

"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. 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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 9, 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	Kelly Carr
Usher Team Captain	Denton Quick
Acolytes	Nathan and Cody Morgan
Greeters	Dennis and Pat Ruffner
Carillonneur	Judy Ney
Communion Assistants Kelly Carr, 1	Denton Quick, Barry Hoover, Ginni Frey
Nursery Attendant	Bev Brightbill

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Walt and Janice Smithson in memory of Janice's son, Donald Miller.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Michael and Helenann Billinger in honor of the 4th birthday of their granddaughter, Layla.

The **communion wine** is sponsored by Ellen Weaver.

ACOLYTE FOR 2/16—Chase Cupitt

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

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

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.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Thank you! Thank you to those who have Thrivent products that have designated Schwarzwald Lutheran Church as a recipient of funds. Continue to check on your accounts! You can access your account on the computer at Thrivent.com/choicedollars or call a representative at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

It is now possible to become an Associate Member of Thrivent simply by applying on-line or by downloading and completing an application. The cost is \$19.95 and can be purchased by any individual even if you do not have products from Thrivent. By applying for this membership, you can apply for a Thrivent Action Team project which would offer \$250.00 towards any activity or fundraiser we do. There are numerous opportunities to be supported by anyone willing to become an Associate Member. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Doris Jaeger.



EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

APRIL12, 2020

9:00 a.m. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

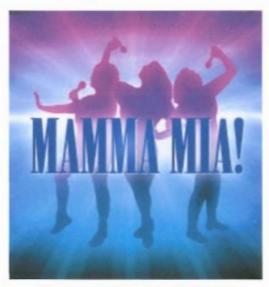
Please help by donating one of the items listed below. Baked goods may be placed in the breezeway on Saturday, April 12, between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. or delivered early Easter morning.

Complete the bottom half of this form and return it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate on the Sundays of March 22, March 29, or April 5

BAKED GOODS

Bagels & Cream Cheese	Cookies
Muffins	Danish
Coffee Cake	Donuts
Fruit	

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.

WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:8

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

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

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,

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 This Little Light of Mine #677

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 Refreamof vic-to-ry for our God. This is the feast 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. Refretonof vic-to-ry for our God. This is the feast Al-le - lu - ia, all-le - lu - rac all - le - lu - rac 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and bless - ing, and glo - ry are strength, and hon - or. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, all-le-lu-ja, all-le-lu-ja. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all ere - ation: Bless - ing, hon-or,

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.



Sunday, February 16th 5:00-5:30 p.m. ELCA Youth Gathering Information. We will hold a brief meeting before Confirmation to discuss the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering and fundraising efforts. No commitment is needed at this time, but please come if you think you might be interested. This year's 7th-11th graders would be eligible to attend the event as a participant.

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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 B the offering plate.	en or put the form in
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Instrument I play:	
I sing: (please circle one) Tenor Bass	

FEBRUARY 9 through FEBRUARY 16

Sun	2/9	11:30 AM Pictorial Directory committee meeting 12 Noon Sr. Choir rehearsal 3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #167 8:00 PM AA Meeting
Mon	2/10	5:00 PM Sanctuary in use 5:30 PM Exercise class 8:00 PM AA meeting
Tue	2/11	10:00 AM Bible Fellowship / Action Team6:00 PM Prayer Group6:30 PM Christian Education Committee meeting6:30 PM Youth Group meeting
Wed	2/12	5:00 PM Sanctuary in use5:30 PM Exercise class6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting7:00 PM Evangelism Committee meeting
Thu	2/13	9:00 AM Breakfast Bunch at Effie's 5:30 PM Cherub Choir rehearsal 5:50 PM Junior Choir rehearsal 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1126 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal 7:30 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal
Sat	2/15	8:00 AM Exercise class
Sun	2/16	9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Fellowship Committee Meeting 5:00 PM Youth trip meeting 5:30 PM Dinner (confirmation) 6:00 PM Confirmation class 8:00 PM AA meeting
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<u>UPCOMING DATES</u> 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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

FIRST READING Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

3"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.
4Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
5Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
 to loose the bonds of injustice,
 to undo the thongs of the yoke,
 to let the oppressed go free,
 and to break every yoke?
⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
 when you see the naked, to cover them,
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;
 your vindicator shall go before you,
 the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

PSALM 112:1-9 (read responsively)

¹Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. **CHERUB AND JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS**



Beginning February 13th in the Choir Room

Come on out and join the fun!

