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# Schwarzwalder Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

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## 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021



**HYMNS ON THE CARILLON**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

*James 1:19-20*

“You must understand this, my beloved:  
let everyone be quick to listen,  
slow to speak,  
slow to anger;  
for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness.”

**PRELUDE** *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* . . . . . Claudius/Campbell/Schulz

**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

*My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*



- 1 My God, how won-der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
- 2 How won-der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
- 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
- 5 My God, how won-der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!  
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!  
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.  
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

# Live Music Returns!

A **FREE** concert by Reading's own



## Ringgold Band

Once again experience inspiring and beautiful live music  
from Reading's Premier Concert Band  
[ringgoldband.com](http://ringgoldband.com)

At the **Reading Liederkrantz**  
143 Spook Lane, Reading, PA 19606  
610-373-3982

**TODAY**  
**3pm-5pm**

Sponsored by the **Reading Musical Foundation**  
[readingmusicalfoundation.org](http://readingmusicalfoundation.org)





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](mailto:cgunz@dejazzd.com) or the captain of the team you would like to help.

**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 God's people on earth.



☩ 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.*

## CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

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](mailto:music@schwarzwaldlutheran.org)

Are you ready for it?

We are returning to in-person  
Sunday School!

Our official kick-off will be **Rally Day**  
on **September 12, 9:00—10:15 a.m.**

We hope you can join us for  
everything!

Our theme this year is...drumroll...a "faith and fun" carnival! All of our children will get to experience games, snacks, a special guest, a fun photo station, crafts, prizes, and more. All of this will be faith-based and so much fun. We are beyond thrilled to welcome our youth back for this mega Sunday School kick-off event!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION AND  
BACK PACK BLESSING DURING WORSHIP!  
KIDS—BRING YOUR BACK PACKS TO CHURCH!**

**CHURCH PICNIC IN THE PAVILION AT 11:45 A.M.**  
(see back page for more details)



# SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

### IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

The sole purpose of the Special Congregational Meeting is to approve a second amendment to the T-Mobile lease, which will provide T-Mobile an additional approximately 120 sq. ft. of ground space to install a backup generator for their equipment and to approve the construction drawings associated with the installation of the proposed backup generator.

### LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR TRAINING

#### Through Lutheran Congregational Services

Would you be interested in becoming a Eucharistic Visitor for SLC? This would enable you to provide home communion to our sick and shut-ins. The one-day event is from 9:30a to 4:00p and there are three different dates/sites to choose from on the list — 9/25, 10/23 or 11/6. If you are interested, please call the church office at 610-779-3480.

### 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 Worshiping God.

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

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**Acolytes**

Name-----

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail-----



### FIRST READING Song of Solomon 2:8-17

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. <sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. <sup>14</sup>O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely. <sup>15</sup>Catch us the foxes, the little foxes, that ruin the vineyards —for our vineyards are in blossom." <sup>16</sup>My beloved is mine and I am his; he pastures his flock among the lilies. <sup>17</sup>Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle or a young stag on the cleft mountains.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 15 *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

<sup>4</sup>**in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

<sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

### SECOND READING James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but

doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.<sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

### HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

*Please be seated.*

**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 continues to meet during the summer months—every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

### Pastor Steve’s Office Hours through 9/10 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 is 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.

### 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, **pre-wrapped candy donations to be used for a candy scramble would be much appreciated!** There’s a box for candy donations in the Narthex.

### 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. Please place the items in the black bins at the Narthex entrance.  
**USED EYEGLASSES** - We collect used eyeglasses 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 items 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.

POSTLUDE *For the Fruit of All Creation . . . . .* Green/Vaughn-Williams

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP, THERE WILL BE A  
TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS AT THE  
“GATHERING” OUTSIDE THE NARTHEX.  
PLEASE JOIN US!**

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

The Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett, Pastor  
Ben D’Annibale, Music Director  
Denton Quick, Usher Team Captain  
Russ Frey, Assisting Minister  
Judy Ney, Carillonneur  
Rochelle Chelius, Zoom Master

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome Sirapat Jittapirom as our supply organist this morning.**

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God for His blessing for a safe and successful school year by The Russo Family.

**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.**

The **September Pulpit and Pew** is available for pick-up in the Narthex.

**SERMON**

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Gather Us In*



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t’ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t’ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## 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		

Family and friends of Edie Tiderman in their grief (Melissa Kerber's grandmother)

*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** *As Saints of Old* . . . . . Christerson / Vaughn-Williams  
*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 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.  
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.  
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.  
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!