

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

10:00 A.M.

FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

EGG HUNT

MUSIC

STORIES

CRAFTS

PRIZES



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1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 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 *Valet will ich dir geben*Kauffman

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.

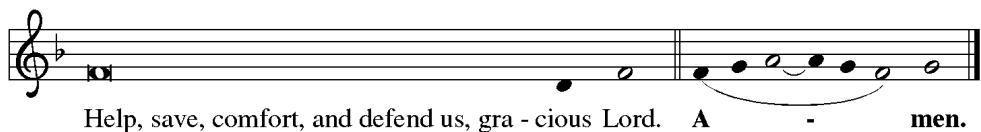
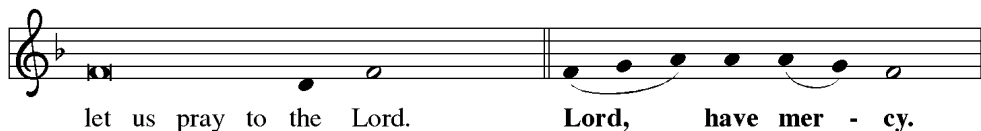
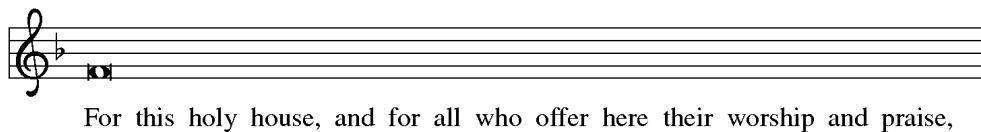
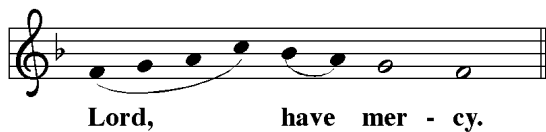
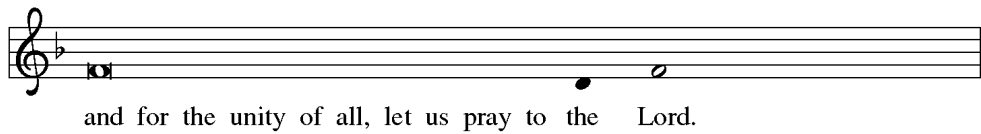
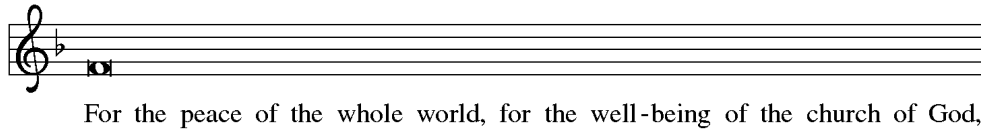
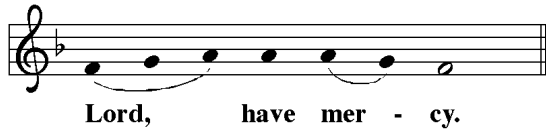
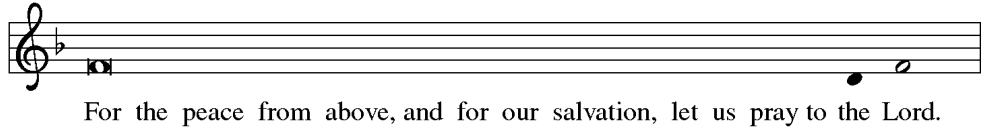
GATHERING HYMN #838 *Beautiful Savior*

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



Lenten Soup

Supper

6 P.M.



March 12 & April 9

PLEASE JOIN US

**FOR A SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER
BEFORE OUR LENTEN SERVICE.**

FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.

A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN.

**PLEASE HELP US PLAN BY TEXTING
610-780-9825 WITH YOUR NAME AND THE
NUMBER ATTENDING....OR CALL THE**

CHURCH OFFICE

AT 610-779-3480

LENTEN SELF-DENIAL CAMPAIGN

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays — March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 — 7:00 p.m.

We will be using the *Holden Evening Prayer Service*

Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **March 12 and April 9.**

So, what is Lent? Lent is the season of preparation leading up to Easter. It commemorates the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. We use these forty days to contemplate our relationship with Christ and the call that He has for each of us.