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

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.

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 THANK YOU!



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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E-mail address
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>NEEDED!</u> Altar flower sponsors (\$25) are needed for all of March. Bulletin sponsors (\$14) are needed for February 16 and 26 (Ash Wednesday) and all of March. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

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.

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133).

Schwarzwald is blessed to have a number of people who have asked to become members. We look forward to receiving them during worship on **Sunday**, **March** 1.

If you've been considering joining this congregation by baptism or affirmation of your baptism, this would be an opportunity to do so with others making a commitment to Christ through membership at Schwarzwald. March 1st is the first Sunday of Lent, when we remember Jesus' time in the wilderness, and begin our own Lenten journeys, so starting anew with Schwarzwald is appropriate for the day.

Interested persons are asked to contact the church office as soon as possible, to help us discern the appropriate next steps, for example, sending a letter requesting your transfer, or scheduling a time to discuss baptism.

If you are not available on March 1, or wish to take this important step alone or only with your family, that is understandable. Let us know of your interest, and we can find another day.

EXETER AREA CLOTHING BANK

(in conjunction with the Exeter Area Food Pantry)

The Exeter Area Clothing Bank is collecting <u>new pajamas in February</u>. 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.

⁸Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

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

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

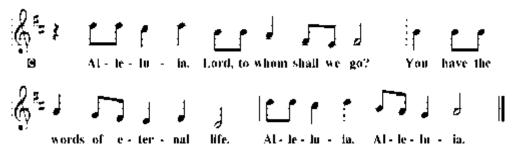
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY Dearest Jesus, at Your Word #520

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;

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 Christ, Be Our Light #715

Verse 1—Choir only

Verses 2 through 5—congregation joins in

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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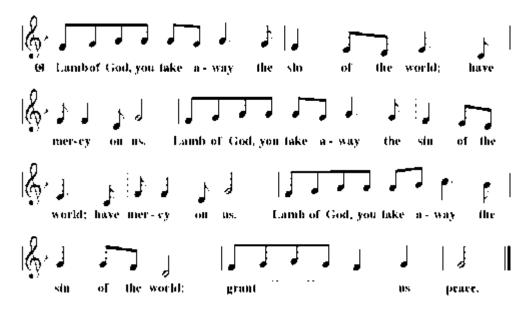
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

LAMB OF GOD



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.

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 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
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:

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Julianne Arnold	Jonathan Bortz	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	Martin Tiderman	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

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.

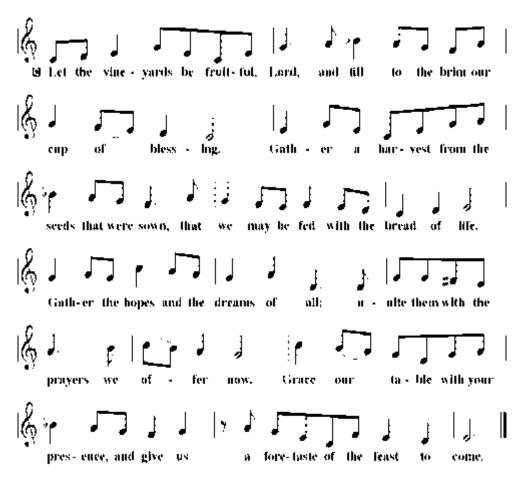
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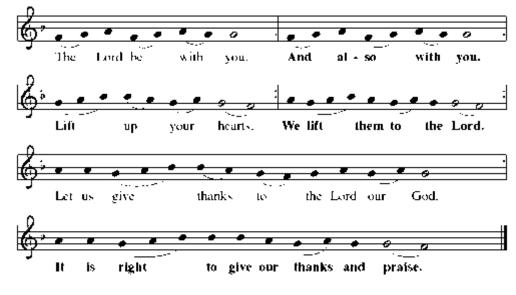
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Please stand.

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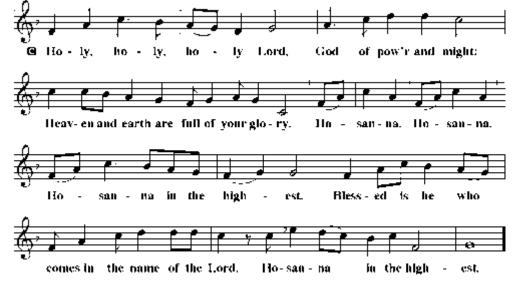


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joywe praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION