

JANUARY 19 through JANUARY 26

Sun 1/19 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1779
5:30 PM Confirmation Dinner
6:00 PM Confirmation class
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Mon 1/20 5:00 PM Sanctuary in use
5:30 PM Exercise class
8:00 PM AA meeting

Tue 1/21 10:00 AM Bible Fellowship / Action Team

Wed 1/22 5:00 PM Sanctuary in use
5:30 PM Exercise class
6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting
7:00 PM Evangelism Committee meeting

Thu 1/23 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1126

Sat 1/25 8:00 AM Exercise class
9:15 AM Set-up Fellowship Hall for annual mtg.

Sun 1/26 9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
11:30 AM Lunch /Annual Congregational Meeting
4:30 PM Girl Scout troop #167
8:00 PM AA meeting

UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 26—Ash Wednesday, 7:00 PM

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1—Wednesday evening Lenten services, 7:00 PM

April 5—Palm Sunday, 10:30 AM

April 9—Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM

April 10—Good Friday, 7:30 PM

April 12—Easter, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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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. Ben 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 AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 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. 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 Judy McLain
Usher Team Captain Jim Kohler
Acolytes Jenna Russo and Jay Houp
Greeters Bill and Doris Jaeger
Communion Assistants . . . Judy McLain, Terry Jenkins, Greg Pomian, Ginni Frey
Nursery Attendant Heather Hafer

The **communion wine** is sponsored by Marcia Holbrook in memory of Walt Holbrook.

ACOLYTE FOR 1/26—Charlie Brumbaugh

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

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.

Communion cards are only used on Easter, Pentecost, Reformation & Christmas.



Do you play an instrument? OR Do you sing tenor or bass?

We could use your talents at SLC!!

Please complete and tear off the section below and hand to Ben or put the form in the offering plate.

----- (tear off) -----

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Instrument I play: _____

I sing: (please circle one) Tenor Bass



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 will meet January 26 at 9:15 AM.



CHERUB AND JUNIOR CHOIR

REHEARSALS

**Beginning February 13th
in the Choir Room**

Cherub Choir (ages 4 thru 1st grade):
Thursdays, 5:30 to 5:50 PM

Junior Choir (2nd grade and up):
Thursdays, 5:50 to 6:20 PM

Come on out and join the fun!



✓ Save the date! Our winter special program will be *The Puppet and Story Works*, a Bible-based show that includes ventriloquism, storytelling and music. The show will take place on February 9th during the Sunday School hour (9:15 – 10:15) in the sanctuary. We are excited for our Sunday School children to see this entertaining production!



We are forming an ad-hoc committee within the Worship and Music Department. The ad-hoc committee will be responsible for the development of new decorating ideas (inside and outside) for Christmas 2020. If you would like to be on this committee or would like to submit ideas for the committee to review, please call the church office and give your name, phone number and e-mail address to Diane. 610-779-3480



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Next Sunday, January 26, 2020

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

**THE ANNUAL REPORT is available for pick-up today for you to
review prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting which is next
Sunday. Copies can be found in the Narthex and Vestibule entrances.**

NEEDED! Altar flower sponsors (\$25) and bulletin sponsors (\$14) are needed
for January 26 and all of February. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

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.



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.

CANCELLATION INFORMATION

If any services or events being held at the church are cancelled, please
check our website (www.schwarzwaldlutheran.org),
Facebook (Schwarzwald Lutheran Church),
Channel 69 — WFMZ-TV Stormcenter,
or our answering machine (610-779-3480)
for cancellation information.

WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *I John 3:1*

See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

PRELUDE *This Endris Night* arr. Smith
Jenna Russo, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

C Amen.

P As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God who searches us and knows us,

C **you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #815

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Refrain = Congregation, 1 and 3 = Women / Girls, 2 and 4 = Men / Boys

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia. al-le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia. al-le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia. al-le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

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.

Having received word and sacrament, those who choose may depart.

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 Faithful God,
you have kept your promise to us in this meal,
nourishing us with the gift of salvation.
Now send your servants forth in peace,
that we may testify to your goodness
and share the hope that is ours
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *We are *Marching in the Light* #866
* dancing, praying, singing

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Let your light shine. C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Sonata in A Major, K. 208*D. Scarlatti

