

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS

Your Evangelism Committee wants to be sure that you can observe Holy Week even in these unusual times. One bag per family is available in the breezeway, outside of the church office. Each bag contains a devotional, as well as different items on which you and your family might reflect on the meaning of these holy days. Stop by, and pick yours up today!

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday 24

7:00 PM Weekday Evening Lenten Service
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.)

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 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.



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 21, 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. For now, singing hymns **softly** is permitted. This is a big step, and so for the comfort of all, please keep your voice as soft as possible.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *Jeremiah 31:33*

Thus says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

PRELUDE *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

Williams / Hughes

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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

C Amen.

P God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

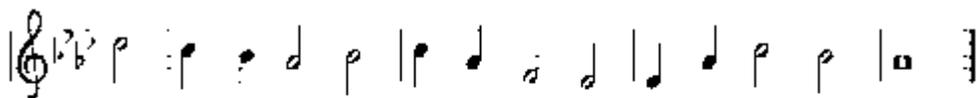
P Fountain of living water,
 C **pour out your mercy over us.**
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN ELW #772
Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways v. 1, 2, 4



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat-utes still!
 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere:
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep:
 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road:



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
 let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear,
 and should I'er for - get your way, re - store your way-d'ring sheep,
 nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Fred and Cindy Mohr in loving memory of Cindy's mother, Shirley Schaeffer and 2) by Corinne, Harrison, Charlie and Miles in loving memory of Oliver Brumbaugh on his 12th birthday in heaven.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Leon Kerber in honor of the birthday of his great-grandson, Ridan.

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. Please return the clipboards. **THE CRAYONS ARE YOURS TO TAKE HOME!**

The **Apr/May/June issue of *Christ In Our Home*** is available for pick up in the Narthex, Parlor and Vestibule. Please help yourself to these daily devotional guides.

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.

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

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 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Toplady / Hastings

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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
Jim Kohler, Usher Team Captain
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Judy Ney, Carillonneur
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CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Gospel according to John.

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

John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN ELW #465 *As the Grains of Wheat*

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were
gathered in to one to become our bread; so may all your people from
all the ends of earth be gathered in to one in you.
1 As this cup of blessing is shared with in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore taste of all that is to come when
may we share the presence of your love,
all are a tion shares this feast with you.

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

*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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

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**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN ELW #338 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
2 Up on the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
the very dying tomb of one who sat there for me;
I ask no other sun shine than the sun shine of his face;
a home within a wilderness, a rest up on the way,
And from my cankered heart, with tears, two wounds I cannot
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
from the burning of the noon tide heat and burdens of the day,
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness,
my sin he sell my glory shame, my glory all the cross.