

# RINGGOLD BAND

# CONCERT

# AT SCHWARZWALD LUTHERAN CHURCH

250 Church Lane Road, Exeter Township

**SUNDAY, DEC. 15, 3PM**

**CALL 610-779-3480 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

A FREE WELCOME OFFERING  
WILL BE TAKEN



## 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  
Mr. Benjamin D'Annibale - Director of Music  
Ms. Diane V. Hafer - Office Administrator  
Mrs. Crystal Jordan - Christian Ed. Director  
Mrs. Rochelle Chelius - Youth Minister Leader  
Mrs. Melissa Kerber - Sexton

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 8, 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. . . . . Denton Quick  
Assisting Minister. . . . . Judy McLain  
Acolyte . . . . . Noelle Rutherford  
Greeters . . . . . Denton and Barbara Quick  
Cantor . . . . . Russ Frey  
Carillonneur . . . . . Judy Ney  
Nursery Attendant . . . . . Dave Scalese

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Susan and David Johns in praise and thanksgiving for Susan's sister, Elaine, and granddaughter, Laura Rose, and 2) by Ruth and Barry Hoover for Sarah and Andrew Gibson's 7th wedding anniversary.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Michael and Helenann Billinger in honor of the 3rd birthday of their grandson, Zayn, and 2) by Leon Kerner in honor of the birthdays of his great-granddaughters, Amaris and Eliana.

**ACOLYTE FOR 12/15**—Nathan Morgan

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

## NAME TAGS

When you arrived this morning, you were invited to fill out a lanyard-type name tag and wear it. If you didn't do so, please fill one out after worship this morning or next week when you come to church. After worship today, please remove your name tag and place it in the file box in the Narthex or Vestibule. Each week when you arrive, you will have the opportunity to find your name tag in the file box and wear it during worship. This invitation is intended to help Pr. Steve, as well as members of the congregation who don't always know each other's name.

**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](http://www.schwarzwaldlutheran.org)  
Pastor's e-mail [pastor@schwarzwaldlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@schwarzwaldlutheran.org)  
Church Office e-mail [administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org](mailto:administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org)  
Emergency 610-914-8257

## DECEMBER 8 through DECEMBER 15

Sun	12/8	8:00 PM	AA meeting
Mon	12/9	5:00 PM	Sanctuary in use
		5:30 PM	Exercise class
		8:00 PM	AA meeting
Tue	12/10	10:00 AM	Bible Fellowship / Action Team
		6:30 PM	Youth meeting
Wed	12/11	5:30 PM	Exercise class
		6:00 PM	Weight Watchers meeting
		7:00 PM	Church Council meeting
Thu	12/12	10:00 AM	Toy Drive set up at Reformation
		6:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop #1126
		7:00 PM	Sr. Choir rehearsal
Fri	12/13	11:00 AM	Toy Drive at Reformation
Sat	12/14	8:00 AM	Exercise class
		9:15 AM	Fellowship Hall in use
Sun	12/15	9:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	Worship Service / SS performance
		3:00 PM	Ringgold Band Concert
		5:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop #1779
		5:30 PM	Confirmation Dinner / Class
		8:00 PM	AA Meeting

## UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

December 22—No Sunday School  
December 24—Christmas Eve services at 4:00p and 7:00p  
December 25 and 26—Church Office closed—Limited church office hours  
between Christmas and New Year. Please call first.  
December 29—No Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship Service of Lessons and  
Carols (no church-time nursery)  
January 26—Annual Congregational Meeting  
February 26—Ash Wednesday

## 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.



## 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 highlighting the talents and mission this church can already celebrate. Then, on December 15, you will be asked to fill out and turn in your Time and Talent sheet and Pledge card, to help us in contributing to God's Kingdom in the future.

