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BOX CITY
Youth Event

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
Deadline to register: March 1



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 2, 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 *Andantino* Franck

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 #705 *God of Grace*



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*

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Denton Quick Assisting Minister
 Larry Houp Usher Team Captain
 Trevor Seidel and John Gibson Acolytes
 Peg Gumpert, Denton Quick, Christy D'Angelo, Barry Hoover . . . Comm. Assist.
 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 Mary Phillips in thanks for family and friends, and 2) by Barry and Ruth Hoover in honor of Barry's birthday.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by The Quick's in honor of their 59th wedding 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.

BREAKFAST BUNCH will meet on Thursday, February 13, at 9:00 a.m. at Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. All are welcome!

WE ARE IN NEED OF ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS on March 2, 9, 16 and 23. **WE ARE IN NEED OF BULLETIN SPONSORS** on February 16 and 23 and all of March. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Last Sunday's Current Envelopes Offering:

Budgeted income \$4,038.00
 Actual income \$4,355.00

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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 #543 *Go My Children, with My Blessing*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *The Acts of God Are Righteous* Krebs

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S CIRCLE The Rev. Richard Bardo

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”⁷ But the Lord said to me,
“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.”
⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.
¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 71:1-6 *read responsively*

¹In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
³Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
⁵For you, O LORD, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
⁶Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

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 Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb,

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.

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.

‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’”²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.”²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

Please be seated.

SERMONThe Rev. Richard Bardo

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY #644 *Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue*

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 God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness, especially:

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| Joan Garipoli | Barbara Hafer | Bob Pendi |
| Rita Seidel | Janice Smithson | Alice Specht |
| Fay Weaver | Tom Bowersox | Brett Montag |
| Jayne Phillips | Tracy Rohrbach | Mark Tiderman |
| Suzanne Trigg | Jim and Lauri Walker | |

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

(Silent prayers)

Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. 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 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* Thompson Handbell 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.