

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!

Good Friday, April 2 **Recorded Good Friday Service**

via YouTube and Facebook

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

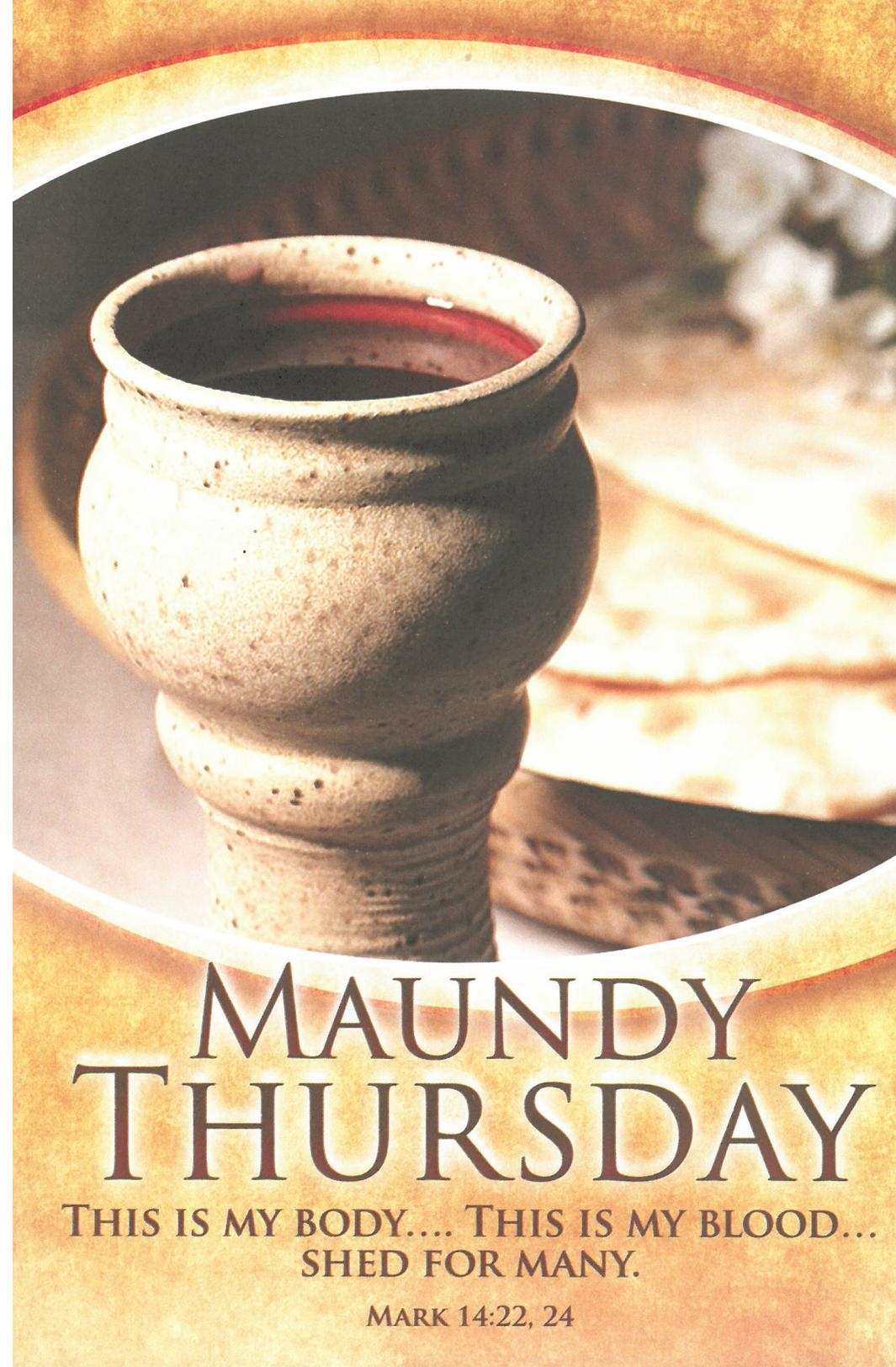
**SLC will be offering two Easter services,
one outside service at 8:30 a.m. and one inside service at 10:30 a.m.**

(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 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.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAY,
APRIL 5.**



MAUNDY THURSDAY

THIS IS MY BODY... THIS IS MY BLOOD...
SHED FOR MANY.

MARK 14:22, 24

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 1, 2021 7:30 PM

PRELUDE *Zerfließe Mein Herz* from *St. John's Passion*. J. S. Bach

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

P Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept 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.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please know that Pastor Steve is available to you whenever you have need, and in-person as conditions allow. You can call him at 610-295-2930 ANYTIME when there is an emergency. For the many other reasons you may have to call, the best times are Mondays, Tuesday 1-5pm, Wednesday 9-12am, Thursdays 1-5pm, and Sundays 2-5pm. If he doesn't answer, please leave a message and he'll get back to you as soon as possible.

BULLETIN SPONSORS—We have resumed bulletin sponsorships each week—2 sponsors per week. If you would like to sponsor the bulletins (\$14), please call the church office, 610-779-3480.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS—We have resumed altar flower sponsorships; however, individuals must secure their own flowers from a florist of their choice. Please collect a set of the plastic vases from the sacristy and take them to your florist. Please drop off the finished vases at the church office by Thursday and inform Diane of the information for the bulletin.

