

**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.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF ALTAR FLOWER and/or BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:** January 19 and 26 and February 2, 9, 16 and 23. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Some of **Schwarzwald's carillon and handbell music** will be aired every Wednesday in January at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Comcast Channel 15, Service Electric Channel 19, BCTV.org. The day after airing, it will be on YouTube at: BCTV.org international folkshowsite:youtube.com - playlist

## Event Registration Opens January 2, 2025



March 22 - 23, 2025

A SEPA multi-congregation Event Hosted at  
 New Hanover Lutheran Church • Gilbertsville, PA  
 For Youth Grades 6-12 • Friends Welcome!  
 Starts Saturday 4PM • \$30 per attendee  
 Camp • Learn • Raise \$ • Play Games • Worship  
 Details on Website [bit.ly/boxcity25](https://bit.ly/boxcity25)  
 Deadline to register: March 1



# SLC 2025 Souper Bowl of Caring

To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry

**THE CHALLENGE IS ON!!** JANUARY 5— FEBRUARY 9

BRING IN THOSE SOUP CANS. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE COMPETING TO SEE WHICH CLASS BRINGS IN THE MOST SOUP! THE WINNING CLASS WILL WIN A PRIZE!

IF YOU WISH TO HELP A CERTAIN CLASS TO WIN.....MARK YOUR DONATIONS WITH THE GRADE LEVEL OF THE CLASS.

PLEASE SEE OR CALL DAVE SCALESE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS



# Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

The people of Schwarzwald - Ministers  
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 Ms. Diane V. Hafer - Office Administrator  
 Mrs. Crystal Jordan - Christian Ed. Director  
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## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 12, 2025

**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** *Solfeggio*. . . . . Leo

**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 #487** *What Feast of Love*

**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**

Musical staff with lyrics: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Musical staff with lyrics: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Musical staff with lyrics: Lord, have mer - cy.

Musical staff with lyrics: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

Musical staff with lyrics: and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Musical staff with lyrics: Lord, have mer - cy.

Musical staff with lyrics: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

Musical staff with lyrics: let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Musical staff with lyrics: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

**SERVING AT WORSHIP**

Mark Hoover . . . . . Assisting Minister  
Kevin Kennedy . . . . . Usher Team Captain  
Peg Gumpert, Mark Hoover, Judy McLain, Christy D'Angelo . . . Comm. Assist.  
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. 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 Mary Phillips in thanks for family and friends, and 2) by The Quicks in honor of family birthdays.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by The Quick's—thank the Lord for family, and 2) by Gwen Kauwell in honor of her 75th anniversary.

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

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

Budgeted income \$4,038.00  
Actual income \$7,016.00

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

Following the worship service, lunch (spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and butter, beverages and ice cream) will be served in Fellowship Hall. The congregational meeting will begin immediately after lunch.

**Please join us for a delicious spaghetti dinner immediately following worship on Sunday, January 26.**



**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** Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,

**C Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**P** The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN #576** *We All Are One in Mission*

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Fugue in C* . . . . . Händel

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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 43:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, “Give them up,”  
and to the south, “Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

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

**PSALM 29** *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup>**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

## SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## 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.

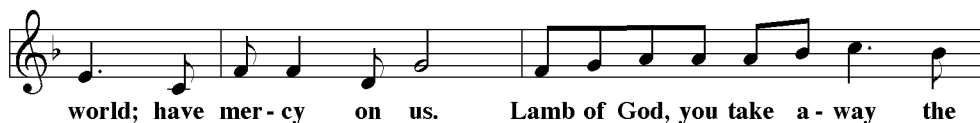
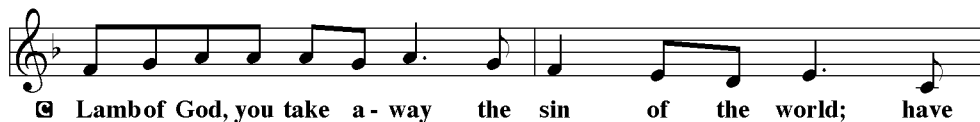
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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



*Please be seated.*

## 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and 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.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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** #716 *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

## 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 With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery, especially:

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|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Joan Garipoli        | Barbara Hafer  | Bob Pendi      |
| Janice Smithson      | Alice Specht   | Fay Weaver     |
| Tom Bowersox         | Bill Hedl, Sr. | Jayne Phillips |
| Tracy Rohrbach       | Deborah Saint  | Suzanne Trigg  |
| Jim and Lauri Walker |                |                |

We pray for all those concerns and people we quietly name.

*(Silent prayers)*

Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

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** *Jesus, the Light of the World . . . . .* Bible Sr. Choir

*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.