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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021



HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:5

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another...

PRELUDE *Allegro in E-flat, BWV 998* J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ
and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,
C help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say; that all my pow'rs, with
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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with Retired FBI Special Agent, Jeff Lanza.



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About Jeff Lanza

Jeff Lanza is an award-winning, nationally known speaker whose career as an FBI Special Agent has fueled his passion for helping people and organizations. An FBI Special Agent for more than 20 years, Jeff has investigated cybercrime, fraud, organized crime, human trafficking and terrorism. Jeff served as head of operations security for the Kansas City FBI and a graduate of the world-renowned John E. Reid School of Interviewing and Interrogation. He is a certified FBI instructor and has trained numerous government agencies and corporate clients on how to interpret and project body language for more effective interpersonal communication. Jeff has authored two critically acclaimed books, CYBERCRIME: How to Stay Safe From Online Fraud and Identity Theft and Pistols to Press: Lessons on Communication from an FBI Agent and Spokesman. Since his retirement from the FBI, Jeff appears regularly on CNBC's Closing Bell and Power Lunch, the Fox News Channel and has appeared on Good Morning America.

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Event Details

Exclusive Online Event
Thursday, August 26
8:00 p.m. EST

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3pm-5pm

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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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



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.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



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 Spir - it,



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated.



An ongoing outreach of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church is to the soup kitchen at New Journey United Methodist Church in Reading, where, as the only daily food program in Reading, they serve approximately 150 meals per day. There are about 50 of SLC members already involved who, in teams, prepare up to 10 gallons of soup each month. These teams always welcome additional help!

WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD MEMBERS TO TEAMS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF SOUP OUR CURRENT MEMBERS NEED TO PREPARE.

Each month the assigned team's members prepare the soup together in the church kitchen or at their convenience at home, all using the same recipe. The soup is frozen and stored in the church kitchen's upright freezer. If desired, reimbursement for ingredients may be obtained by submitting store receipts to the church office. Gallon tubs are available in the church kitchen.

The teams that are in most need of help, their captains, the number of active members, and the recipe they prepare are:

January: Doris Jaeger (3) chicken pot pie

March: Lori Bauer (4) alphabet vegetable soup

April: Tucker Erisman (4) savory vegetable soup

May: Carol Gunzelmann (4) taco soup

June: Penny Kroznuski (4) hamburger barbecue

September: no captain (4) savory vegetable soup

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or have questions, please contact Carol Gunzelmann, (610)582-1140 or cgunz@dejazzd.com or the captain of the team you would like to help.

All SLC choirs will be returning this fall beginning **Thursday, September 9th**. The schedule is as follows:

- Cherub Choir: 6:10 (ages 5-7 / Grades K-2)
- Junior Choir: 6:30 (ages 8-11) / Grades 3-6
- Handbell Choir: 6:55 (arrival/setup at 6:45) (open to teens and tweens, too!)
- Senior Choir: 7:35-8:35

Please come out and help bring all of our ensembles back to full life! I look forward to seeing you all there. Anyone with questions should contact me at: music@schwarzwaldlutheran.org



ACOLYTES WE ARE BACK

STARTING SEPTEMBER 12 AT 10:30 A.M.

If you are interested in serving God and your Church, being an acolyte ages 9 to 15 is a great way to participate as a leader in Worshipping God.

Please complete the lower half and drop it in the collection plate in the Narthex or the office.

Acolytes

Name-----

Phone No _____

E-Mail-----



CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

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

PSALM 34:15-22 *read responsively*

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD rescues them from them all.

²⁰**He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.**

²¹Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

²²**The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

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

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against

the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

P The Gospel according to John.

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

HOLY GOSPEL John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me

Pastor Steve’s Office Hours are as follows:

Monday and Wednesday, 1-4pm. Tuesday 11am-2pm.

Please remember that planned and unplanned events can come up, so you may want to call ahead of time, AND other times to meet can be arranged.

BREAKFAST BUNCH

Thursday, September 9, at 9:00 a.m. at Effie’s Charcoal Chef Restaurant.

All are welcome!

SCHWARZWALD WALKERS — CHANGE OF DATE! There will not be a walk the last weekend of August. The walk will be postponed to **Saturday, September 4th** at 8:00 a.m. See you all then at Union Meadows East, 100 Campbell Ford Rd., Douglassville, PA 19518.

FREE FIGHTIN’ PHILS TICKETS

In the Narthex, there are free tickets for the Fightin’ Phils home game being held on Thursday, September 9 at 7:05 PM. Help yourself!!

RALLY DAY — SEPTEMBER 12

We are looking for adults to help run a carnival game, preferably adults without kids attending. The game would run from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. If you don’t feel comfortable creating a game, you can use one that we have ready to go. Please contact Crystal Jordan, clw1481@aol.com, if you are interested in helping. Also, prewrapped candy donations to be used for a candy scramble would be much appreciated!

FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

As part of Mary’s Shelter’s “Strong Program”, the **Giving Tree** in the Narthex has “bloomed” with cards listing items needed to complete the bedroom designed by Exeter’s Design Team. You may place your donations in the container near the tree. The deadline for delivering your items to church is Sunday, **September 12**. Please remember that all items are to be new. Thank you so much for helping with this project!!

The ongoing collections supported by the congregation through the Social Ministry Committee are:

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY - We continue to collect PB&J for the Exeter Area Food Pantry. These may be placed in the black bins at the Narthex entrance.

USED EYEGLASSES - Do you have any prescription glasses you no longer use? We collect them here at Schwarzwald Lutheran and pass them along to the Exeter Township Lions Club. Please donate only eyeglasses, regular and tinted, no accessories such as cases. Please place the eyeglasses in the black bins at the Narthex entrance.

ALUMINUM CAN TABS - We continue to collect aluminum can tabs from soda cans, soup cans, pet food cans, etc. The can tabs are passed along to the Exeter Township Lions Club. Please deposit the tabs in the specially marked container at the Narthex entrance.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Miller / Jackson
Barry Hoover, soloist

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Ben D’Annibale, Music Director
Kevin Kennedy, Usher Team Captain
Kelly Carr, Assisting Minister
Judy Ney, Carillonneur
Kevin Kennedy, Zoom Master

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. If you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance. **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!**

ALTAR FLOWER AND BULLETIN SPONSORS—2 sponsors per week. If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers (\$25) or bulletins (\$14), please fill out your information on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. **Sponsors are needed for all of September.**

CARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX for a note of “thinking of you,” “cheer,” “wishing you well,” etc. Please pick a card and send it to someone on the church prayer list or on your personal prayer list to help keep their spirits up!

TUESDAY MORNING GROUP - The Tuesday morning Bible Study / Work Group will continue to meet during the summer months—every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love’s re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy’s per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-’ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers for those with immediate concerns

Scot Griesemer	George Hughes	David Johns
Chuck Weiser	Jan Zabodyn	Fionn Flanagan
Ann Mohr	Nancy Mohr	Fred Mohr, Sr.
Scott Gumpert	Sarah	Peter Seoane
Jamie Slepecki	Edie Tiderman	

After each petition of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy,
 C **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.
 C **And also with you.**

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

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

A basket for your offering is available in the Narthex on entering.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Sonata for Flute and Piano, II. Cantilena . . .* F. Poulenc
 Elise Kohler, flute

The offering is brought forward to the altar by an usher.

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 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.