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Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett - Pastor
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 Ms. Diane V. Hafer - Office Administrator
 Mr. Benjamin D'Annibale—Organist / Director of Music
 Mrs. Crystal Jordan - Christian Ed. Director
 Mrs. Rochelle Chelius—Youth Minister Leader
 Mrs. Melissa Kerber—Sexton

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY **NOVEMBER 24, 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 and front entrance. 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. Kevin Kennedy
Assisting Minister. Jeremy Schaeffer
Acolytes Harry Brumbaugh and Charlie Brumbaugh
Greeters The D'Angelo Family—John, Christy, Tony, Vinnie
Cantor Mary Phillips
Carillonneur Sally Kennedy
Nursery Attendant Heather Hafer

Please welcome Benjamin D'Annibale as our new Organist/Director of Music! Also, please thank the members of the Organist Search Committee: Heather Hafer, Melissa Crotty, Mike Gumpert, Peg Gumpert, Kevin Kennedy, Crystal Jordan, Janice Smithson, Mike Vought, Pastor Steve and, prior to Pastor Steve, Pastor Simmons.

Baptized today is Charles Edward Sipe, son of Daniel and Alexandra (Bybel) Sipe and great-grandson of Clyde Feick. Charles was born on July 18, 2019 at Penn State Hershey Medical Center, and his sponsors are Victoria and Nicholas Bybel.

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Jeff and Karla Schmehl in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Judy McLain in thanksgiving for family and for family birthdays.

ACOLYTES FOR 12/1—Brody Oswald and Cody Morgan

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

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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NOVEMBER 24 through DECEMBER 1

Sun	11/24	8:00 PM	AA meeting
Mon	11/25	5:00 PM	Sanctuary in use
		5:30 PM	Exercise class
		7:00 PM	Exeter Community Chorus rehearsal
		8:00 PM	AA meeting
Tue	11/26	10:00 AM	Bible Fellowship / Action Team
		6:30 PM	Fellowship Hall in use
Wed	11/27	5:30 PM	Exercise class
		6:00 PM	Weight Watchers meeting
Thu	11/28		THANKSGIVING DAY Church Office closed
Fri	11/29		Church Office closed
Sat	11/30	8:00 AM	Exercise class
Sun	12/1	9:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion
		5:30 PM	Girl Scout Troop #1779
		8:00 PM	AA Meeting

UPCOMING DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

December 13—Toy Drive
December 15—Sunday School performance, 10:30 AM
December 15—Ringgold Band Concert, 3:00 PM
December 22—No Sunday School
December 24—Christmas Eve services at 4:00p and 7:00p
December 25 and 26—Church Office closed
December 29—No Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship Service of Lessons and Carols

Stewardship 2019

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.

The logo features the word "Stewardship" in a large, bold, black serif font. A thick, black, hand-drawn style cross is superimposed over the letter 'S'. Below "Stewardship" is the year "2019" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

WORSHIP SERVICE

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *Colossians 1:13*

God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

PRELUDE

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

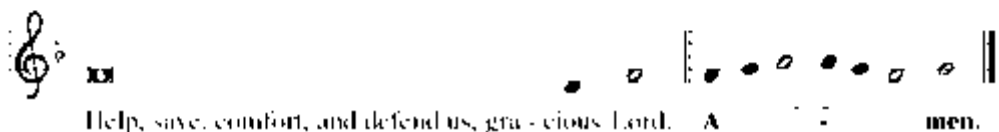
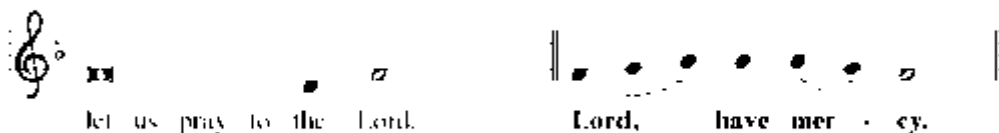
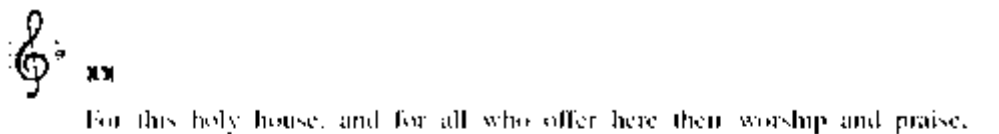
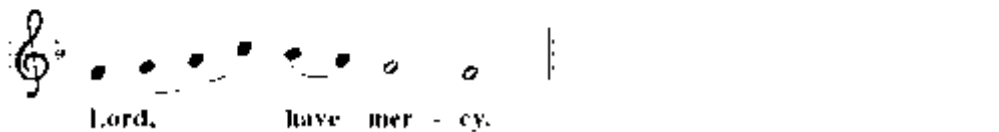
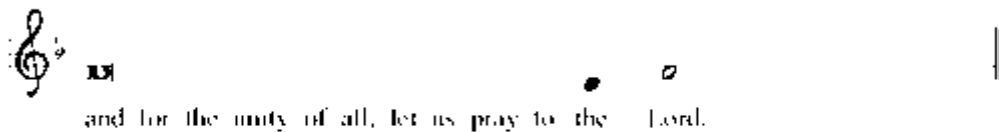
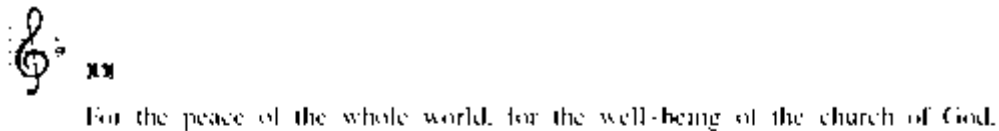
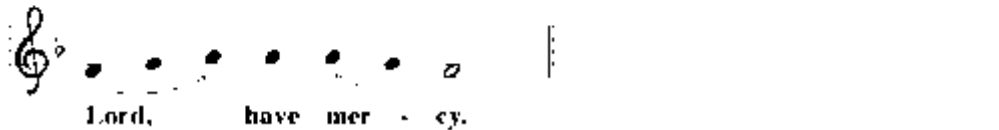
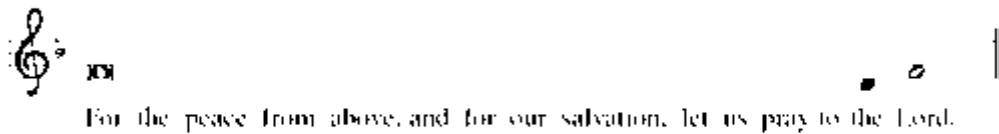
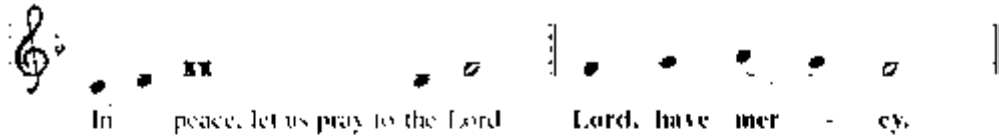
GATHERING HYMN *Crown Him With Many Crowns* #855

