

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. The congregational meeting will be held after lunch.



We will again be taking part in the *Souper Bowl of Caring* program. All of our collection will be provided to the Exeter Area Food Pantry. *Souper Bowl* Sunday is 2/2/20, when we will be collecting monetary donations after the worship service. The Sunday School contest will start TODAY and go through Sunday 2/2/20, when we will be collecting soup brought in by the various Sunday School classes. **The winning class earns a DONUT PARTY.** If we lose a Sunday due to weather, the collection will be extended by a week.

JANUARY 5 through JANUARY 12

Sun	1/5	5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1779 8:00 PM AA meeting
Mon	1/6	5:00 PM Sanctuary in use 5:30 PM Exercise class 8:00 PM AA meeting
Tue	1/7	10:00 AM Bible Fellowship / Action Team
Wed	1/8	5:30 PM Exercise class 6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting
Thu	1/9	9:00 AM Breakfast Bunch 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1126 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal 7:30 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal
Sat	1/11	8:00 AM Exercise class
Sun	1/12	9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 8:00 PM AA Meeting

UPCOMING DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 26—Annual Congregational Meeting

February 26—Ash Wednesday



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 OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 5, 2020



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.....Walt Smithson
Assisting Minister.....Susan Johns
Acolyte.....Vinnie D’Angelo
Carillonneur.....Judy Ney
Nursery Attendant.....Sarah Gibson

Please welcome The Rev. Virginia Biniek as our supply pastor this morning.

ALTAR FLOWER and BULLETIN sponsors are needed for the remainder of January. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

ACOLYTES FOR 1/12—Samantha Kerber 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.

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

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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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 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* #288

DISMISSAL

A Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Sonata in A minor, D. 784, II. Andante* F. Schubert

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEEDED! Altar flower sponsors (\$25) and bulletin sponsors (\$14) are needed for the remainder of January. Sign-up sheets are 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!

BREAKFAST BUNCH

Schwarzwald's Breakfast Bunch will gather at Effie's Charcoal Chef Restaurant on Thursday, January 9th, at 9:00 AM. Join us for conversation and fellowship.



WORSHIP SERVICE

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Gathered with all who seek the Christ child,
let us pray for the church,
the world,
and all who are in need.

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	Tony D'Angelo	Diane Dinkelocker
Emmy Faber	Janet Griesemer	Megan Himmelreich
Marcia Holbrook	Larry Houpp	Priscilla Houpp
Andrew Kent	Stephanie Kohler	Cynthia Lott
Devon Messner	Greg Pomian	Joann Rosales
Katie Rosales	Noelle Rutherford	Jeremy Schaeffer
Shirley Schaeffer	Bob Schmehl	Becky Thren
Geraldine Wagner		

Family, friends and loved ones:

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

The prayers conclude:

A Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your steadfast mercy;
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *John 1:14*

And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we
have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

PRELUDE *Prelude from Partita No. 1 in B-flat, BMV 825 J. S. Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
Love from the beginning,
Word made flesh,
Breath of heaven.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **we confess that we are not perfect.**

**We have said and done things we regret.
We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,
while denying it to others.
We have resisted your call
to be your voice in the world.
Forgive us, loving God.
Give us your righteousness,
the strength to put aside our failures,
and the courage to try again. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

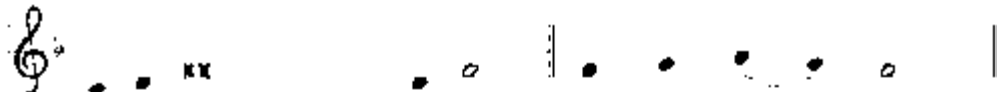
GATHERING HYMN *Son of God, Eternal Savior #655*

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.

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

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

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 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Please be seated.

SERMONThe Rev. Virginia Biniek

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Of the Father's Love Begotten* #295 verses 1, 2 and 5

HYMN OF PRAISE

A 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 The Rev. Virginia Biniek

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

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

PSALM 17:1-9 (read responsively)

¹²Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

¹³**For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.**

¹⁴He grants peace within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

¹⁵**He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.**

¹⁶He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.

¹⁷**He hurls down hail like crumbs —
who can stand before his cold?**

¹⁸He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

¹⁹**He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

²⁰He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances.
Praise the LORD!

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

SECOND READING John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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