director of Music is needed at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, Exeter Township, PA. Two positions or may be combined into one position. Organist responsibilities include all church services (normally one Sunday morning service plus special services/holidays) and accompanying choir(s) one evening per week. Part-time position estimated to average 10 hours per week. Director of Music is responsible for 3+ choirs, hand bell choir, directing summer youth music and drama camp (one week), coordinating, overseeing, maintaining and growing musical aspects of the church. Part-time position estimated to average 15 hours per week. Salary(s) commensurate with experience; all candidates will be considered regardless of their education status, experience and current salary. 4 weeks vacation; annual raise. Send letters of interest and resumes to the church office, 250 Church Lane Road, Reading, PA 19606 or administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org.

Attention college students and young adults (HS grads-24)

Please enjoy some time in fellowship before the new semester begins! Get to know Pastor Steve as we enjoy dinner at Exeter Family Diner on Tuesday, August 6th at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Rochelle Chelius (text 610-823-1324 or email rochelle_bbbs@yahoo.com) or the church office so we know how many people to expect.

Attention Jr. High, High School, and college age youth:

Please join us for an end of summer pool party at the Antietam Pool on Saturday, August 24th from 12-8 (you may stay as long as you wish!). Please be sure to RSVP to Ro Chelius if you plan to attend because we need to have a head count (GroupMe app, text 610-823-1324, or email rochelle_bbbs@yahoo.com). Food will be provided but feel free to bring cash for the snack bar. The food pantry is also collecting canned food at the pool, so feel free to bring a canned item to donate.

AUGUST 4 through AUGUST 11

Sun 8/4 10:30 AM "Gathering"
8:00 PM AA meeting

Mon 8/5 5:00 PM Sanctuary in use
5:30 PM Exercise class
8:00 PM AA meeting

Wed 8/7 5:30 PM Exercise class
6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting

Thu 8/8 9:00 AM Breakfast Bunch at Effie's

Sat 8/10 8:00 AM Exercise class

Sun 8/11 9:30 AM Worship Service
8:00 PM AA Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 2—Labor Day \ Church Office closed

September 8—Rally Day \ Sunday School begins \ Church Picnic

October 20—Trunk or Treat

October 27—Reformation Sunday / First Communion

November 3—All Saints Sunday

November 28—Thanksgiving Day \ Church Office closed

November 29—Church Office closed

December 13—Toy Drive

December 15—Ringgold Band Concert

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 on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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 pow'r 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.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, saying Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING / SPECIAL MUSIC, *Alleluja*Mozart
Mike Gumpert, trumpet

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:3

Call to me and I will answer you,
and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of mercy,

C **we confess that we have sinned against you,
against one another,
and against the earth entrusted to our care.
We are worried and distracted by many things,
and we fail to love you above all else.
We store up treasures for ourselves
and turn away from our neighbors in need.
Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

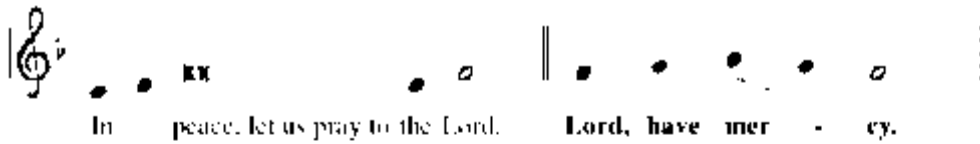
HYMN #825 *You Servants of God*

GREETING

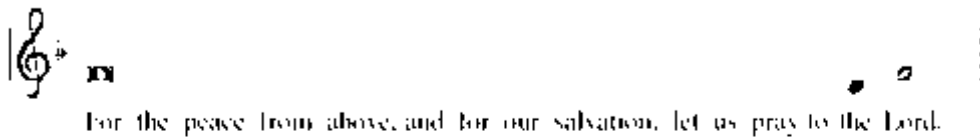
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

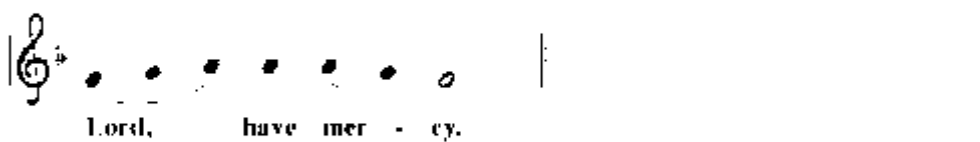
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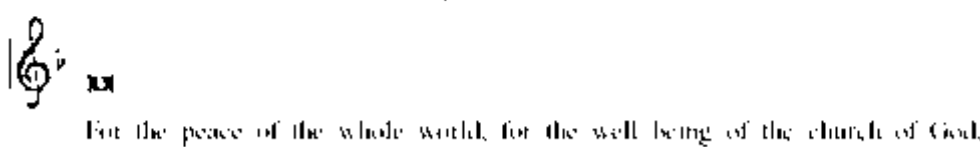
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



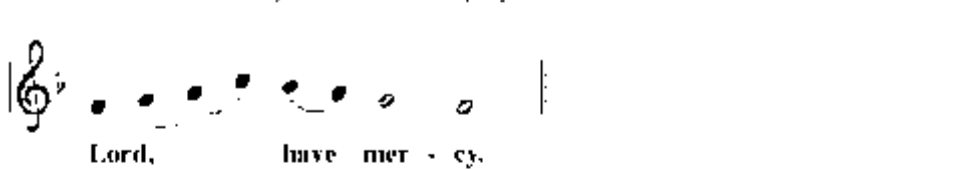
Lord, have mer - cy.



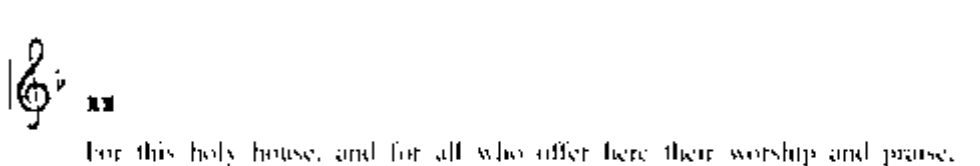
For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



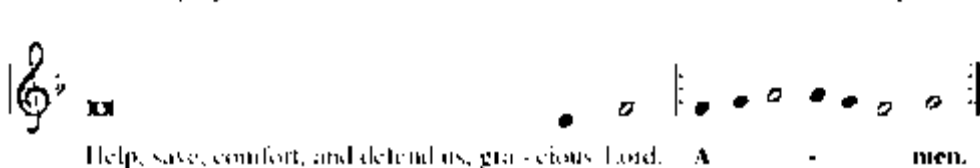
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church,
those in need, and all of your creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition of the prayers:

A ... let us pray. C **Have mercy, O God.**

Members:

Pat Arndt	Zena Burkert	June Collison
Delores Conrad	Diane Dinkelocker	Emmy Faber
Janet Griesemer	Marcia Holbrook	Priscilla Houp
Stephanie Kohler	Cynthia Lott	Steve Marquard
Devon Messner	Joann Rosales	Katie Rosales
Noelle Rutherford	Jeremy Schaeffer	Bob Schmehl
Pastor Don Simmons	Ron Slepceki	Geraldine Wagner
Chuck Weiser		

Family, friends and loved ones:

Julianne Arnold	Jeannie Crass	Linda Dean
Jon Dillon	Pearl Garman	Elaine Lutz
Kelley Miller	Joe Plank	Dakota Renney
Lucile Reynolds	Brittany Schmehl	Elisabeth Scollick
Bobbie Searle	Joan Sehl	Candy Shober
Joseph Smith		

The prayers conclude:

A All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ,
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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 Gospel according to Luke. C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY #879 For the Beauty of the Earth

HYMN OF PRAISE Refrain = Congregation, 1 and 3 = Women / Girls, 2 and 4 = Men / Boys

This is the feast of vic-to-ry 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-to-ry 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-to-ry 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.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE *Following the circle time, the children are dismissed to Fellowship Hall to attend summer Sunday School with Mrs. Gibson.*

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concern-

ing all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

A The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49:1-12 (read responsively)

¹Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

²**both low and high,
rich and poor together.**

³My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

⁵Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

⁶**those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

⁷Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,
there is no price one can give to God for it.

⁸**For the ransom of life is costly,
and can never suffice,**

⁹that one should live on forever
and never see the grave.

¹⁰**When we look at the wise, they die;
fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.**

¹¹Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.

¹²**Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.**

A The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.