

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!



## 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

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      NOVEMBER 10, 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 *Star Spangled Banner/God Bless America . . .* Patty Schmeer, soloist

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 #434 *Jesus Shall Reign*

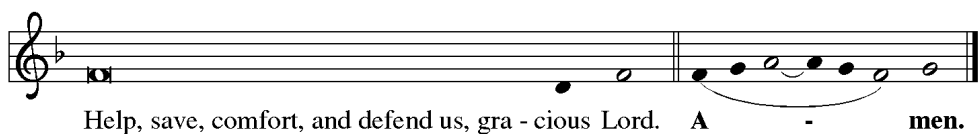
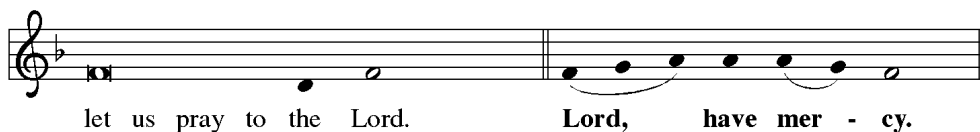
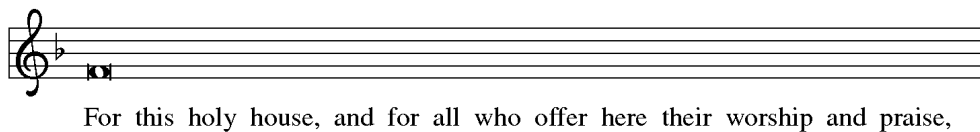
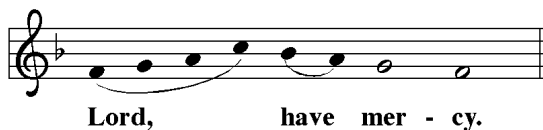
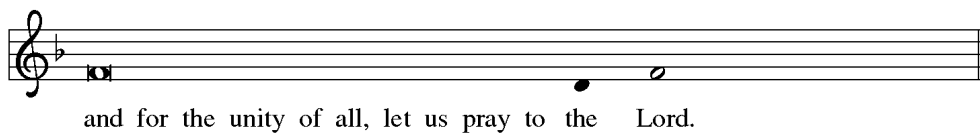
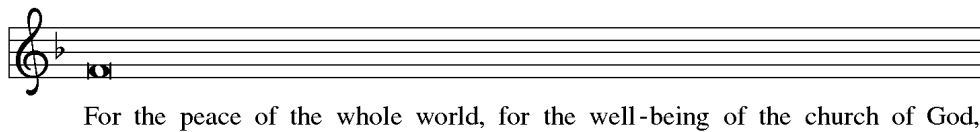
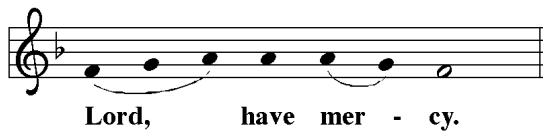
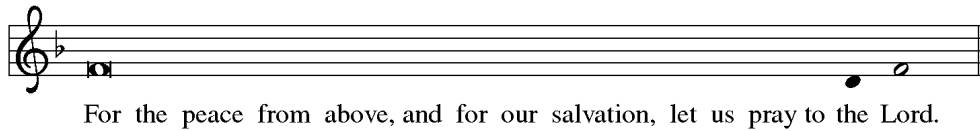


## GREETING

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.

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome The Rev. Donald Simmons 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.

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Sandra Himmelreich in memory of her parents, and 2) by Dennis and Pat Ruffner as a tribute to all Veterans.

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

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

Last Sunday’s Current Envelopes Offering:

Budgeted income \$4,038.00  
Actual income \$4,487.00



**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.



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray. O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**YOUTH CHORUS** *I’m So Glad* . . . . . Greenaway  
*My God Is So Big* . . . . . Unknown

**CHILDREN’S CIRCLE** . . . . . The Rev. Donald Simmons

**FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:8-16**

<sup>8</sup>The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 146** *read responsively* Emma Dickerson . . . . . Psalm Reader

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed;  
 who gives food to the hungry.  
 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
 the LORD loves the righteous.**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the strangers;  
 he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
 but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God,  
**O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

**SECOND READING Hebrews 9:24-28**

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

**RECOGNITION OF VETERANS**

*Veterans—please stand as you are able.  
 The youth will be handing out flowers to you.*

Ken Adam	Coast Guard, 4 years active / 2 years inactive
Tommy Babb	Army/Airborne, 3 years
Chuck Heydt	Army, Viet Nam, Cold War, Dessert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, 25 years
Barry Hoover	Navy, Viet Nam, 20 years
Dave Johns	Air National Guard, 6 years
Andy Kent	Army, Satellite Division, 3 years
Leon Kerner	Navy, WWII, 24 years
Ed Kroznuski	Air Force, 4 years
Dave Noecker	Army, 6 years
Bob Pendi	Coast Guard, 4 years
Denton Quick	Army, Viet Nam, 6 years
Mike Shaffer	Navy, 4 years
Walt Smithson	Marine Corps, 1 year
Paul Toaldo	Navy, 4 years
Larry Yoder	Army, 3 years

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Andantino* . . . . .Wesley

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**Follow us on Instagram for SLC's latest news and activities!**  
**@schwarzwaldlutheranchurch**

**SERVING AT WORSHIP**

Peg Gumpert. . . . . Assisting Minister  
 Fred Mohr, Youth—Joshua Kerber, Jeremy Kerber, Michael Jordan. . Usher Team  
 Scarlet Jordan. . . . . Acolyte  
 Peg Gumpert . . . . . Accompanist  
 Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr . . . . . Carillonneurs  
 Rochelle Chelius . . . . . Zoom Master

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

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Please stand.

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**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**

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

**C** Amen.

**SENDING HYMN** #638 *Blessed Assurance*

Please stand.

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**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 12:38-44**

<sup>38</sup> As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

Please be seated.

**SERMON** . . . . . The Rev. Donald Simmons

Please stand.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

#790 *Day By Day*

**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**

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 Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill, especially,

Barbara Hafer	Barry Hoover	Bob Pendi
Joan Smith	Janice Smithson	Alice Specht
Jan Bertolet	Tom Bowersox	Barry Hecker
Jayne Phillips	Tracy Rohrbach	

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

*(Silent prayers)*

Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. 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** *Evidence of Grace* . . . . . McDonald  
Sr. Choir