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### MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

**Wednesdays - March 17 and 24**

7:00 PM Weekday Evening Lenten Services  
*Holden Evening Prayer Service*

### HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

**Palm Sunday, March 28**

**Palm Sunday**

10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

(If joining us through Zoom or recording, palms will be available in the office breezeway on 3/25.)

**Maundy Thursday, April 1**

7:30 PM Holy Communion Service

Stripping of the Altar

(If joining us through Zoom or recording, you will want to have Communion elements on hand.)

**Virtual Friday, April 2**

**Recorded Good Friday Service**

via Zoom 7:30 PM Worship Service

(The recording will be available all day (and beyond), with a “watch party” at 7:30pm Friday.)

**Easter Sunday Festival Worship, April 4**

8:30 AM Outside Early Service with Holy Communion

10:30 AM Indoor Festival Worship with Holy Communion

(If joining us through Zoom or recording, you will want to have Communion elements on hand.)

### March = ELCA Hunger Appeal Month

Each year, our congregation joins other Lutherans across the country in an effort to help end hunger around the world. The Social Ministry Committee would like to invite you to participate in this event.

World Hunger envelopes are available in the Narthex. However, you don't need a “special” envelope to **help feed the hungry, and enable people to learn trades in order to become self-sufficient**. You may use your green “Special Offering” envelope or any other envelope. Your donations may be mailed or dropped off at the church office at your convenience. All checks should be made out to “Schwarzwald Lutheran Church”.

The Appeal will last throughout March. We hope that you will consider supporting the efforts to stamp out hunger.

Thank you, Peg Gumpert, Committee Chairperson



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### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 14, 2021



### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### NEW SLC WORSHIP GUIDELINES

At its meeting of March 9, 2021, your Church Council acted to change some of our worship service practices, while maintaining our long-standing safety measures such as masks and physical distancing. We are hopeful that these changes will enhance your worship experience and restore a sense of normalcy. You can expect a fuller worship service, with more of the familiar liturgy, within the next few weeks. Beginning today, singing hymns **softly** is now permitted. This is a big step, and so for the comfort of all, please **keep** your voice as soft as possible.

#### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *2 Corinthians 5:10*

For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive what is due for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

PRELUDE *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

African American spiritual

### CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**GATHERING HYMN** ELW #324 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* v. 1, 2, 4

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'ring  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 1 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, light and  
 4 Hail and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time, All the light of  
 ceve, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are same - ti - fied: peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime,  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy,  
 ra - diance stream - ing, adds more lus - ter to the day,  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

**Prayers for those with immediate concerns**

Zena Burkert	John D'Angelo	Pat Grim
George Hughes	Patty Schmeer	Becky Thren
Geri Wagner	Scott Gumpert	James Kohler, Sr.

**Worship Leaders**

The Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett, Pastor  
 Ben D'Annibale, Music Director  
 Walt Smithson, Usher Team Captain  
 Judy McLain, Assisting Minister  
 Sally Kennedy, Carillonneur  
 Tim Morgan, Zoom Master

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RESERVATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER SERVICE**

**SLC will be offering two Easter services, one outside service at 8:30 a.m. and one inside service at 10:30 a.m.**

(Subject to change should new Covid-19 regulations be issued.)

**8:30 a.m.** — Outside service with standing only (or bring your own chair) regardless of weather. You will be required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

**10:30 a.m.** — Reservations will be required and will be accepted beginning Monday, March 15, by calling the church office, 610-779-3480. They are on a first come, first served basis. The number of reservations is limited to the actual number of members in your immediate/nuclear family plus 2. The Fellowship Hall will be available for overflow, watching a live-stream of the service projected from a computer. You will be required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing in the Sanctuary or in Fellowship Hall.

**SLC SCHOLARSHIP**

Schwarzwald Lutheran Church will award two \$500 scholarships to applicants (high school seniors only) planning on continuing their education beyond high school. Special consideration will be given to applicants whose faith and service to others has influenced their life and their plans for the future. The applicant must be a member of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church and may attend any school district or be home-schooled.

Please pick-up an application in the church office. The application, along with your transcript, must be returned by Monday, April 26, 2021, either by dropping it off at the church office, Attention: Scholarship Committee, or e-mailing it to: administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org and placing "Scholarship Application" in the subject line. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 610-779-3480.

SENDING HYMN ELW #660 *Lift High the Cross* v. 1, 3, 4

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim  
 all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod.  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - tied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Return*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - tied for vic - to - ry!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

***Ushers will dismiss by pews, back to front.  
Please allow 6' distance between people.***

POSTLUDE *Bless Now, O God, the Journey* Dunstan / Welsh tune

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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

P Lord, have mercy. C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 P Christ, have mercy. C **Christ, have mercy.**  
 P Lord, have mercy. C **Lord, have mercy.**

READING Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

HOLY GOSPEL

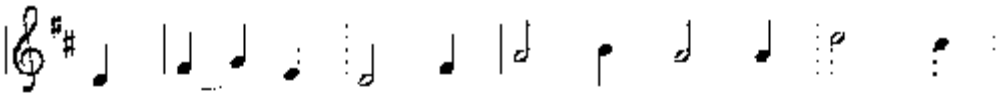
P The Gospel according to John.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

SERMON



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are ill, it death draws near, this truth you  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



6 Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 7 flesh and suf - fered death: all who can live in  
 8 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - utes  
 9 sins that you have done, and us - u - ried by  
 10 Spir - it, Three in One! to you, O bless - ed



11 In - he - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive  
 12 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone  
 13 us from death: that is the firm est ground of faith.  
 14 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
 15 Tri - ni - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

**AFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT - Jordyn Yeager**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

*Offer those with you in body or spirit a gesture of peace,  
saying **Peace be with you.***

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*A basket for your offering is available on entering or exiting.*

**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 ... 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**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

C **Amen.**

**BLESSING**