---

### 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.**

## WORSHIP SERVICE

### HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK . . . . . Sue Bryant, Treasurer

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 30:21*

And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left,  
your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

*Please stand.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the parent who rouses us from slumber,  
the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain,  
the deliverer who sets us free.
- C **Amen.**
- P Let us come before the living God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

- P As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,  
C **we open our hearts to you, O God.**  
**Search us and know us.**  
**Reveal all that we keep inside.**  
**To you, O God, we confess our sins,**  
**known and unknown.**  
**Forgive us, renew us,**  
**and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.**  
**Make us reflections of the radiant love**  
**of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**


### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN *Blessed be the God of Israel* #250

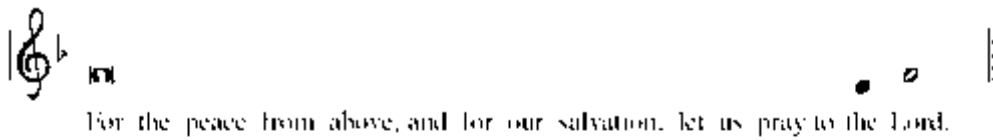
### GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

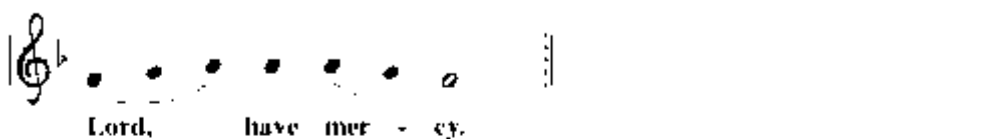
**KYRIE**



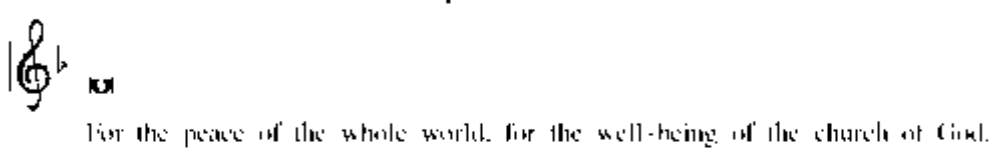
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



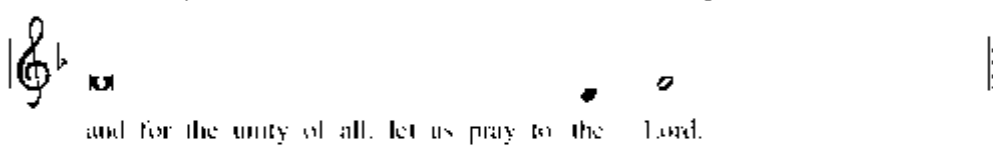
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



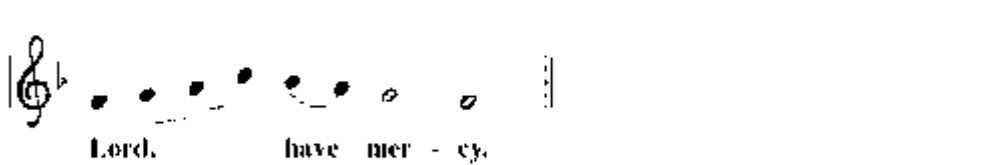
Lord, have mer - cy.



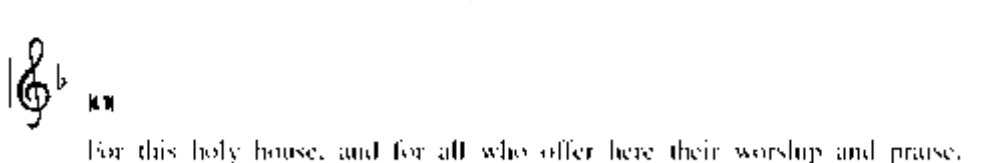
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God.



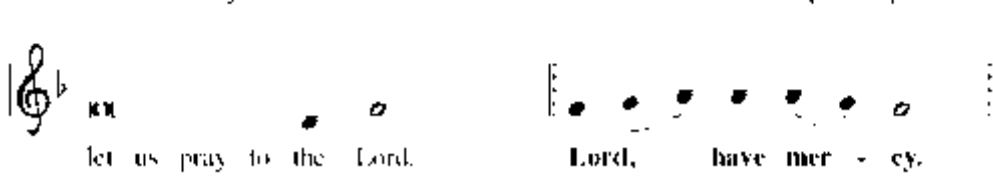
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



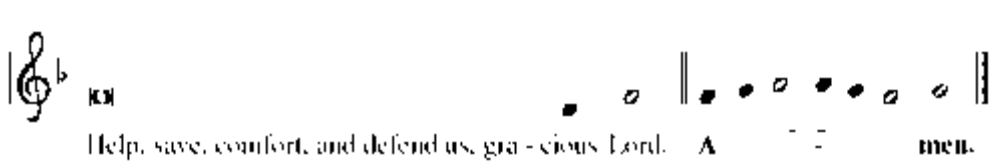
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

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](mailto: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 Troops #1779, #1145, #1126 and #1909, Fairlane Gardens and Jake's of Mt. Penn.