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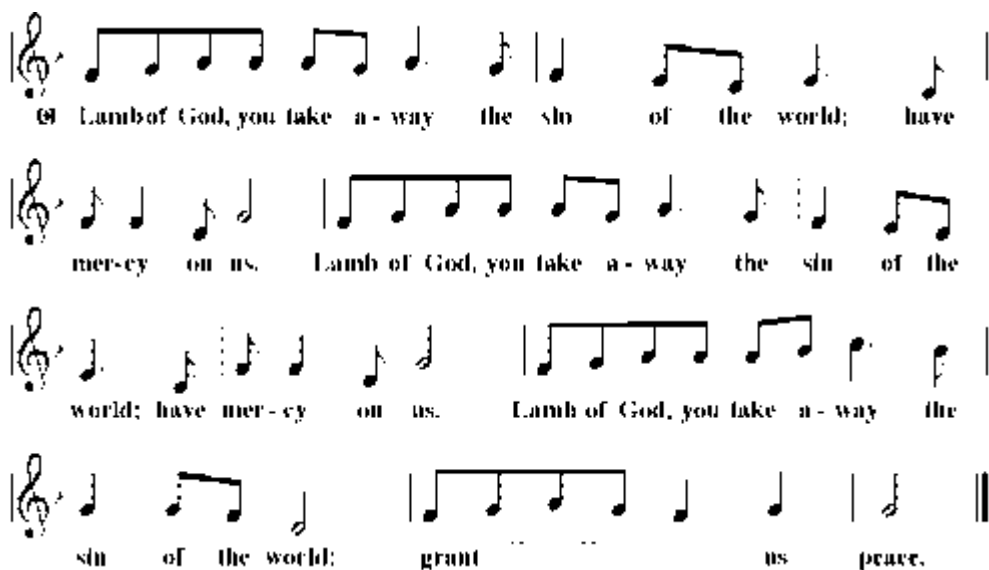
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF 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.



glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Repeat
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. For the Lamb who was
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Final repeat
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:1-7

- ¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

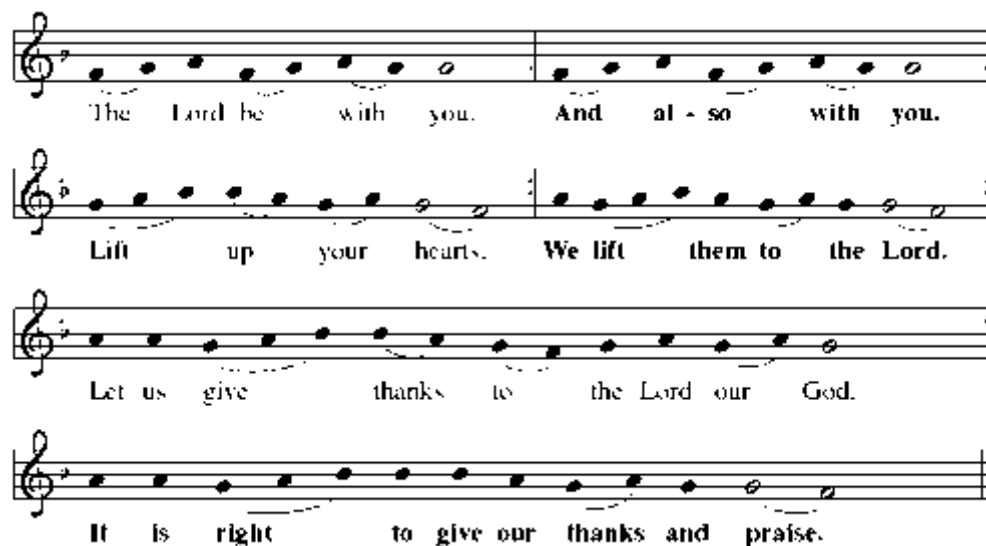
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

PSALM 40:1-11 (read responsively)

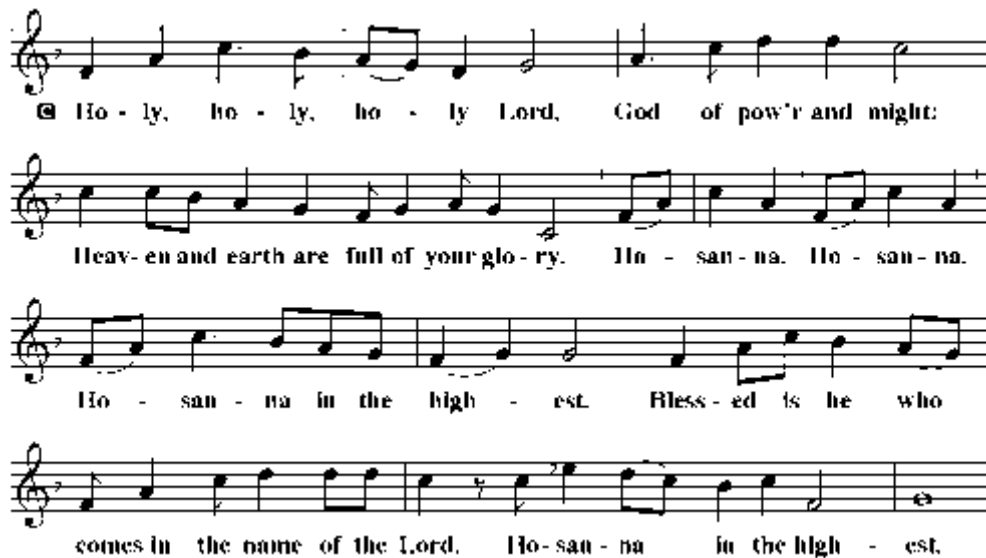
¹I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
²**He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**
³He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.
⁴**Happy are those who make
the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**
⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.
⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,**

