



RALLY DAY

2019-2020
SUNDAY SCHOOL
YEAR BEGINS



CHURCH PICNIC

NEXT 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, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
12TH 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 Susan Johns
Usher Team Captain Kevin Kennedy
Acolytes Ashley Houp and Brody Oswald
Greeters Denton and Barbara Quick
Cantor Cindy Mohr
Carillonneur Judy Ney
Communion Assistants Susan Johns, Russ Frey, Terry Jenkins, Ginni Frey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Harold Redline 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 honor of and in memory of Susan’s brothers, Peter Mercer and Albert M. Mercer, Jr., and 2) by Judith Merkel in remembrance of her mother on her birthday.

The **communion wine** is sponsored by Iris Ringler in loving memory of her husband, Thomas, and her parents, Lloyd and Olga Gehris.

NEEDED! **Altar flower sponsors** (\$25) are needed for September 8, 15, 22 and 29. **Bulletin sponsors** (\$14) are needed for September 8, 15 and 29. 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 Sue Bryant.

ACOLYTE FOR 9/8—Samantha and Joshua Kerber

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.

Schwarzwald Lutheran Church
250 Church Lane Road
Reading, PA 19606
Church Office Phone 610-779-3480
Church Office Fax 610-779-2777
Website www.schwarzwaldlutheran.org
Pastor’s e-mail pastor@schwarzwaldlutheran.org
Church Office e-mail administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org
Emergency 610-914-8257

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 God of blessing,
at this table we have seen you face to face,
and in the gift of Christ’s body and blood,
our hearts have been refreshed.
Send us now to shine with your goodness
and bear witness to the one we have received:
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN ELW # 547 *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us. C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Lasst Uns Erfreuen* arr. Swann

Copyrighted © 2017 Augsburg Fortress.
Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress under License #SB094228.

Reprinted under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies License #SAS025873.

Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-725571.
All rights reserved.

Reprinted under CCLI License #11495603.
All rights reserved.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989,
Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the
Churches of Christ in the United States of America.
Used by permission.
All rights reserved.

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.)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School study class will be starting a new series entitled *40 Minute Bible Studies*. It begins with *Ignite Your Passion for God*. There will be no homework but lots of fellowship, studying, and scripture together. The books are available in the church office. Hope to see you beginning at 9:15 AM on September 8.

YOUTH GROUP

The September Youth Group Meeting will need to be pushed to the third Tuesday, September 17th, 6:30 PM.

**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.

**10:30 WORSHIP TIME
RESUMES
NEXT SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8**



SAVE THE DATE

First Communion Class *October 13 & 20

First Communion Class will be held on October 13 & 20 during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:15 AM in preparation for first Communion on Reformation Sunday, October 27.

This class is open to those students who are in 5th grade/10 years of age and up. Pastor Steve and his fellow teachers look forward to being with your child for this important time!



Sunday, September 29, 2019

at

11:30 AM in the Sanctuary

(For approximately 30 minutes)

Training for new acolytes nine (9) years and older and ALL CURRENT ACOLYTES. Why? There are some instructions that need to be reviewed.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR TRAINING.
When you think about how good God is to you,
you want to share your joy with others
by serving him.

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 *Meditation from Thais* Massenet

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...God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

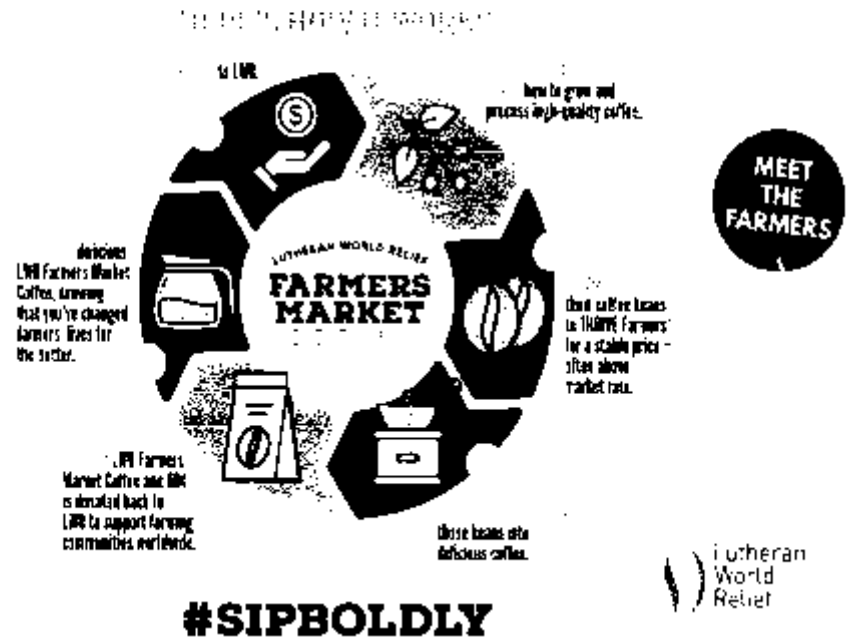
C Amen.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
FARMERS MARKET COFFEE