People celebrate Lent with different practices: fasting, prayer, self-denial, and almsgiving. Self-denial could include giving up certain activities or luxuries, or maybe favorite hobbies for the season, and Almsgiving is all about living a generous life. But, be especially generous during Lent - maybe give to the church's **LENTEN SELF-DENIAL campaign**. You will find special **Lenten Self-Denial Envelopes** in the Narthex. Please use these envelopes to add a special and additional offering to your normal weekly or monthly offerings. This year, the Lenten Self-Denial Offering will go to support the Veteran's Stand Down in Pottstown which supports homeless veterans and veterans in need in the Pottstown area. Veterans receive hot food and can participate in a special clothing closet and food pantry just for Vets. They also can talk to providers for services and benefits and spend some fellowship time with fellow vets.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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 Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16 *read responsively* Joshua Kerber Psalm Reader

¹You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

²will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,

¹⁰ **no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴ **Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} "The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your
lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the
dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified,
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No
one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction
between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who
call on him. ¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved."

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

LENTEN VERSE



The New Journey Soup Kitchen ministry has been part of our outreach for years. The need is greater than ever. So in an effort to increase the amount of soup we donate, we are modifying our on-call team and extending an invitation to everyone in the congregation. A list of everyone who is willing to make soup at least one month during the year will be compiled. Every month the recipe for that month's soup will be sent to the on-call team and to all the people on the new list, and they can choose whether or not to participate that month. (The existing teams will still prepare their recipes as always. If you want to participate more than that one month, have your name added to the new list.) If you participate, you will need to let Carol Gunzelmann or the soup team captain know your intention and have your labelled soup in the kitchen upright freezer by the middle of the month. 3-4 quart containers are available in the kitchen or can be purchased at the dollar store. Complete the form below to have your name added to the list. Contact Carol Gunzelmann 610-401-5731 or carolgunzelmann@gmail.com with questions.

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I am willing to prepare soup for the New Journey soup kitchen at least one month of my choice.

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____



Please place completed form in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.
Thank you!

CALENDER FOR LENT / HOLY WEEK / EASTER

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays — March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 — 7:00 p.m.

We will be using the *Holden Evening Prayer* Service

Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **March 12 and April 9.**

PALM SUNDAY

April 13

10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Reading of the Passion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17

7:30 PM Holy Communion Service

Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18

7:30 PM Worship Service

EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19

10:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20

8:00 AM Early Service with Holy Communion

9:00 AM Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM Festival Worship with Holy Communion

P The Gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

#800 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

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 Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,
C receive our prayer.

A Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,
C receive our prayer.

A Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,
C receive our prayer.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of the **Little Free Pantry**. Due to your generosity, the pantry box has been filled throughout our cold winter days. The collection box for food may be found in the Narthex. Suitable cold-weather items include:

**Boxes of cereal (very welcomed), Ramen Noodles,
Pasta, Dried Beans, Rice, Crackers,
Dried Fruit, Nuts, Ready-to-make meals,
Mac and Cheese, Packets of Oatmeal**

The ideal temperature for storing canned food is between 50°F and 70°F. However, if donated, these items will be saved for future use.

GODS WORK, OUR HANDS.

ZOOM MASTERS NEEDED—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.

CANCELLATION INFORMATION:

During inclement weather, closures/cancellations will be announced through:
your e-mail (be sure the church office has your current email address)
our website (www.schwarzwalddlutheran.org),
Facebook page (Schwarzwald Lutheran Church),
Channel 69 — WFMZ-TV Stormcenter,
and our answering machine (610-779-3480).

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March 31 is the deadline to designate 2024 Choice Dollars.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Susan Johns Assisting Minister
Larry Houp Usher Team Captain
Joshua Kerber Psalm Reader
Miles Brumbaugh Acolyte
Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr Carillonneurs
The Kerber Family Zoom Masters

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 by Ellen Focht in honor of Layla Gibney’s birthday.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Ellen Weaver in honor of friends and family.

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.

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

WE ARE IN NEED OF ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS for March 16 and April 6, 20 and 27.

WE ARE IN NEED OF BULLETIN SPONSORS for the remainder of March and all of April. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

BREAKFAST BUNCH will meet on Wednesday, March 12, at 9:00 a.m. (please note date change for March) at Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. All are welcome!

Last Sunday’s Current Envelopes Offering:

Budgeted income \$ 4,038.00
Actual income \$ 5,810.00

A Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill especially,

Sharon Delp Joan Garipoli
Barbara Hafer Kris Renninger
Janice Smithson Tom Bowersox
Brett Montag Jayne Phillips
Tracy Rohrbach Suzanne Trigg
Jim and Lauri Walker
The family and friends of Bob Pendi in their grief

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

(Silent prayers)

God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life especially Bob Pendi. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

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 *Captives of Eternal Love* Knapp
Sr. Choir

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 God our tender parent,
 God the crucified one,
 God the reconciling Spirit,
 † bless you now and forever.
 C Amen.

SENDING HYMN #671 Shine, Jesus, Shine

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
 C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan Krebs

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