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



You do not need to sign up to volunteer, but it would be helpful to have an idea who is planning to attend. Please email bdj43077@msn.com or text 610-780-9825.

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, Boscov's, Giant, Hafer Equipment, Spine and Wellness Center, Girl Scout Troop #1779, Fairlane Gardens and Jake's of Mt. Penn.

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

Volunteer opportunities for the Toy Give:

Thursday, December 12, 2019 beginning at 10:00 AM until completion at Reformation Lutheran Church

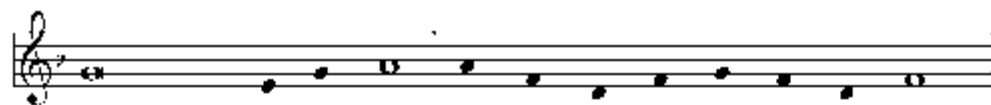
Friday, December 13, 2019 beginning at 10:30 AM until 6:00 PM

These times include final set-up and tear-down.

Come as you can....stay as long as you wish.

Don't forget your smiles. Its going to be an amazing day! (cont'd.)

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



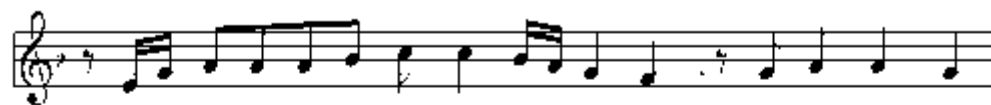
We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

PSALM 46 (read responsively)

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**
³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
⁶**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
⁸**Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**
⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰**"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."**
¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* #634

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEEDED! Altar flower sponsors (\$25) are needed for December 1, 15 and 22. Bulletin sponsors (\$14) are needed for December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.



NEW COPIER - 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!

NEW WI-FI PASSWORD:

Network name: SLC WIFI Guest
Network password: SLC1737!

COMMUNION WINE SPONSORS NEEDED - We are accepting names of volunteers interested in sponsoring the wine for our communion services for 2020. The cost is \$15 per month. If you are interested, please call Marcia Holbrook at (484)869-5585 to reserve the month you would like to sponsor.

NEED A GIFT FOR SOMEONE? We have SLC Christmas tree ornaments and also "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets available. Each are \$5.00. Please see Diane Hafer in the Narthex for purchase.

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
Larry Houp	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

Family, friends and loved ones:

Julianne Arnold	Jonathan Bortz	Jeannie Crass
Caden Davis	Linda Dean	Jon Dillon
Larry Galloway	Pearl Garman	Barry Hecker
Wil Herb	Elaine Lutz	Connie Marx
Joe Plank	Lucile Reynolds	Rosemary Roe
Brittany Schmehl	Bobbie Searle	Joan Sehl
Joseph Smith	Gary Tice	Bertha White
David White	Barbara Wolfe	

The prayers 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**

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**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of

condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY *All Are Welcome* #641

Please be seated.

HOLY BAPTISM OF CHARLES EDWARD SIPE

PRESENTATION

PROMISES

RENUNCIATION AND PROFESSION

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

THANKSGIVING

BAPTISM

WELCOME

P Let us welcome our newly baptized brother in Christ.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's living and active word to all the world.**

Choir and Congregation:

I'm going on a journey, and I'm starting today.

My head is wet, and I'm on my way.

Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too;

It says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

Please stand.

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

Please stand.

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.