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Providing an opportunity for our home-bound members to join in on our service is very important.

It’s really not difficult and you can fully participate in worship while serving as Zoom Host.

Adults and teens are encouraged to consider learning this skill.

Please give the church office a call at 610-779-3480 if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

Training will be provided.



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 9, 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 *Peaceful Prelude* Bullack

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 #817 *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

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.

ACTIVES • BUILD COMPASSION • UNDE
RAISE AWARENESS • CHANGE PERSP
RSTAND BETTER • SEE DIFFERENTLY

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

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Peg Gumpert Assisting Minister
Fred Mohr and Youth—Michael Jordan, Trevor Seidel, A. J. Batzel. .Usher Team
Layla Gibney Acolyte
Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr Carillonneurs
Rochelle Chelius 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.

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by The Batzel family in thanksgiving for our church family, and 2) by Walt and Janice Smithson and Gregory Miller in memory of Donald Miller.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Denton Quick in honor of his wife Barbara’s birthday, and 2) by Ellen Focht in celebration of God and in honor of Eli Gibney’s birthday.

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.

The **February issue of the *Pulpit and Pew*** is available for pick-up in the Narthex and Vestibule entrances.

WE ARE IN NEED OF ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS for March 5, 9, 16 and 23. **WE ARE IN NEED OF BULLETIN SPONSORS** for February 16 and 23 and all of March. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

BREAKFAST BUNCH will meet on Thursday, February 13, at 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 \$10,198.00

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S CIRCLEThe Rev. Richard Bardo

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” [⁹And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’

¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.”

¹¹Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:
“Until cities lie waste

without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
¹²until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,

like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.”
The holy seed is its stump.

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

PSALM 138 *read responsively*

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your
steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.**

³On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his

SENDING HYMN #696 *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Magnificat Verse* Speth

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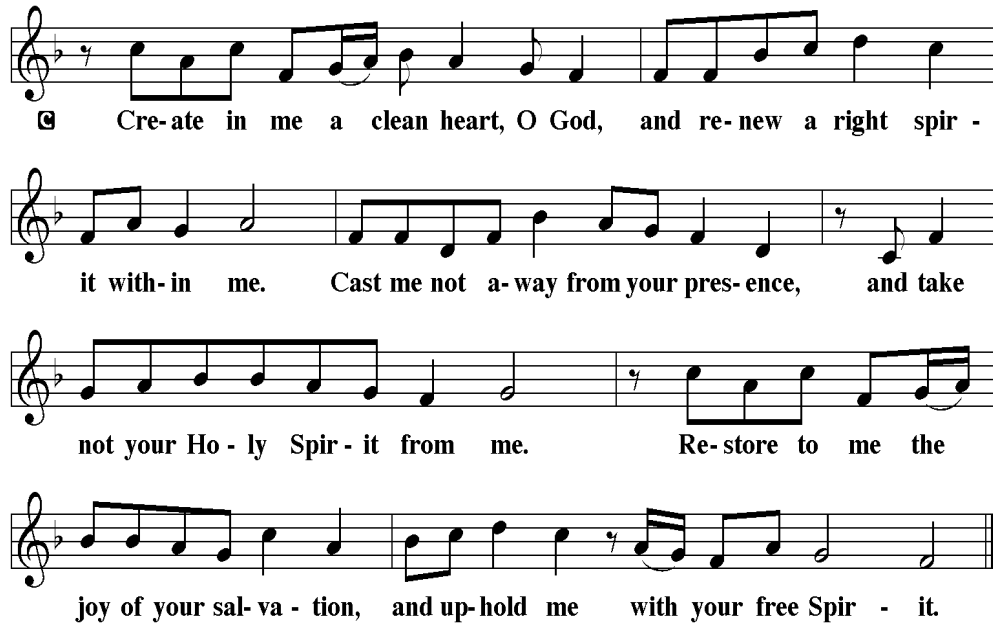
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Church-time Nursery is available downstairs in the “Parent and Me” room with plenty of toys and books for toddlers and youngsters.

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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 Spirit of the triune God
+ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
C Amen.

grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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 5:1-11

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

#798 *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

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 surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind especially:

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

We pray for all those concerns and people we quietly name. *(Silent prayers)*
Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith. May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. 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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Thompson
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