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

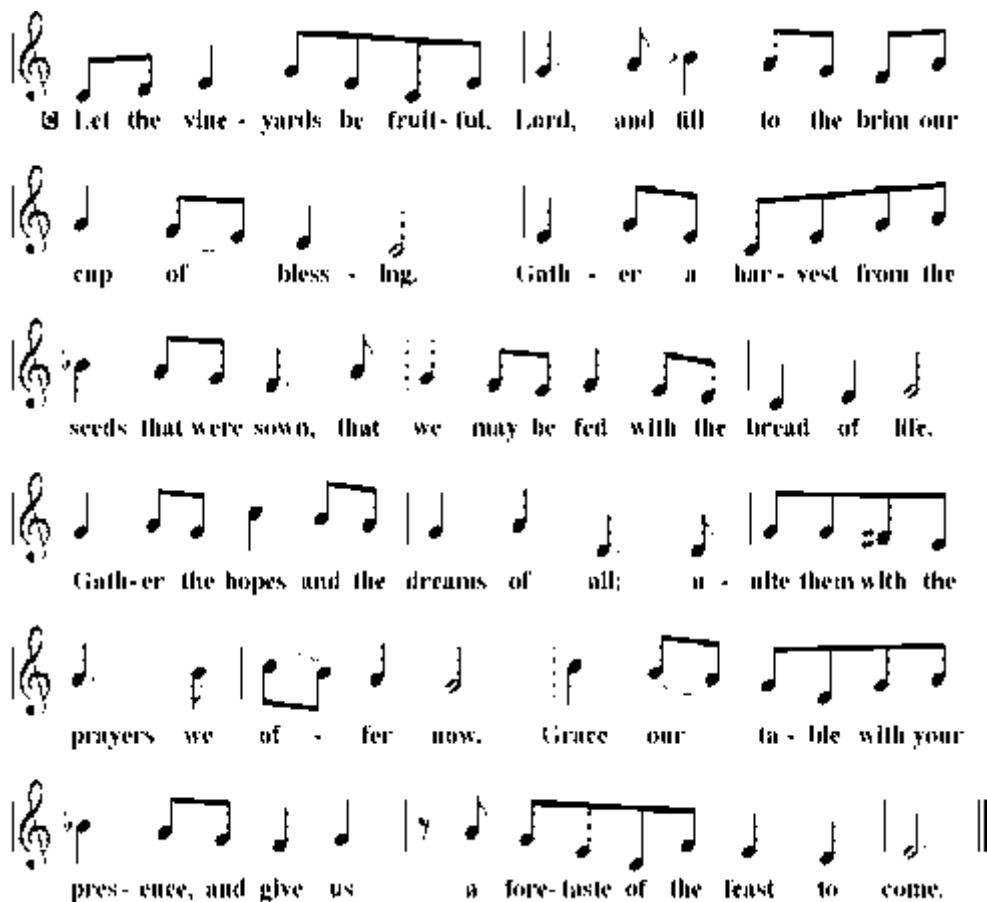
OFFERING

SR. CHOIR ANTHEM

Just Beyond The Manger Joseph M. Martin

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering

you have not required.

⁷Then I said, "Here I am;

in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

⁸**I delight to do your will, O my God;**

your law is within my heart."

⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,**

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

¹¹Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;

let your steadfast love and your faithfulness

keep me safe forever.

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

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

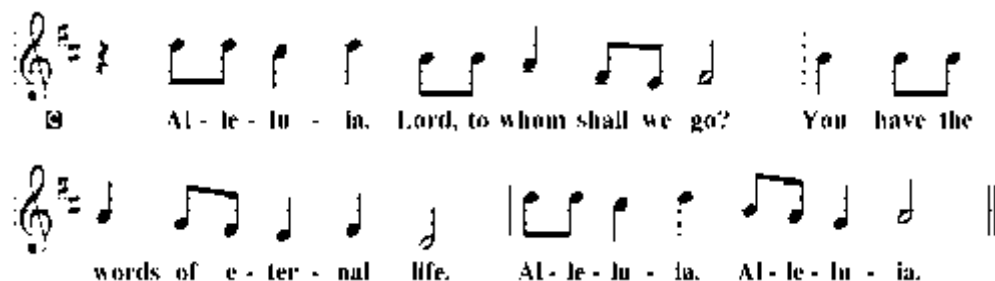
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

GOSPEL John 1:29-42

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Gather Us In* #532

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 Called together through water and the Word,
we boldly pray for the church, the world,
and all who long to hear God’s voice.

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	Tony D’Angelo	Diane Dinkelocker
Emmy Faber	Janet Griesemer	Megan Himmelreich
Marcia Holbrook	Larry Houpp	Priscilla Houpp
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Julianne Arnold	Jonathan Bortz	Donna Brown
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Elaine Lutz	Connie Marx	Joe Plank
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 We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit;
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**