

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

AS WE ALL CONTINUE TO NAVIGATE THESE UNPRECEDENTED
TIMES, LET US CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THOSE IN OUR
COMMUNITY WHO ARE STRUGGLING NOW MORE THAN EVER.

THE EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY HAS EXPERIENCED A JUMP OF
35% +/- IN NEED, AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC.

WE AT **SCHWARZWALD LUTHERAN CHURCH** WILL BE
SPEARHEADING THE 2021 "SOUPER BOWL of CARING" SOUP
COLLECTION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE "big game" ON

OUR COLLECTION WILL RUN EACH SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY (7TH,
14TH, 21ST AND 28TH).

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE COLLATED AND PACKED FOR
DISTRIBUTION BY OUR '20/'21 CONFIRMATION CLASS, AND THEN
FORWARDED TO THE PANTRY.

Soup (canned, packaged, ramen etc...) is needed.

**DROP-OFF BARRELS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OUR
BREEZEWAY (same as the toy collection) FOR
DONATIONS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.**



Matthew 25: 35a



God's Work...Our Hands



**SCHWARZWALD
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

February 17, 2021

7:30 PM



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737
Join our family, share God's love.

The people of Schwarzwald - Ministers
The Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett - Pastor
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



Please enter in silence tonight.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. It is a most solemn day with a mood of penitence and reflection on the quality of our faith and life. The service begins with an extended time of confession and repentance. Participants can receive a cross of ashes on their forehead or hand. We remember how Christ was betrayed, how we betray others, and how our earthly bodies will betray us. We hear the words, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." We put on the ashes of mortality. The ashes are a visible sign of human frailty, repentance and renewal. They are available for all.

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* trad. Irish tune

Silence

Please stand.

GREETING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN ELW #319 *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* v. 1, 3

PSALM 51:1-17 (read responsively)

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

²**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

WORDS TO THE HYMNS

FOR PRAYERFUL REFLECTION ONLY

NO SINGING PERMITTED / SOLOIST ONLY

ELW #320 *The Glory of These Forty Days* v. 1, 4

- 1 The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.
- 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too,
return in fast and prayer to you.
Our spirits strengthen with your grace,
and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt.

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ELW #324 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* v. 1, 4

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
 tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
 All the light of sacred story
 gathers round its head sublime.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
 by the cross are sanctified;
 peace is there that knows no measure,
 joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

⁴**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you
pass judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born guilty,
 a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my
secret heart.**

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter
 than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
 and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within
me.**

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit
 from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
 and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

¹⁵O LORD, open my lips,
 and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶**For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering,
you would not be pleased.**

¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit a broken and contrite heart,
 O God, you will not despise.

A The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO LENT

LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

^{50b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

 “At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
 and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through

great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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

Please stand.

LENTEN VERSE 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

C **...see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁶"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

Please be seated.

WORDS TO THE HYMNS

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ELW #319 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days v. 1, 3

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves
that we may know God's love.

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Ben D'Annibale, Music Director
Bob Rutherford, Usher Team Captain
Russ Frey, Assisting Minister
Sally Kennedy, Carillonneur
Heather Hafer, soloist
Dave Scalese, Zoom Master

O Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
Lent at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church
(All services are in-person except Good Friday)

Join us for this season of worship.

Midweek Lenten Worship
Wednesdays, February 24 — March 24
7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer

Palm Sunday
March 28 10:30 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 1
7:30 PM Worship

Good Friday, April 2
7:30 PM Worship (Virtual)

Easter, April 4
8:30 AM Outdoor Worship Service with Holy Communion
and
10:30AM Indoor Worship Service with Holy Communion

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #324 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* v. 1, 4

Please stand.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most holy and merciful God...

C **we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

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

Please be seated.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in
his grace.

C **Amen.**

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Tender and merciful one,
at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,
turning our emptiness into joy.
Filled with your abundant grace,
send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,
mending broken hearts, working for justice,
and striving for peace among all people,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION

P Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

HYMN ELW #320 *The Glory of These Forty Days* v. 1, 4

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

A Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

A By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

C **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

A Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C **hanks be to God.**

*Please exit by invitation of the usher,
maintaining a six-foot distance from the person ahead of you.*

*Ashes will be placed on the forehead as you depart,
unless the hand is indicated, using a one-time only swab.*

POSTLUDE *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service.* The Sacred Harp

DEPART IN SILENCE

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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.