



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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

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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



<u>WELCOME!</u> 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	
Usher Team Captain	Walt Smithson
Acolyte	
Greeter	Lisa Lutz
Cantor	Mary Phillips
Carillonneur	
Communion Assistants Peg Gumpert, Denton Quick,	Terry Jenkins, Ginni Frey
Nursery Attendant	Sarah Gibson

We welcome Harold Redline as our supply organist this morning.

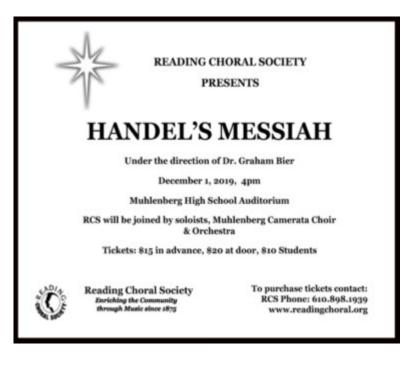
The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Heather Hafer and Evelyn Claus in memory of loved ones in heaven.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by the Seidel Family in memory of Ronald Seidel.

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

ACOLYTE FOR 11/10—Jenna Russo

CASH FOR CAUSES—The Giant gift cards will be available for purchase in the Narthex after worship today. Please see Scot Griesemer.



NOVEMBER 3 through NOVEMBER 10

Sun	11/3	5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1779 8:00 PM AA meeting
Mon	11/4	5:00 PM Sanctuary in use5:30 PM Exercise class7:00 PM Exeter Community Chorus rehearsal8:00 PM AA meeting
Tue	11/5	ELECTION DAY (Fellowship Hall in use all day) 10:00 AM Bible Fellowship / Action Team (Choir Room) 6:30 PM Prayer Group
Wed	11/6	5:30 PM Exercise class 6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting
Thu	11/7	6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1909 7:00 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal
Sat	11/9	8:00 AM Exercise class 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall in use
Sun	11/10	9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Thrivent Coffee Hour 8:00 PM AA Meeting

UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 23—Sunday Sinfonia Concert, 7:00 PM, here at SLC November 28—Thanksgiving Day \ Church Office closed November 29—Church Office closed December 19—First Sunday in Advent December 13—Toy Drive December 15—Sunday School performance, 10:30 AM December 15—Ringgold Band Concert, 3:00 PM December 22 and 29—No Sunday School December 24—Christmas Eve services at 4:00p and 7:00p December 25 and 26—Church Office closed December 29—Service of Lessons and Carols

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Stewardship 2019

WORSHIP SERVICE

With Glad and Generous Hearts

As the end of the year draws near, your Council must begin to plan for the year to come. Planning is a matter of thinking about what is required to achieve a goal. Our overall objective at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, as is true of every church and every Christian, is to love God and neighbor. But thinking about what we will do in pursuit of that goal, and how we will provide for it, depends on you, not only what you contribute, but that you are prepared to contribute it. For example, thanks to the Tuesday Group, we know that several people will give an hour a week to the church's needs. We don't pile up envelopes to stuff hoping someone will stop by; we know that by Tuesday afternoon that mission will be accomplished.

This year we will be returning to some familiar tools so that we can better plan for what God might be calling us to do. A Time-and-Talent sheet will be distributed, so you can tell us the skills and abilities that you are able to share. Pledge cards allow us to create a budget based on what we can anticipate. Please remember that pledge cards are a commitment to what you intend to give, not a contract of what you have to give. We understand that life's circumstances change, and your intention can't always be met. But, just as your family budget is easier when you have a pretty good idea of the funds coming in and going out, so it is for the church.

We'll be kicking things off with a series of Temple Talks in November and December, highlighting the talents and mission this church can already celebrate. Then, on December 15, you will be asked to turn in your Time and Talent sheet and Pledge card, to help us in contributing to God's Kingdom in the future.



HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE Luke 20:38

Jesus said, "Now God is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to God all of them are alive."

