

## 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 are required and can be made 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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## 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



## 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. 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

## WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICE

MARCH 24, 2021      7:00 PM

### NEW SLC WORSHIP GUIDELINES

While maintaining our long-standing safety measures such as masks and physical distancing, 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.

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER** (booklet). . . . . Haugen

**Cynthia Mohr will sing the part of "Leader"**

**SERVICE OF LIGHT**, pages 2-4

**PSALMODY**, pages 4-7

**PRAYER**, page 8

*Please stand.*

### **GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:23-35**

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his

entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

P The Light shines in the darkness,  
C **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER (cont'd. - booklet) . . . . . Haugen**

**THE ANNUNCIATION** page 8

**THE MAGNIFICAT** pages 8-9

**LITANY AND PRAYERS** pages 10-11

**FINAL BLESSING** page 12

**BLESSING**

P God in peace.  
C **Be Christ in the world.**

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

**POSTLUDE**

***Please return the "Holden Evening Prayer" booklet to an usher at the close of worship.***

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**Worship Leaders**

The Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett, Pastor  
Ben D'Annibale, Music Director  
Kevin Kennedy, Usher Team Captain  
Cynthia Mohr, Vocal Leader  
Kevin Kennedy, Zoom Master

**HOLY WEEK CALENDAR**

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!

**Sunday, March 28**

**Palm Sunday**

10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

**Thursday, April 1**

**Maundy Thursday**

7:30 PM Holy Communion Service  
Stripping of the Altar

**Virtual Friday, April 2**

**Good Friday**

via Zoom 7:30 PM Worship Service

**Alleluia! He is Risen!**

**Sunday, April 4**

**Easter Sunday Festival Worship**

8:30 AM Outside Early Service with Holy Communion  
10:30 AM Indoor Festival Worship with Holy Communion

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