

**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!

# ALL SAINTS' DAY





# Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

The people of Schwarzwald - Ministers  
Mrs. Kathy Snyder - Director of Music  
Ms. Diane V. Hafer - Office Administrator  
Mrs. Crystal Jordan - Christian Ed. Director  
Mrs. Melissa Kerber—Sexton

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 3, 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** *Meditation.* . . . . . Bullard

**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** #625 *Come, We That Love the Lord*

## 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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## 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**

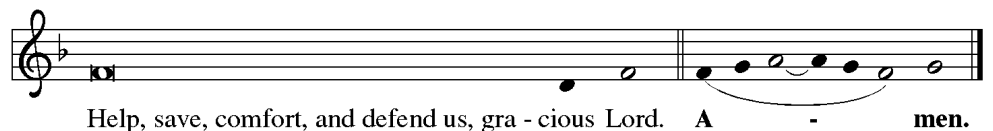
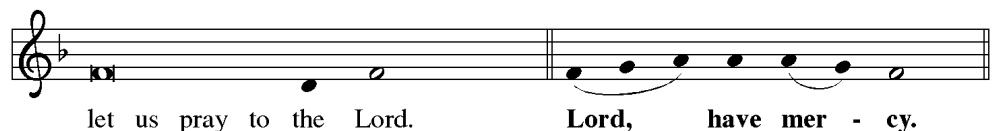
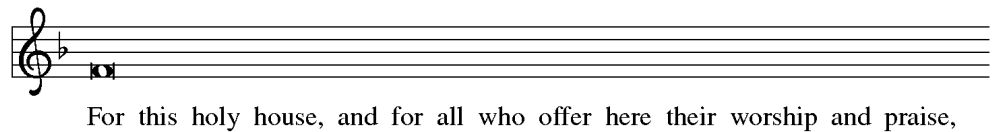
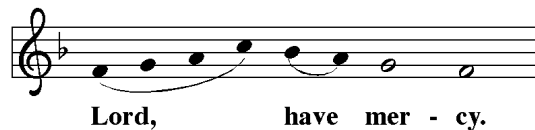
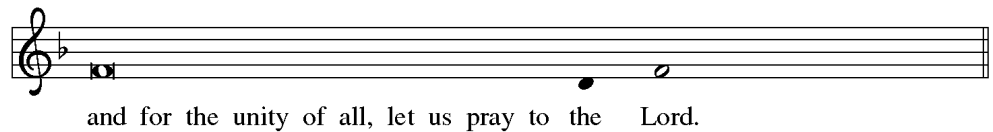
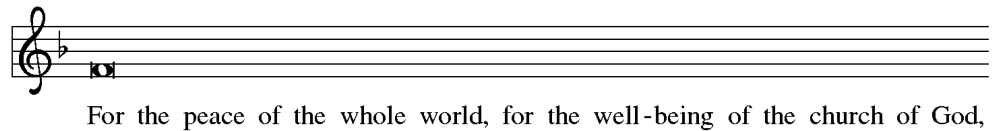
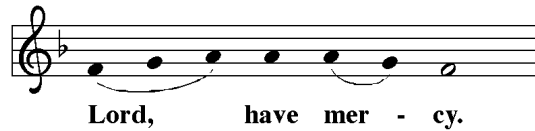
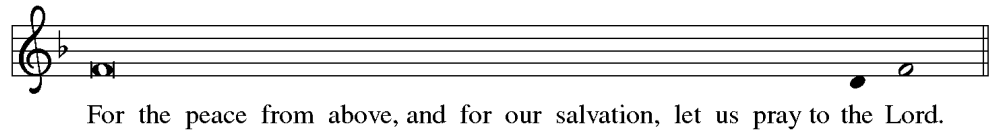
If you have questions, please contact Doris Jaeger at 610-780-9825 or [bdj43077@msn.com](mailto:bdj43077@msn.com). You may also call the Schwarzwald Lutheran Church office at 610-779-3480. We welcome volunteers from other organizations.

## 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, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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 Isaiah 25:6-9**

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 24** *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;  
<sup>2</sup>**for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**  
<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
<sup>4</sup>**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**  
<sup>5</sup>They will receive blessing from the LORD,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
<sup>6</sup>**Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**  
<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.  
<sup>8</sup>**Who is the King of glory?**  
**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.**  
<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.  
<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory?**  
**The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

**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.



**GIVE BLOOD.  
GIVE HOPE.**



**UPCOMING COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

**Schwarzwald Lutheran Church  
250 Church Lane, Reading PA**

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:00 am – 1:00 pm**

To schedule an appointment:

Scan the QR Code OR

Call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667, ext. 2

And use Sponsor Code 8506.



**APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED**

All donors must present valid ID with:

- First & last name
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**SERVING AT WORSHIP**

Mark Hoover . . . . . Assisting Minister  
Larry Houp . . . . . Usher Team Captain  
Charlie Brumbaugh . . . . . Acolyte  
Peg Gumpert, Mark Hoover, Susan Johns, Judy McLain . . . . . Communion Assistants  
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 1) by Charles and Anita Heydt in celebration of granddaughter Katie’s birthday, and 2) by Bob and Jean Pendi to the glory of God.

**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.

**November P&P** is available for pick-up in the Narthex and Vestibule entrances.

**VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION - Next Sunday, November 10.**

There will be a special recognition of our Veterans for their service to our country. To make sure our list of Veterans is up-to-date, please contact the church office with the number of years you served and your branch of military, 610-779-3480 or administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org.

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

**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 \$3,900.00

**SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-6a**

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

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 11:32-44**

<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus,

come out!”<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

**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** #422 *For All the Saints*

*Remain standing as you are able.*

**ALL SAINTS’ REMEMBRANCE**

**P** We remember our members, made Saints by the grace of God, who have gone from this Life to Glory in the last year.

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Dorothy Bernhard | Walter Godshall |
| Don Gunzelmann   | Penny Kroznuski |
| Ernie Neiman     | Patsy Pierce    |
| Joe Renninger    | Bud Sweigert    |
| Dottie Updegrave | Lee Werley      |
| Nancy Wolf       |                 |

**PRAYER**

**P** Gracious God, we thank you for giving us these dearly departed to know and to love through their days of life on Earth. We now humbly commend them to your care. May we be comforted and take courage by remembering the promise given in our baptism, that you are with us always through this life and prepare a place for us in your Eternal Kingdom. To you be all honor and glory now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**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** Faithful God,  
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son.  
Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**P** The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** #631 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Organ Postlude* . . . . . Wesley

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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 Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering, especially:

Barbara Hafer  
Joan Smith  
Jan Bertolet  
Jayne Phillips

Barry Hoover  
Janice Smithson  
Tom Bowersox  
Tracy Rohrbach

Bob Pendi  
Alice Specht  
Barry Hecker

We pray for all those concerns and people we quietly name who we hold in our hearts. *(Silent prayers)* Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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

*This Is My Song*. . . . . Sibelius (Finlandia)

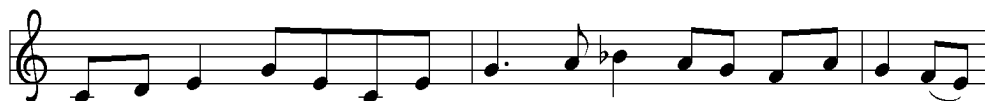
Sr. Choir / Handbell Choir / Peg Gumpert, accompanist

**Congregation, please join in singing Verse 3:**

This is my song, O God of all the nations.  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.  
O hear my song, O God of all the nations.  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

*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 your saints 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 all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



**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.**