



Mark your calendar!!



RALLY DAY

**2019-2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL
YEAR BEGINS**

CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:15 AM — SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ⇒ MEET YOUR TEACHER
- ⇒ SEE THE NEW CURRICULUM

10:30 AM — WORSHIP SERVICE

- ⇒ BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
- ⇒ INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS

12:00 NOON — CHURCH PICNIC (PAVILION)

- ⇒ POTLUCK LUNCH
(HOT DOGS AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED)
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE
- ⇒ GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES



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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019
TENTH 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.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Assisting Minister Denton Quick
Usher Team Captain Larry Houp
Acolytes Harry Brumbaugh and Charlie Brumbaugh
Greeters Kurt and Jan Krommes
Cantor Russ Frey
Carillonneur Judy Ney
Communion Assistants. Denton Quick, Terry Jenkins, Russ Frey, Ginni Frey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 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 Denton Quick.

ACOLYTE FOR 8/25—Jenna Russo

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

10,000 Can Challenge—a total of 5,600 cans were collected.

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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 #669 *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Festal March* Händel

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

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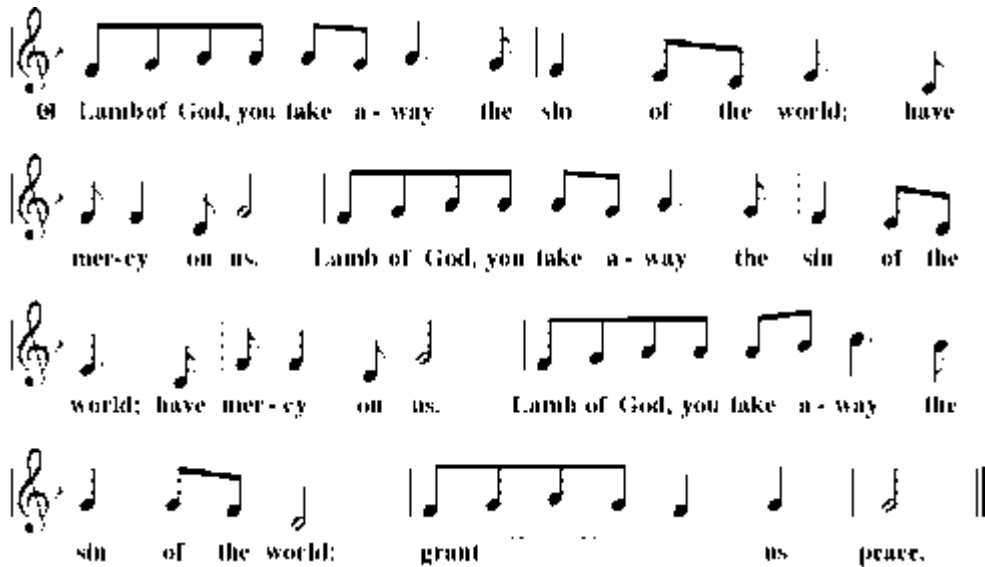
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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



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 3rd 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.

AUGUST 18 through AUGUST 25

Sun 8/18 10:30 AM "Gathering"
8:00 PM AA meeting

Mon 8/19 5:00 PM Sanctuary in use
5:30 PM Exercise class
8:00 PM AA meeting

Wed 8/21 5:30 PM Exercise class
6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting

Sat 8/24 8:00 AM Exercise class

Sun 8/25 9:30 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Fellowship Committee meeting
8:00 PM AA Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 2—Labor Day \ Church Office closed

September 8—Rally Day \ Sunday School begins \ Church Picnic
See last page of today's bulletin for more details

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

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.

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, *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow* Stanphill
Cynthia Mohr, soloist**

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 *How Glorious Is Thy Name* Mozart

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *Luke 1:46, 52*

And Mary said, "God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.

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 #713 *O God of Every Nation*

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.



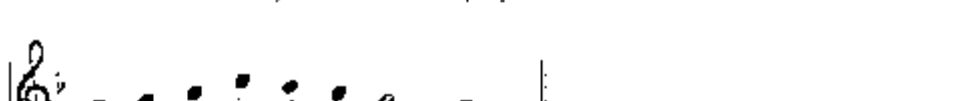
Lord, have mer - cy.




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.

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 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	Greg Pomian	Joann Rosales
Katie Rosales	Noelle Rutherford	Jeremy Schaeffer
Bob Schmehl	Pastor Don Simmons	Ron Slepceki
Geraldine Wagner	Chuck Weiser	

Blessings to Max Kennedy and Olivia Slogosky who were married yesterday at Grace Lutheran Church in State College, PA

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 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

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 12:49-56

[Jesus said:]⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY #723 *Canticle of the Turning*

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

Refrain
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.

Refrain
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.

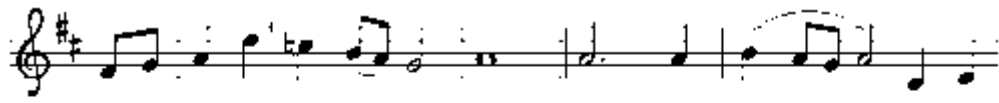
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all ere - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



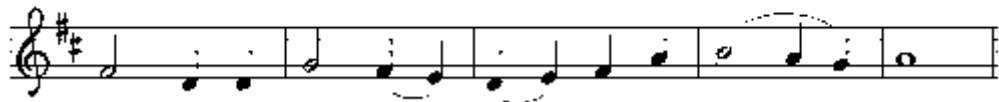
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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



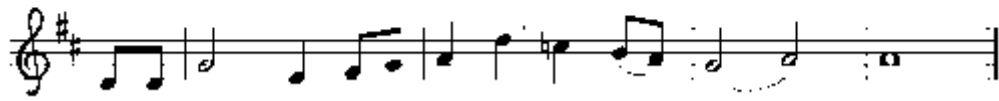
al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was



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



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. Jordan.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my

word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

PSALM 82 (read responsively)

- ¹God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
- ²**"How long will you judge unjustly**
- ³Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
- ⁴**Rescue the weak and the needy;**
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
- ⁵They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- ⁶**I say, "You are gods,**
children of the Most High, all of you;
- ⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince."
- ⁸**Rise up, O God, judge the earth;**
for all the nations belong to you!

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

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:29--12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

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