PRELUDE Shall We Gather At the River Mo	ore
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CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.
- C Amen.
- P Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Merciful God,
- C we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us. Amen.

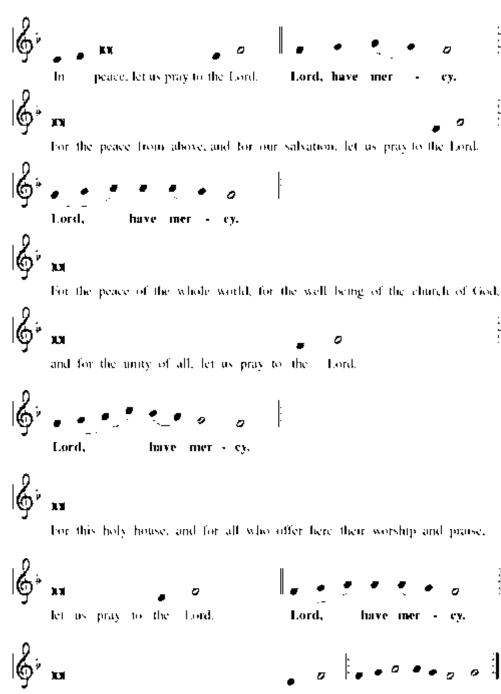
WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN #422 For All the Saints

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



Help, save, confort, and defend us, gra-cious flord. A - nien.

The "E" Word

Why does sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ strike fear into the hearts of so many Christians? Join Pastor Steve and the Adult Sunday School Class to learn what evangelism really means, how easy it can really be, and how sharing your faith with others can strengthen YOUR faith. The class began this morning and will continue on November 10, 17, 24, and January 12, 19, and 26 You can come to one class – or come to all!

God loves the little children, all the little children.

Sarah Gibson is looking for nursery helpers to provide nursery coverage every Sunday. Your kids are important to us. Let us take care of them together. If you benefit from nursery during worship, remember those days with little ones, or just want to give others the chance to worship, please consider joining our team. We are hoping you would only be scheduled to help out every few months. Don't forget: It takes a VILLAGE.

ERIC'S ANGELS

Beth Robbins, Education Director at Reformation Lutheran, has asked our congregation to join in supporting Eric's Angels. This organization was started to honor the memory of Beth's brother, Eric, who served in Afghanistan. Eric returned from his tour of duty suffering from PTSD. Unfortunately, Eric did not receive the support he needed to deal with his problems and consequently died due to suicide in 2009. Beth and her mother developed this program to help others who may be suffering. Eric's Angels families are fully vetted and chosen through Military Family Services at the National Guard base located on River Road, which serves wounded/disabled veterans.

Eric's Angels provides Christmas meals and presents to the families selected. This year more than 50 families are in need. To help, there will be an angel tree set up in our church. We ask that you take an angel wing from the tree, fulfill the request and return the item(s) to the church. Items should NOT be wrapped. Each angel wing represents one person, either an adult or a child. An adults' wish list may request 1-3 items, a child's may request 3-5 items. If you cannot fulfill all the wishes on an angel, feel free to team up with others.

We hope you will help provide a happy, blessed Christmas to those who sacrificed for our country.



Fourth Annual Toy Drive for the Children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry

Plans are well under way for our 4th Annual Toy Drive!

We have been blessed with tremendous support from our neighboring churches, businesses and civic groups. Collection boxes were wrapped by the Tuesday Morning Group and have been distributed throughout the community.

It is truly a joy to see an entire community come together to help our children!

Now it is time to fill the collection boxes.

Please consider a contribution of a toy, puzzle, game, doll, truck, book or any toy that your own child/grandchild would be excited to see on Christmas morning. The age range for gifts is infant to 18 years. We are also collecting hats, gloves, scarves and warm socks. If you cannot shop but would like to participate, you may place a check or cash in an envelope marked "Toy Drive".

Important dates:

Last day to donate toys is Sunday, December 8th.

Set up for the Toy Give is Thursday, December 12th beginning at 10:00 AM at Reformation Lutheran Church

Toy Give – December 13th – 11 AM to 5 PM at Reformation Lutheran Church

A special thank you to our Toy Drive partners: Reformation Lutheran, Schwarzwald UCC, Community UCC, Bethany Lutheran, Faith Lutheran, Pennside Presbyterian, North Star UMC, St. Catharine of Siena, Rotary Club, Lions Club, St. Lawrence Women's Club, Exeter Women's Club, Team Mimi, Exeter Area Food Pantry, Girls Scout Troop 1145, Girl Scout Troop 1126, Thrivent Financial, Diamond Federal Bank, Vist Bank, Effie's Charcoal Chef, Breakfast Hut, Musso's, Martin Appliance and Boscov's. **HYMN OF PRAISE** Refrain = Congregation, 1 and 3 = Women / Girls, 2 and 4 = Men / Boys





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

FIRST READING Isaiah 1:10-18

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. ¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; ¹³bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation — I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>NEEDED!</u> Altar flower sponsors (\$25) and bulletin sponsors (\$14) are needed for the remainder of November and for all of December. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

<u>NEW COPIER</u> - The church is in need of a new copier. The old one has over 1,000,000 copies on it and parts are no longer available. Please consider using your "Capital Fund" envelope to make a donation towards the purchase of a new copier. Please mark "copier" on the envelope and place it in the offering plate. THANK YOU!

BREAKFAST BUNCH

Our monthly gathering for Schwarzwald's Breakfast Bunch will be held on Thursday, November 14th, at 9:00 AM at Effie's on Perkiomen Avenue. The sign-up sheet for the annual Christmas Luncheon will be available. Our Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 19th, at noon at Yellow House. See you at all our events.

THRIVENT COFFEE HOUR – Sunday, November 10th. Stop by the Fellowship Hall after Worship Service and meet Thrivent Financial representatives, John Lauer and Mark Dobroskey, who can answer any questions you may have about Thrivent, including Thrivent Action Teams and Choice Dollars. Light breakfast will be served.

All senior citizens are invited to a free dress-rehearsal presentation of the Exeter Township Junior High School Musical, Disney's "Frozen Jr." on Thursday, November 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the Exeter Township Junior High School 151 East 39th Street



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.

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 We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN #428 Give Thanks for Saints

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ. C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *High in the Heavens, Eternal God* Ritter

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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. remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. ¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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

PSALM 32:1-7 (read responsively) ¹Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

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

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

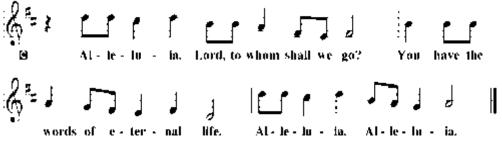
¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right

hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL Luke 19:1-10

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

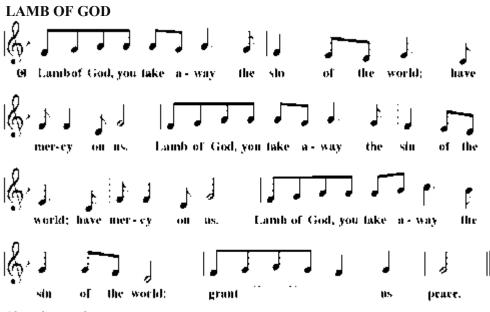
HYMN OF THE DAY #732 Borning Cry (verses 1 and 2)

Please be seated.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (Continuous Communion)

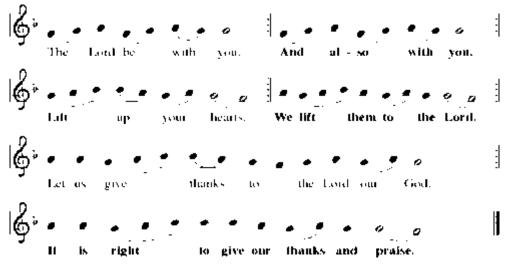
We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please come forward by way of the center aisle and take a cup from the tray. Approach the Pastor to receive the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available from the 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.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