**POINSETTIAS**  
**TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY**



**SPONSOR A POINSETTIA**

The cost per plant is \$6.00

Use the envelope in the pew racks and mark it SEASONAL FLOWERS or send it to the church office. Please indicate your name (as you wish it to appear in the bulletin), or use the form below.

The deadline for ordering plants is December 15, 2019

Plants can be picked up December 29, 2019

**POINSETTIA SPONSOR**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_



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

Plans are well under way for our 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

Toy Give – December 13<sup>th</sup> – 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.)

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** . . . . . Russ and Ginni Frey

R ...Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

C Amen.

*Candle is lit.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**ADVENT HYMN** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #257 verses 3 and 4

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CIRCLE**

**FIRST READING** **Isaiah 11:1-10**

- <sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;  
the nations shall inquire of him,  
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

**PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.

<sup>2</sup>**May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.**

<sup>3</sup>May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

<sup>6</sup>**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

<sup>18</sup>**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.**

<sup>19</sup>Blessed be his glorious name forever;  
may his glory fill the whole earth.

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

**SECOND READING Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name”;

<sup>10</sup>and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

<sup>11</sup>and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEEDED!** Altar flower sponsors (\$25) are needed for December 22 and bulletin sponsors (\$14) are needed for December 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!**

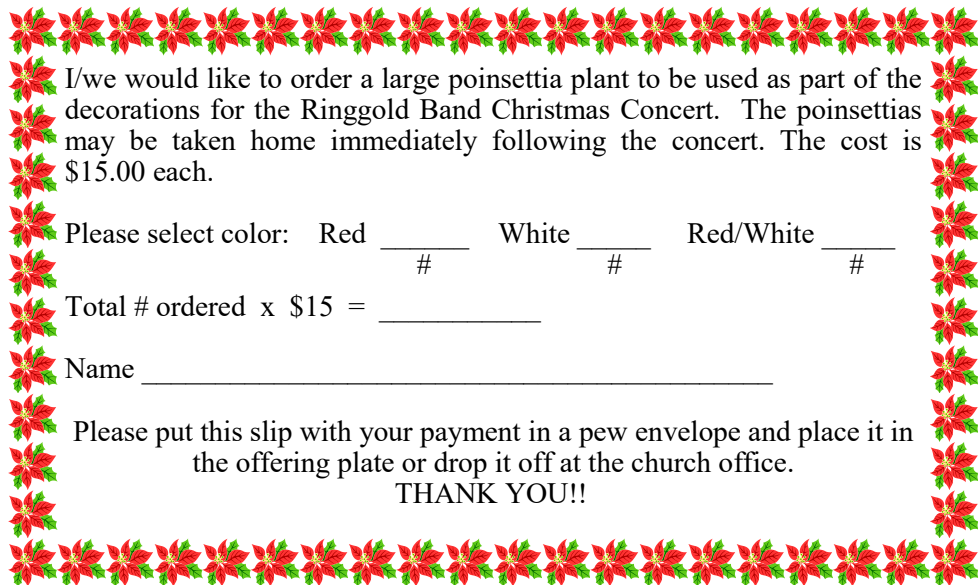
### NEW WI-FI PASSWORD:

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.



I/we would like to order a large poinsettia plant to be used as part of the decorations for the Ringgold Band Christmas Concert. The poinsettias may be taken home immediately following the concert. The cost is \$15.00 each.

Please select color: Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Red/White \_\_\_\_\_  
# # #

Total # ordered x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please put this slip with your payment in a pew envelope and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.  
**THANK YOU!!**

## 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

## BLESSING

SENDING SONG *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* #249

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

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.

Copyright ©1995 Westminster John Knox Press.  
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.

in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 Matthew. C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* #256

**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.

**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 / SR. CHOIR ANTHEM** *Emmanuel* .....Price/Besig

*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 Spr - 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** Keeping awake as we watch for Christ,  
 let us pray for the church,  
 the world, and all in need.

*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	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	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** You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord.  
 Fill us with hopeful expectation,  
 that in each day and hour  
 we may love and serve our neighbors,  
 in Jesus' name.

**C** Amen