



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

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 25, 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..... Jim Kohler
Assisting Minister..... Kelly Carr
Acolyte..... Jenna Russo
Greeters..... Robert and Cecelia Erisman
Cantor..... Russ Frey
Carillonneur..... Judy Ney

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 Ed and Alice Specht in memory of loved ones, and 2) by Bill and Doris Jaeger in honor of the birthday of their grandson, Dylan Wright.

The **bulletins** are sponsored by Dori Russo to the glory of God and for his blessing for a safe and successful school year.

NEEDED! Altar flower sponsors (\$25) and **bulletin sponsors** (\$14) are needed 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 Diane Hafer.

ACOLYTES FOR 9/1—Ashley Houpp and Brody Oswald

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the school supplies and backpacks! Five large bins of binders, notebooks, crayons, paper, pencils, pens, erasers and many other supplies along with 28 backpacks were delivered to Reformation Lutheran Church for the Exeter Area Food Pantry’s August Give. A Thrivent Action Team grant was used to purchase some of the backpacks along with your generous donations. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

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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 Slepecki
Geraldine Wagner	Chuck Weiser	

Family, friends and loved ones:

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

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 #537 *On Our Way Rejoicing*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Praise*..... Martin

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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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *Touch Your People Once Again* Karlsson
Mary Phillips, vocal soloist

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

**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 25 through SEPTEMBER 1

- Sun 8/25 10:30 AM Fellowship Committee meeting
8:00 PM AA meeting
- Mon 8/26 5:00 PM Sanctuary in use
5:30 PM Exercise class
8:00 PM AA meeting
- Tue 8/27 6:30 PM Prayer Group
- Wed 8/28 5:30 PM Exercise class
6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting
- Sat 8/31 8:00 AM Exercise class
- Sun 9/1 9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Note: Mon 9/2 LABOR DAY—Church Office closed

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 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

WORSHIP SERVICE

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *Romans 12:2*

be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

PRELUDE *Inspiration* Liszt

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

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 #625 *Come, We That Love the Lord (We're Marching to Zion)*

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.**

P The Gospel according to Luke. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL **Luke 13:10-17**

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?" ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY #532 *Gather Us In*

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.**

- ³who forgives all your iniquity,
 who heals all your diseases,
⁴**who redeems your life from the Pit,**
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶**The LORD works vindication**
and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
 his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸**The LORD is merciful and gracious,**
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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.

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.

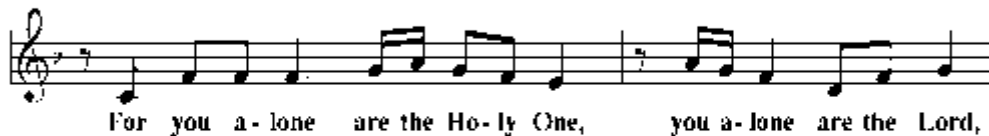
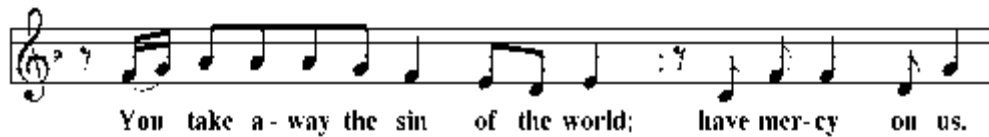
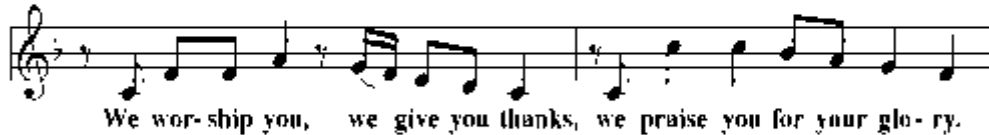
Lord, have mer - cy.

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. Jordan.

FIRST READING Isaiah 58:5-10, 13-14

⁵ Is this the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness

and your gloom be like the noonday.....

¹³ If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,

from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the sabbath a delight

and the holy day of the LORD honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,

servicing your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,

and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-8 (read responsively)

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me,

bless his holy name.

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits —