

## 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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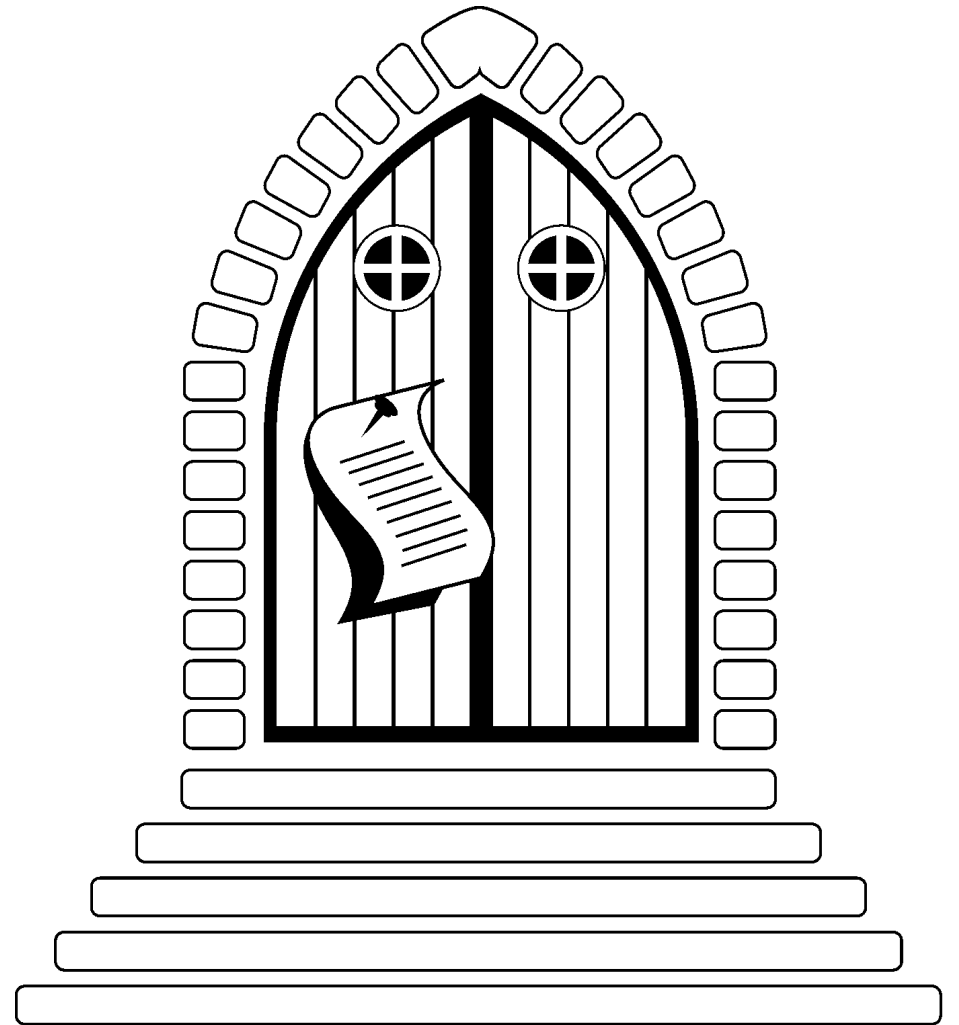
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# REFORMATION SUNDAY



# Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

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## REFORMATION SUNDAY                      OCTOBER 27, 2024

### HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME** Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made!  
**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**PRELUDE** *Andante* . . . . . Greene

### CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

*Please stand.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**P** 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.**

**C Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** #504 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Give for the Children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry

**Distribution will take place at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church December 13, 2024**

We are so thankful to all the individuals and organizations that helped to make last year’s event a great success. Over 340 children ranging in age from birth to 18 years received gifts to make their Christmas morning memorable. Too many local families are still struggling to make ends meet. We are expecting a very large number of them to be registering for toys again this year.

*It takes ALL of us to make this event a success for our children.*

#### THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP!

Please consider purchasing a toy or toys for children aged **BIRTH THROUGH 13 YEARS OLD**. This can include toys, games, puzzles, dolls, cars, trucks, building sets, art supplies, Barbies, Legos, etc.

#### FOR THE TEENAGERS 14-18

We would appreciate the purchase of gift sets: Make-up sets, Nail Care Sets, Shaving Sets, Cologne Sets, Perfume Sets, Hand Cream and Body Wash Sets, Adult Art Sets, (Fine tip markers, graphic pencils, colored pencils) etc. The Amazon Wish List below will include examples of these sets. They are available in many stores during the Christmas season. Teenagers will also receive a gift card to purchase something they would like from our generous partner, Hack Away at Hunger.

Donations of hats, socks, gloves and scarves for ALL AGES are also appreciated. Donations of gently read CHILDREN’s and TEEN’s books that you no longer need are welcomed.

New books are also appreciated.

All of these items can be placed in the collection box or you can deliver them to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church. There will be two collection boxes in the breezeway near the church office. The box is emptied daily.

For those who prefer a monetary contribution, please send a check made payable to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church (marked “Toy Give”) and send it to 250 Church Lane Road, Reading, PA 19606

Below you will find a link to an Amazon Wish List with suggested items you may purchase for the children. Any item purchased from this list will be shipped directly to Schwarzwald. You can copy and paste the link in your browser or email me to have a link sent to you. You can also search for the list named **Exeter Toy Give for the Children of the Exeter Pantry 2024** under accounts and lists, search for a list on the Amazon home page.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GKV6D9ENXIZV?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GKV6D9ENXIZV?ref=wl_share)  
**If you prefer to shop online at any other store website, the items can be shipped directly to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, 250 Church Lane Road, Reading Pa 19606**

If you have questions, please contact Doris Jaeger at 610-780-9825 or [bdj43077@msn.com](mailto:bdj43077@msn.com). You may also call the Schwarzwald Lutheran Church office at 610-779-3480. We welcome volunteers from other organizations.

# MARK YOU CALENDARS!!

COME, GATHER, PREPARE

## Advent FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

(following worship)

11:45 AM-1:45 PM in FELLOWSHIP HALL



11:45 — 12:15 Light lunch — pizza , veggies

12:15 — 1:15 Crafts and activities

1:15 — 1:45 Lighting of the outside Advent wreath,  
gather for crafts and dessert

PIZZA LUNCH

MUSIC

CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND ADULTS

+ A SPECIAL "PREPARE & SHARE" TABLE FOR OLDER KIDS AND  
ADULTS TO MAKE DECORATIONS FOR SHUT-INS

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST OUTDOOR ADVENT CANDLE

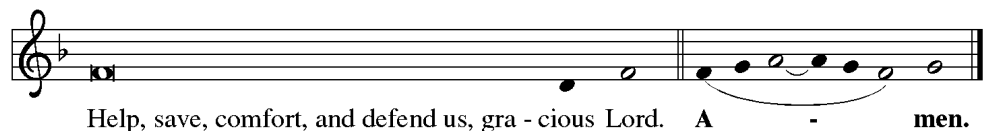
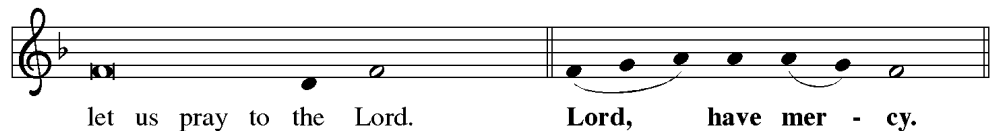
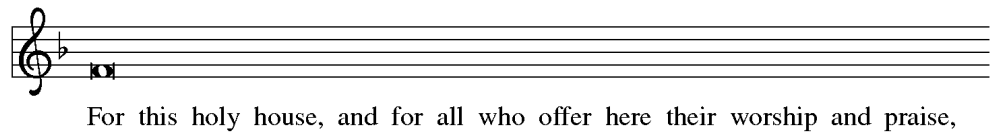
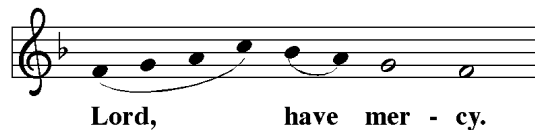
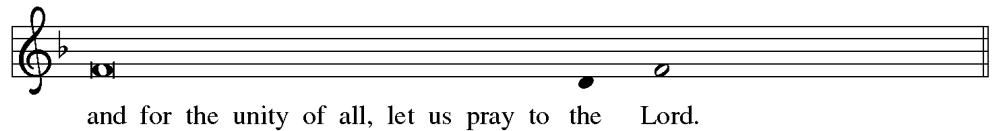
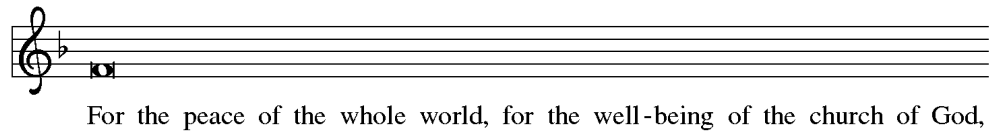
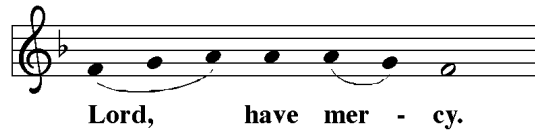
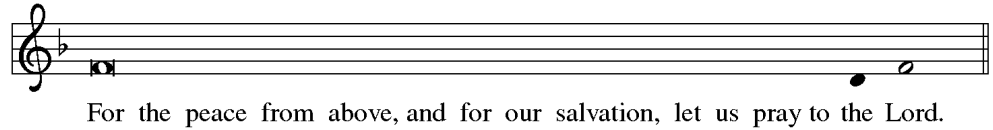
Invite your friends and come for an afternoon of fellowship as we  
prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ Child!

### GREETING

A 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



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN’S CIRCLE** . . . . . The Rev. Richard Bardo

**FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 46** *read responsively* Kailey Batzel . . . . . Psalm Reader

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Cooler Weather, Different Foods for the Little Free Pantry**

Fall weather has arrived, and we are able to place a greater variety of foods in the Little Free Pantry.

Acceptable food items include:

- soup ready-made meals apple sauce canned meats
- canned fruit peanut butter jelly canned vegetables
- beans rice oatmeal boxes of cereal pasta juice boxes

You will find a collection box for your items in the Narthex. As always, thank you for supporting this ministry.

Carol Gunzelmann, Marlene Harlow, Doris Jaeger, Bill Jaeger, Judi Merkel, Jan Krommes, Mary Phillips, Barb Quick, Denton Quick, and Peg Gumpert



**BIBLE STUDY / TUESDAY MORNING GROUP**

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study / Work Group meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Please join us!

**Our 9th Annual Toy Give collection has begun!!**

Collection boxes are in the breezeway near the church office, in Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex.

Distribution will take place here at SLC on December 13, 2024.

Please see the next page for additional information.



The Prayer Group meets every other Tuesday at 11:00 AM in the Parlor. Please contact Joanne Rutherford for additional information at 484-334-5350 or jmr14290@gmail.com.



**NEXT SUNDAY is  
All Saints' Sunday**

## SERVING AT WORSHIP

Russ Frey . . . . . Assisting Minister  
Jeff Schmehl . . . . . Usher Team Captain  
Emma Dickerson . . . . . Acolyte  
Peg Gumpert, Mark Hoover, Russ Frey, Terry Jenkins . . . . . Communion Assistants  
Kailey Batzel . . . . . Psalm Reader  
Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr . . . . . Carillonneurs  
Dave Scalse . . . . . Zoom Master

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome The Rev. Richard Bardo as our supply pastor this morning.**

**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. You are also encouraged to sign our guest register with your preferred contact information. If you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table. Visitors who are communing members of other Christian congregations are cordially invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Welcome to the Lord's table where we are one with Christ!

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Fay Weaver in celebration of Reformation Sunday.

**Church-time Nursery** is available downstairs in the "Parent and Me" room with plenty of toys and books for toddlers and youngsters.

**Large print bulletins and hearing receivers** are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance. **Children's toys, games, puzzles and books** can be found in the Narthex.

**BREAKFAST BUNCH** — Thursday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. at Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. All are welcome!



Daylight Savings time ends at 2:00 a.m. on  
Sunday, November 3.  
Set your clocks **BACK** one hour at bedtime on  
Saturday night, November 2.

### WE ARE IN NEED OF ALTAR FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS!!!

\$25 per flower sponsor and \$14 per bulletin sponsor  
(2 sponsorships available per week for each)  
There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Thank you!

### Last Sunday's Current Envelopes Offering:

Budgeted income \$4,038.00  
Actual income \$3,867.00

<sup>8</sup>**Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**"Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

### **SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

*Please stand.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

**HOLY GOSPEL John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON** . . . . . The Rev. Richard Bardo

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

#517 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

Continuous Communion  
Grape juice is available at the top of the steps.  
For gluten free wafers, please ask the Communion Assistant.  
If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, the Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.  
After receiving communion, please pick up a communion card at the bottom of the ramp. Please complete the card and place it in the basket in the Narthex or vestibule after worship.

*Please stand.*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
+ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN #673 *God, Whose Almighty Word***

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE *Trumpet Piece* . . . . . Alcock**

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**Please be advised** that all of our worship services are broadcast live via zoom to anyone who possesses the meeting passcode as well as recorded for subsequent distribution via email to members of the congregation and posted on the church's Facebook page.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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



☩ 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

A Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond, especially,

Barbara Hafer  
Joan Smith  
Jan Bertolet  
Joanne Miuccio

Barry Hoover  
Janice Smithson  
Tom Bowersox  
Jayne Phillips

Bob Pendi  
Alice Specht  
Barry Hecker  
Tracy Rohrbach

We pray for all those concerns and people we quietly name who we hold in our hearts.

*(Silent prayers)*

Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### SHARING THE PEACE

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

**C** And also with you.

*Share the peace with one another.*

*Please be seated.*

### OFFERING

#### ANTHEM

*Amazing Grace / Pachelbel's Canon. . . . . arr. Shafferman*  
Sr. Choir / Youth Chimes / Peg Gumpert, accompanist

*Please stand.*

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

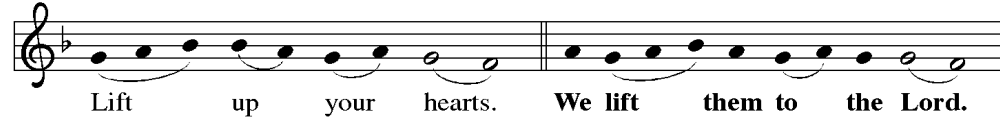


pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

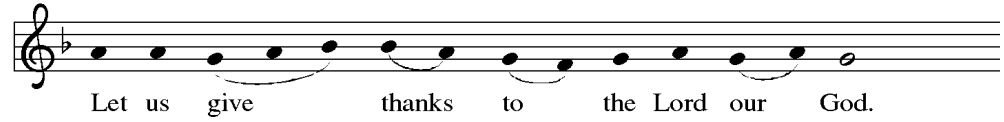
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of the reformers you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with Martin Luther and all of the Reformers, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.