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250 Church Lane, Reading PA**

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**26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

*thank offering Sunday*

**HYMNS ON THE CARILLON**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEMPLE TALK . . . . .** Jack Williams, Executive Director of RCEH

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

**PRELUDE** *Peaceful Prelude . . . . .* 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.**

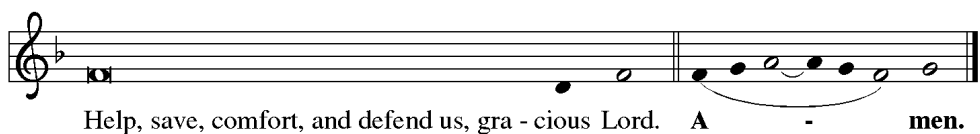
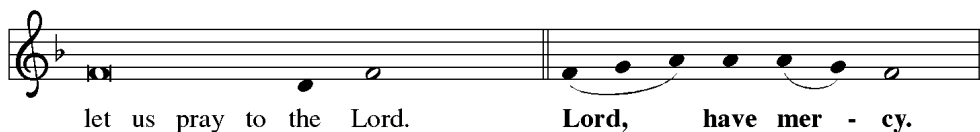
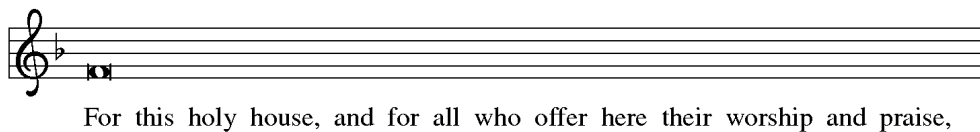
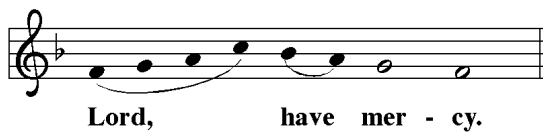
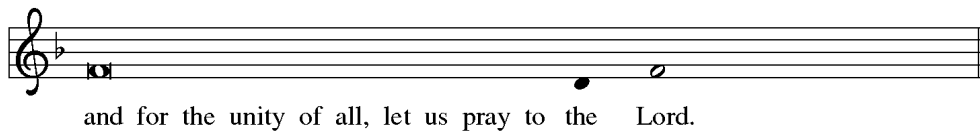
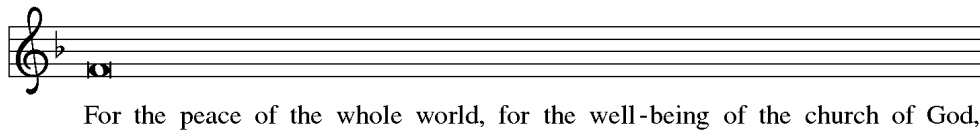
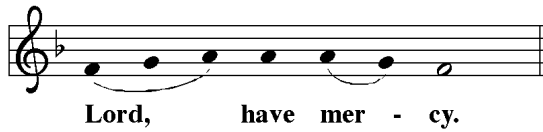
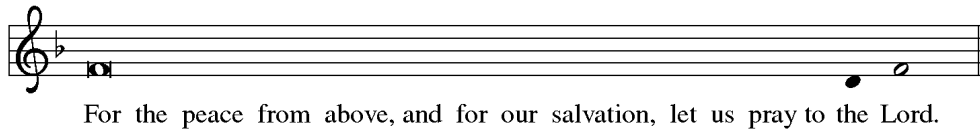
**GATHERING HYMN #785** *When Peace Like a River*

## 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



## 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!

## 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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Please be seated.*

YOUTH CHIMES *Praise Him* . . . . . trad.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE . . . . . The Rev. Richard Bardo

#### FIRST READING Daniel 12:1-3

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 16 *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup>**I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD;  
I have no good apart from you."**

<sup>3</sup>As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup>**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup>**I keep the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

<sup>10</sup>**For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25**

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [<sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup> he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P The Gospel according to Mark.

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

**SERVING AT WORSHIP**

Susan Johns . . . . .	Assisting Minister
Kevin Kennedy. . . . .	Usher Team Captain
John Gibson . . . . .	Acolyte
Melissa Crotty . . . . .	Accompanist
Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr . . . . .	Carillonneurs
Kevin Kennedy . . . . .	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.

**TODAY is “Thank Offering Sunday.” Our speaker is Jack Williams, Executive Director of the Reading Coalition to End Homelessness, who will present an informational talk at the beginning of the service. A basket for donations to RCEH is in the Narthex for your contributions. We look forward to finding new ways to help fight homelessness in our area.**

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Mary Phillips in celebration of November birthdays, and 2) by Rita Seidel in loving memory of Ronald “Rock” Seidel.

The **bulletins** are sponsored by Charles and Anita Heydt to the glory of God.

**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.

**Last Sunday’s Current Envelopes Offering:**

Budgeted income \$4,038.00

Actual income \$2,325.00

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**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.

**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 #805 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Andante* . . . . . Stanley

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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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**HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

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 #759 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**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 O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, and mental and physical illness. Bring healing and wholeness to:

Barbara Hafer	Barry Hoover	Bob Pendi
Joan Smith	Janice Smithson	Alice Specht
Tom Bowersox	Barry Hecker	Jayne Phillips
Tracy Rohrbach	Deborah Saint	
The family and friends of Jan Bertolet in their grief		

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

**C receive our prayer.**

A Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A With thanksgiving we remember saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. 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.*

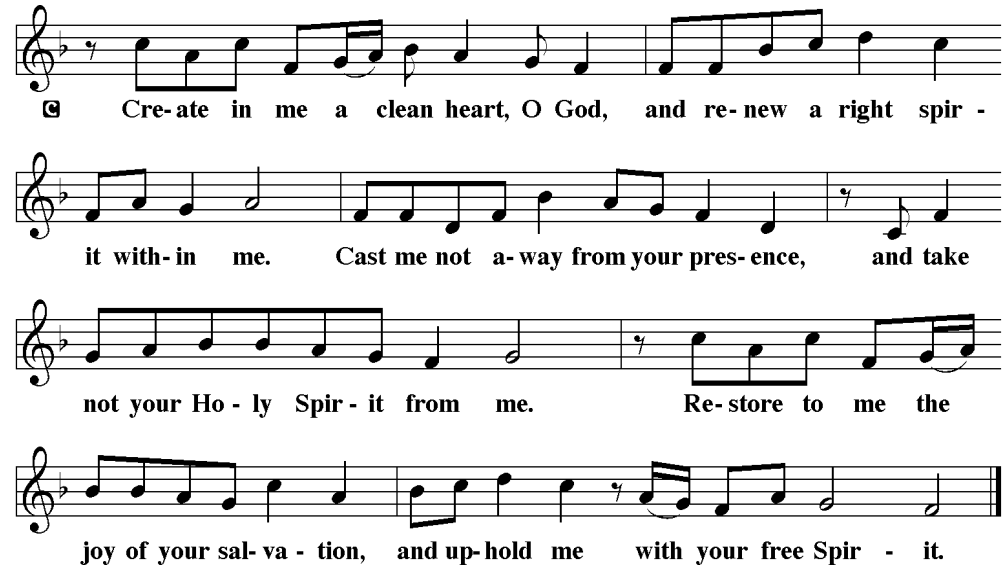
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## OFFERING

**SR. CHOIR ANTHEM** *The Prayer with Lead Us Lord . . . . .* Fetteke  
Melissa Crotty, Accompanist

*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**