From Farmers To You

LWR FARMERS MARKET COFFEE is a new line of coffee sourced directly from farmers participating in Lutheran World Relief projects.

Every delicious cup helps transform poor communities that depend on their coffee crop to feed their families. Farmers get a strong up-front price for their coffee beans and a portion of the profit. With LWR Farmers Market Coffee, farmers aren't just suppliers of coffee beans, they are partners in the coffee business.



PLEASE SEE THE ORDER FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

The Social Ministry Committee will be taking orders for Lutheran World Relief's Farmers Market coffee through September. Medium roast regular or decaf ground coffees are available. Price per 12 ounce bag is \$7.00. Please put your order in by Sunday, September 29.

Pay when you pick up your order!

----- cut -----

NAME: _____

REGULAR (HOW MANY?) _____ **X \$7.00 = TOTAL:** _____

DECAF (HOW MANY?) _____ **X \$7.00 = TOTAL:** _____

TOTAL DUE: _____



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 Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's 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 Slepecki
Geraldine Wagner	Chuck Weiser	

Family, friends and loved ones:

Julianne Arnold	Jonathan Bortz	Jeannie Crass
Linda Dean	Jon Dillon	Pearl Garman
Barry Hecker	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 Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 14:1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY #715 *Christ, Be Our Light*

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

In the past year or so, we have seen the incredible power and destructive forces of Mother Nature. In light of this, the Social Ministry Committee is asking for donations on Sunday, September 8 to ELCA Disaster Response. The information below gives an overview of how the ELCA works to aid those in need. You can also visit www.elca.com to find more specific information and updates on progress in affected areas such as the California Wildfires. If using a check to donate, please make payable to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, and mark it clearly for Disaster Response. The special offering envelopes found in the pew racks can be used. Thank you for your continued generosity.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to those whose lives have been disrupted by disasters, in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Internationally and throughout the United States, Lutheran Disaster Response makes sure that each community receives the physical, mental and emotional care needed to recover from a disaster.

In the United States, Lutheran Disaster Response works through 39 local affiliates across the country to respond to a disaster from a local level. This is a crucial element of our work because each affiliate has the partnerships, the connections, and

the history with the community to help determine what is needed for the recovery work – these organizations provide help to affected homeowners and communities by helping them muck out, clean-up and rebuild.

Internationally, we work through the long-standing relationships of the ELCA with global companions and partners. These relationships allow Lutheran Disaster Response to take into account not only the immediate needs of the moment but the long-term goals of the communities in which we engage.

Through your generous gifts we have the staying power to be there as long as needed. Thanks to you, Lutheran Disaster Response is in it for the long haul.



Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Find more information at
www.ELCA.org/disaster

SEPTEMBER 1 through SEPTEMBER 8

Sun 9/1 8:00 PM AA meeting
Mon 9/2 LABOR DAY—Church Office closed
8:00 AM Exercise class
8:00 PM AA meeting
Tue 9/3 7:00 PM Social Ministry Committee meeting
Wed 9/4 5:30 PM Exercise class
6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting
Sat 9/7 8:00 AM Exercise class
Sun 9/8 9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 Noon Church Picnic
8:00 PM AA Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 8—Rally Day \ Sunday School begins \ Church Picnic
See last page of today's bulletin for more details
October 13 and 20—First Communion class
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.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

No children's Sunday School in Fellowship Hall this morning.

FIRST READING Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

PSALM 112 (read responsively)

¹Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶**For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

⁸**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

¹⁰**The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

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

SECOND READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a

WORSHIP SERVICE

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *Hebrews 13:2*

²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that
some have entertained angels without knowing it.

PRELUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desire*..... Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the strength of our ancestors,
the host of this meal,
the builder of the city that is to come.

C **Amen.**

P If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our helper,

C **we confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples.
We have not finished what we began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #314 *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

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.**

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 (in unison) *attributed to St. Francis of Assisi*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace:
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Please be seated.

KYRIE

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

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

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

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,