

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 to request the scholarship application, administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org. 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.



BLOOD DRIVE AT SLC

SATURDAY, MAY 1

9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please contact Miller-Keystone Blood Bank, (610) 926-6060, or go to

https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/83140

to reserve a spot and

watch our SLC Facebook page for more information.



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737



The Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett, Pastor
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Mrs. Rochelle Chelius - Youth Minister Leader
Mrs. Melissa Kerber - Sexton

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 11, 2021



HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW SLC WORSHIP GUIDELINES

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

TEMPLE TALK Peg Gumpert, Social Ministry Chair
Bottles of Hope for Mary's Shelter

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE 1 John 1:3-4

P We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

PRELUDE *My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord* Frey / Schütz

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* v. 1, 2, 4



1 That has ter day with joy was bright the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise. O us en Lord. we give to



sun shone out with ear - er light when, to their long - ing
can - tant love our hearts pos - sess, to you our lips will
thus our Eas - ter tes - ti - val, for you will be our
you - once dead, but now a live! In God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise,
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield
e - qual praise. and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by David and Susan Johns in honor and thanksgiving for their granddaughter, Emma Schuettler.

The **funeral service for Geraldine Wagner** will be held on Monday, April 12, at Kuhn Funeral Home, 739 Penn Avenue in West Reading. Visitation is at 10:00 a.m. and the service is at 11:00 a.m.

If you are a visitor, a special welcome to you, and if you are without a church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. Please pick up a welcome packet from the stand in the foyer, and if you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table.

For your assistance, comfort and safety, we have ushers on duty before, during and after worship today. Should you need any help, please look for any of the men and women with an “usher” badge. Restrooms can be found through the door on the left at the front of the church and then down the ramp on the left into the Fellowship Hall.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance. Please be sure to turn off the hearing receivers after the worship service.

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!**

Schwarzwald Walking!

Join us on Saturday, April 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Daniel Boone Homestead, 400 Daniel Boone Road, Birdsboro, PA 19508. To stay safe, we will stay outdoors and physically distanced. For latecomers or slower walkers, we will keep to the paved trail. Feel free to call/text or email Sarah at 610-209-2121 or sth100284@gmail.com. Hopefully this can be an opportunity for us to grow in the Lord. See you then!

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 are 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 (coins, bills, checks [made out to Mary’s Shelter], or acknowledgement note from donating on –line at www.marysshelter.org), please return it to the parlor or to the office by Sunday, May 23. Helping our neighbors is accomplished due to your continued support, and we thank you!! We welcome **new members** to help us with this ministry. For more information, please feel free to call Peg at 610-689-5422.

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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

POSTLUDE *Here I Am, Lord* Schutte

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Prayers for those with immediate concerns

George Hughes

Patty Schmeer

Becky Thren

The family and friends of Geri Wagner in their grief

(Jeff Schmehl's mother)

Scott Gumpert

James Kohler, Sr.

Ann Mohr

Neva Pond

The family and friends of Betty Ruth in their grief

(Nancy Hoover's sister)

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett, Pastor

Ben D'Annibale, Music Director

Larry Houp, Usher Team Captain

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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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

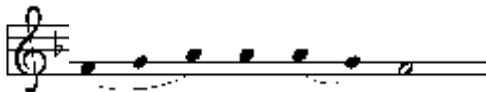
P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.


P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us
pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C 
A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

P Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people of earth.

C 

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Splr - it.

In the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

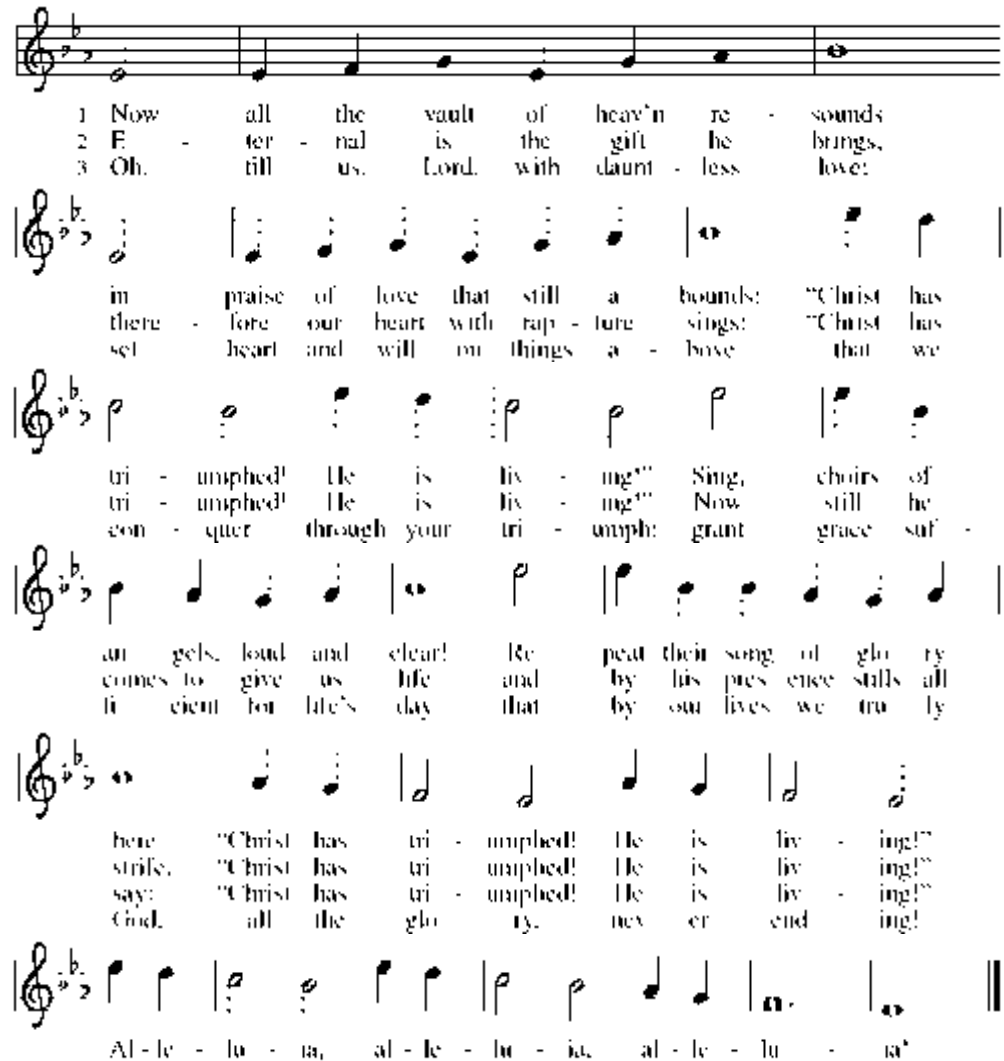
Please stand.

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 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, till us, Lord, with daunt - less love:

in praise of love that still a bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph: grant grace suf -

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence still all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly

here, "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife, "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Please be seated.

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 in the
Narthex on entering or exiting.*

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

READING 1 John 1:1-2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - lu. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - lu. Al - le - lu - lu.

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

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* v. 1, 3, 5

