



The Exeter Area Food Pantry (EAFP), distributes food monthly to local residents in need. Operating over the past eight years, we have witnessed a consistently growing need in our community. EAFP now serves an average of 200 families per month, so we **need further volunteer and donation support.**

The pantry day is typically open the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month located at Reformation Lutheran Church, 3670 Perkiomen Avenue. Volunteers are needed for set up from 8:15-11:30am and distribution/clean-up from 1:30-6:30pm (partial shifts are fine!) To sign up or get more information on donations, please contact [eafpvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:eafpvolunteers@gmail.com).

### **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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# Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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

The Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett - Pastor  
The people of Schwarzwald - Ministers  
Ms. Diane V. Hafer - Office Administrator  
Mrs. Crystal Jordan - Christian Ed. Director  
Mrs. Rochelle Chelius—Youth Minister Leader  
Mrs. Melissa Kerber—Sexton

**9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      AUGUST 11, 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**

Usher Team Captain . . . . . Walt Smithson  
Assisting Minister . . . . . Mark Hoover  
Acolyte . . . . . Noelle Rutherford  
Greeters . . . . . Russ and Joan Smith  
Cantor . . . . . Russ Frey  
Carillonneur . . . . . Sally Kennedy

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We thank Pat Weiser for serving as our supply organist this morning.**

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Susan and David Johns in memory and honor of Susan’s father, Albert M. Mercer, and 2) by Heather Hafer, Stephanie Hafer Shaak and Jill Hafer in honor of their mother, Diane Hafer’s birthday.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Michael and Helenann Billinger in honor of their daughter Kelly’s birthday, and 2) by Corinne, Charlie and Miles in honor of Harrison’s birthday.

**NEEDED!** **Altar flower sponsors** (\$25) and **bulletin sponsors** (\$14) are needed for August 18 and 25, and for all months through the end of the year. 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 Kevin Kennedy.

**ACOLYTES FOR 8/18**—Harry and Charlie Brumbaugh

**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 July, August and September to wash the communion vessels. If interested please contact Judi Merkel, judimerk@aol.com or 610-689-5332.

**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.

**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

The family and friends of the Dawson Family in their grief

*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**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG #705** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Rigaudon* . . . . . Campra

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**OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Adagio* from Mozart's *Clarinet Concerto*. . . . . Mozart  
Julie Kratz, clarinet

**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 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 Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.

**Members:**

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

**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.

**AUGUST 11 through AUGUST 18**

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|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun 8/11 | 8:00 PM AA meeting                                                                                                                                                       |
| Mon 8/12 | 5:00 PM Sanctuary in use<br>5:30 PM Exercise class<br>8:00 PM AA meeting                                                                                                 |
| Tue 8/13 | 6:30 PM Christian Education Committee meeting<br>6:30 PM Prayer Group<br>6:30 PM Youth meeting                                                                           |
| Wed 8/14 | 9:00 AM Sanctuary in use<br>5:30 PM Exercise class<br>6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting<br>6:30 PM Finance/Stewardship Committee meeting<br>7:00 PM Church Council meeting |
| Fri 8/16 | 2:00 PM Exeter Area Food Pantry (at Reformation)                                                                                                                         |
| Sat 8/17 | 8:00 AM Exercise class                                                                                                                                                   |
| Sun 8/18 | 9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion<br>10:30 AM "Gathering"<br>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
- November 3—All Saints Sunday
- November 28—Thanksgiving \ Church Office closed
- November 29—Church Office closed
- December 13—Toy Drive
- December 15—Ringgold Band Concert



## HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *Joshua 24:15*

... choose this day whom you will serve,  
... as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

### PRELUDE *Arioso* ..... Händel

## CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

*Please stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.**

### HYMN #327 *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*

## 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.**

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Please stand.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY #771 *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

## 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.**

## 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.*

**SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**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 12:32-40**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**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.

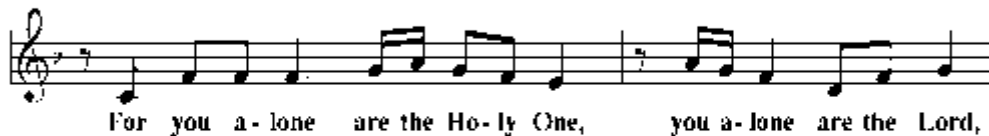
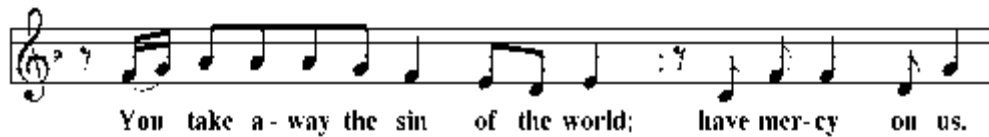
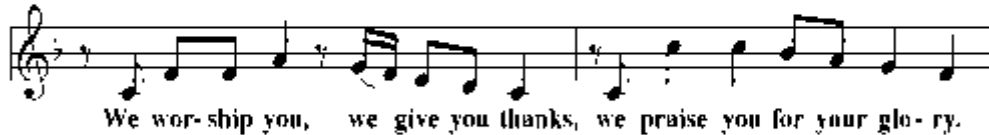
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



## 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 Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

### PSALM 33:12-22 (read responsively)

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>From where he sits enthroned he watches  
all the inhabitants of the earth —

<sup>15</sup>**he who fashions the hearts of them all,  
and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The war horse is a vain hope for victory,  
and by its great might it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their soul from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

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