



*“O Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”:*  
Lent at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

*Join us for this season of worship*



**Ash Wednesday, February 26**  
7:00 PM Ashes and Communion



**Midweek Lenten Worship**  
Wednesdays from March 4-April 1  
7:00 PM *Holden Evening Prayer*



**Palm Sunday, April 5**  
10:30 AM



**Maundy Thursday, April 9**  
6:00 PM Seder  
7:30 PM Worship



**Good Friday, April 10**  
7:30 PM Worship



**Easter**  
**April 12, 8:00 AM and 10:30AM**  
Services with Holy Communion  
Continental breakfast served at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall



# 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

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY      FEBRUARY 2, 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..... Ken Bryant  
Assisting Minister..... Theresa Readinger  
Acolyte..... Ashley Doll  
Carillonneur..... Judy Ney  
Greeters.....The Kerber Family—Frank, Melissa, Samantha, Joshua and Jeremy  
Nursery Attendant..... Sarah Gibson

**Please welcome Clara Worrall as our supply organist this morning.**

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Ruth Hoover in honor of Barry’s birthday, and 2) by Sally Kennedy in honor of Kevin’s birthday.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Sarah and Amy in honor of the birthday of their Dad, Barry Hoover.

**ALTAR FLOWER and BULLETIN** sponsors are needed for February 9 and 16. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

**ACOLYTE FOR 2/9**—Samantha Kerber

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

**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.



**TODAY** is *Souper Bowl of Caring* Sunday. We will be collecting monetary donations after the worship service. Donations will go to the Exeter Area Food Pantry.

**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.

The Exeter Township School District invites  
all **SENIOR CITIZENS** (resident and non-resident)  
to a dress-rehearsal performance of the  
**Senior High All-School Musical**



**Thursday, March 12, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Exeter Township Senior High School Auditorium**  
**201 East 37th Street**

**Exeter Township School District Senior Citizens are also invited to attend a free BREAKFAST prior to the show in the SHS Cafeteria at 8:15 a.m.**

**To attend the breakfast**, Exeter Township and St. Lawrence Borough residents must have a district-issued SENIOR CITIZEN PASS. To reserve a seat for breakfast and/or obtain a PASS, telephone 779-0700 (Ext. 1001) no later than March 5.

**Reservations are ONLY NEEDED for district residents who want to attend the breakfast.**

*Non-resident seniors are cordially invited to attend the show at 9 a.m. and reservations are not necessary.*

**FEBRUARY 2 through FEBRUARY 9**

Sun	2/2	8:00 PM	AA meeting
Mon	2/3	5:00 PM	Sanctuary in use
		5:30 PM	Exercise class
		8:00 PM	AA meeting
Tue	2/4	10:00 AM	Bible Fellowship / Action Team
Wed	2/5	5:00 PM	Sanctuary in use
		5:30 PM	Exercise class
		6:00 PM	Weight Watchers meeting
		6:30 PM	Mutual Ministry Committee meeting
Thu	2/6	6:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop #1909
Sat	2/8	8:00 AM	Exercise class
		9:30 AM	Financial Workshop
		1:00 PM	Fellowship Hall in use
		1:00 PM	Youth Room Clean-up
Sun	2/9	9:15 AM	Sunday School special program
		10:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion
		12:00 Noon	Sr. Choir rehearsal
		4:30 PM	Girl Scout Troop #167
		8:00 PM	AA Meeting

**UPCOMING DATES                      MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

February 11—Christian Education Committee meeting, 6:30 PM  
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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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**HYMNS ON THE CARILLON**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**    *Micah 6:8*

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**PRELUDE**

**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**    *O God of Every Nation* #713

**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.

**EXETER AREA CLOTHING BANK**

(in conjunction with the Exeter Area Food Pantry)

The Exeter Area Clothing Bank is collecting **new pajamas in February**. Please place any donations in the specially marked bins in the narthex or in the vestibule by the second Sunday in February (2/9). They may also be dropped off at the Reformation Lutheran Church office, 3670 Perkiomen Avenue, Reiffton, M-F, 9-noon.

**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!**

**REMINDER**

A brief reminder: the church leadership and staff come to church on Sunday to worship God more than to tend to the business of the congregation. If at all possible, please contact these folks with your questions and requests during the week, so they can spend Sunday morning focused on worship.



**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





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

### FIRST READING Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

### PSALM 15 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

## BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Let Justice Flow like Streams* #717

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**—You can have your weekly contributions sent directly to SLC through your bank’s on-line bill pay! Under the “bill pay” category, simply add Schwarzwald Lutheran Church as one of your bill payments and use your envelope number as your account number. You can set up an automatic payment frequency as well. The payment comes from your bank directly to SLC! What could be easier?

If you do not currently use on-line bill pay through your bank or credit union and would like to, give them a call for instructions on how to set-up bill pay.

### **PULPIT AND PEW - ELECTRONICALLY!**

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter via e-mail instead of through the USPS, please complete the information form below and place it in the offering plate or drop/mail it to the church office. Thank you!!!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those 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	Mary Chupkai
June Collison	Delores Conrad	Tony D'Angelo
Diane Dinkelocker	Emmy Faber	Janet Griesemer
Don Gunzelmann	Megan Himmelreich	Marcia Holbrook
Larry Houp	Priscilla Houp	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	Barry Hecker	Wil Herb
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 Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**

**<sup>4</sup>in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

**<sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

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

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

**GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *God of Grace and God of Glory #705*

**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 Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a gesture of peace,  
such as a bow, or elbow or fist bump, saying **Peace be with you.***

*Please be seated.*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERING**

**SR. CHOIR ANTHEM**

*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.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**