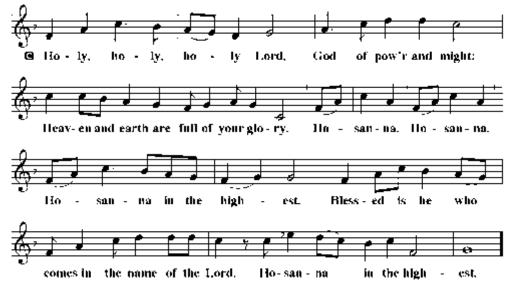
- A Let us pray...God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS' DAY

- P Brothers and sisters in Christ, through the sacrament of Baptism we share in the death and resurrection of Christ, and are incorporated into Christ's holy church.
- C Baptism proclaims the faith of the church.
- P In Baptism we are given the Holy Spirit, who brings forth newness of life in all its fullness.
- C The same Spirit who binds us to each other and joins us to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.
- P We now name before you, O Lord, those who have been joined with us through Baptism since last All Saints' Sunday. In naming them we re-commit ourselves to your son's Great Commission: that we will teach them to obey everything that Jesus commanded us, even as he reminded us that he is with us always, to the end of the age. In thanksgiving we remember:

Whitney Jeanne FayewiczColton Matthew GrossScarlett Elsa KistlerJace Boone RimbyPenelope Ellie Zerwick

- P There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
- C one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6)
- P Surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, we remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us to their eternal rest.
- C In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before you, O Lord, all our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certain of Your promises. Amen.
- P We now name before you, O Lord, those who have gone before us since last All Saints' Sunday. We remember their lifelong faithfulness and rejoice that they now celebrate the feast that has no end. In thanksgiving we remember:

John Arndt	Connie Brewer	Mary Harper
Steve Marquard	Eileen Renninger	Dave Schaeffer
Pearl Shuker	Ron Shuker	

- P After this I looked.
- C There was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (*Rev.* 7:9-10)
- P We thank you, loving God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in the resurrection. You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, saints and martyrs, a community of faith that strengthens us by their witness, and support us by their fellowship, that we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, continually made into a new creation in this life and in the life to come.

C Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY #732 Borning Cry (verses 3 - 4)

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 United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition of the prayers: A Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

Members:

Pat Arndt	Zena Burkert	June Collison
Delores Conrad	Diane Dinkelocker	Emmy Faber
Janet Griesemer	Megan Himmelreich	Marcia Holbrook
Priscilla Houp	Andrew Kent	Stephanie Kohler
Cynthia Lott	Devon Messner	Glenn Miller
Greg Pomian	Joann Rosales	Katie Rosales
Noelle Rutherford	Jeremy Schaeffer	Shirley Schaeffer
Bob Schmehl	Marian Simmons	Ron Slepecki
Becky Thren	Geraldine Wagner	Larry Yoder
y, friends and loved ones:		
Julianne Arnold	Jonathan Bortz	Jeannie Crass

Family

Julianne Arnold	Jonathan Bortz
Caden Davis	Linda Dean
Larry Galloway	Pearl Garman
Wil Herb	Elaine Lutz
Joe Plank	Lucile Reynolds

Jeannie Crass Jon Dillon Barry Hecker Connie Marx Rosemary Roe

Brittany Schmehl	Bobbie
Joseph Smith	Pastor I
Bertha White	David V

Searle Paul Spohn White

Joan Sehl Gary Tice Barbara Wolfe

The pravers conclude:

- A Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.
- C Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

- The peace of our Lord be with you always. Ρ
- And also with you. С

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

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING / SR. CHOIR ANTHEM *Was I Faithful?* Hamlin/McDonald

Please stand.

OFFERTORY