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 email the church office for the application. 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.

Social Ministry Committee

During the months of April and May, your committee will be supporting the work of *Mary's Shelter*, a temporary shelter for homeless, pregnant young women and their children. As done in the past, we will have a **Baby Bottle Campaign**. Baby bottles will be available in the church's parlor or in the breezeway of the church office. Please take a bottle and put your monetary gifts inside. The average bottle holds **\$20 dollars in coins, which can purchase 1 pack of diapers or 1 can of formula**. When your bottle is filled, you may return it to the parlor or to the office.

Helping our neighbors, near and far, is accomplished due to your continued support, and we thank you!! We would welcome **new members** to help us with this ministry. For more information, please feel free to call Peg Gumpert at 610-689-5422.

Prayers for those with immediate concerns

George Hughes
Patty Schmeer
Becky Thren
Geri Wagner
Scott Gumpert
James Kohler, Sr.
Ann Mohr

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett, Pastor
Ben D'Annibale, Music Director
Bob Rutherford, Usher Team Captain
Susan Johns, Assisting Minister
Sally Kennedy, Carillonneur
Rochelle Chelius, Zoom Master
Nathan Morgan, Crucifer

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.

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

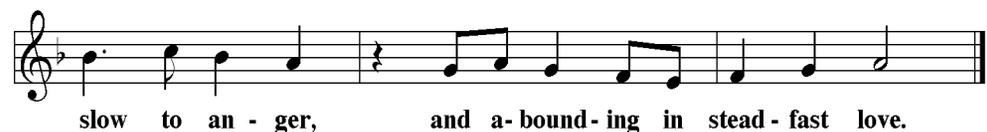
A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

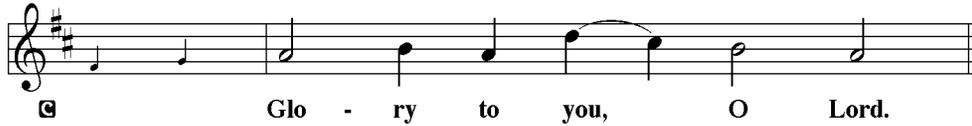
SECOND READING I Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

LENTEN VERSE



P The Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.



GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

- ²⁰Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- ²¹I will declare your name to my brethren,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- ²²Praise the LORD, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- ²³For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- ²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- ²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD shall praise him;
"May your heart live forever!"
- ²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- ²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD,
he rules over the nations.
- ²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- ²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the LORD's forever.
- ³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn,
the savings deeds that he has done.

PLEASE EXIT IN SILENCE

**THE SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW VIA A RECORDING.
YOU MAY WISH TO JOIN OTHERS BY WATCHING AT 7:30 PM ON
GOOD FRIDAY.**

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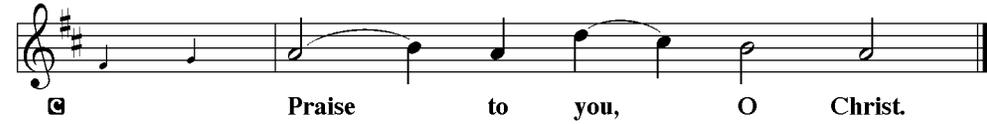
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STRIPPING THE ALTAR

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Barbara Quick Susan Johns
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Alicia Shussett

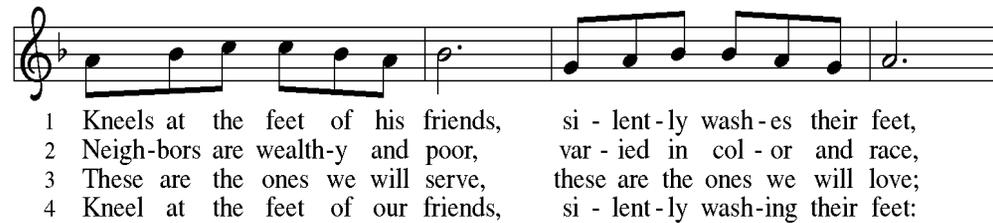
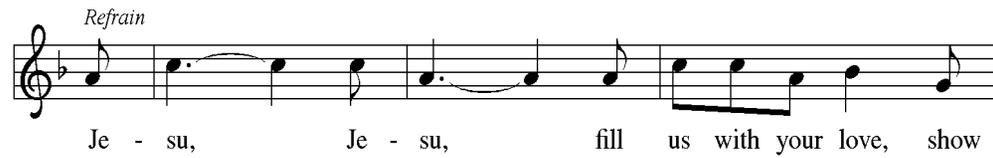
PSALM 22 sung by Cynthia Mohr and Russ Frey

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
And are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?
²O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.
³Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
⁴Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
⁵They cried out to you, and were delivered;
they trusted in you, and were not put to shame.
⁶But as for me, I am a worm, and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
⁸"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him!"
⁹Yet you are he who took me out of the womb;
you kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born,
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
¹²Many young bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax;
¹⁵My mouth is dried out like a potsherd,
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.
¹⁷They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them, they cast lots for my clothing.
¹⁸Be not far away, O LORD;
You are my strength; hasten to help me.
¹⁹Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.



SERMON

HYMN ELW #708 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*



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.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

LAMB OF GOD



C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION