

# EASTER FLOWERS

The cost is \$11.00 per plant.

## **DEADLINE TO ORDER IS TODAY!**

Please fill out the form below and place it with your payment in one of your green *Special Offering* envelopes from your packet or by using a pew envelope and mark it “Easter flowers.”

Please place the envelope in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.

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### **Easter Flower Sponsor**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(As you would like it to appear in the bulletin; names only, please)

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Lily      \_\_\_\_\_  
                  #      x \$11.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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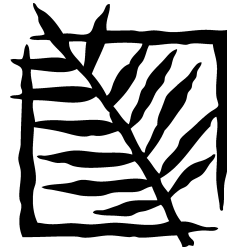
# Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

The people of Schwarzwald - Ministers  
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The Rev. David Blitch, Visitation Pastor  
Mrs. Kathy Snyder - Director of Music  
Ms. Diane V. Hafer - Office Administrator  
Mrs. Crystal Jordan - Christian Ed. Director  
Mrs. Melissa Kerber—Sexton

## PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 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** *Morning Canticle* . . . . . Tucker  
Combined Handbell Choir and Youth Chimes Choir

### BLESSING OF THE PALMS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. We thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed the whole world. On this day, Jesus, your Son and our Savior, entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. Those who saw him, even little children, acclaimed him Son of David and King of Kings. They celebrated his coming by scattering their garments in his path and by raising palm branches. Today we remember this event as we, too, wave our palms in praise of our Lord. Bless these palms and our worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

### CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

*Please stand.*

### GREETING *repeat three times*

**P** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna in the highest.

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the



2024/2025

# Serenade TO MUSIC

Experience the beauty of Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Serenade to Music* in this captivating concert, where we'll journey through a rich tapestry of choral compositions that reflect the profound impact of music on our lives.

**David J. Fitzpatrick, Artistic Director and Conductor**

**Saturday ♦ 3 PM**  
**April 26, 2025**  
Lancaster Church of the Brethren  
Lancaster, PA

**Sunday ♦ 3 PM**  
**April 27, 2025**  
Atonement Lutheran Church  
Wyomissing, PA

For More  
Information & Tickets:  
[wheatlandchorale.org](http://wheatlandchorale.org)

General Admission: \$25.00  
Students (w/ID): \$10.00  
Children (under 12): Free  
Group Sales (6 or more):  
\$20.00 per ticket, per concert



# Please Mark Your Calendars!

OUR SUNDAY SERVICE TIME WILL OFFICIALLY CHANGE

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH.

THE NEW TIME IS 10:45 AM

WE WELCOME PASTOR JIM FARNSWORTH

AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING HIM

WITH US EACH WEEK.



**TODAY!**

## Sunday Sinfonia

Music is the Tie That Binds

**April 13, 2025**

**3PM**

**Schwarzwald Lutheran Church**

250 Church Lane Rd

Reading, PA

Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.” <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

“Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

*Please wave the palms during the Processional Hymn.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *The Palms* (please see insert)

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 31:9-16** *read responsively*  
<sup>9</sup>Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also.  
<sup>10</sup>**For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery,  
and my bones waste away.**  
<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my adversaries,  
a horror to my neighbors,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.  
<sup>12</sup>**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.**  
<sup>13</sup>For I hear the whispering of many —  
terror all around! —  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.  
<sup>14</sup>**But I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my God."**  
<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.**

**SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11**  
<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

**EASTER BRUNCH DONATIONS**

The brunch will be held April 20 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE ANY OF THE FOLLOW-  
ING FOR THE EASTER BRUNCH, PLEASE COMPLETE  
THE BOTTOM HALF OF THIS FORM AND RETURN IT  
IN THE OFFERING PLATE  
OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY APRIL 13.

DONATED ITEMS MAY BE PLACED IN THE  
OFFICE BREEZEWAY, CHURCH KITCHEN  
OR CHURCH OFFICE  
BY SATURDAY, APRIL 19.

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**BAKED GOODS DONATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bagels and Cream Cheese

\_\_\_\_\_ Muffins

\_\_\_\_\_ Coffee cake

\_\_\_\_\_ Fruit

\_\_\_\_\_ Cookies

\_\_\_\_\_ Danish

\_\_\_\_\_ Donuts



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!



*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** #416 *At the Name of Jesus*

### **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** Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**



A Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering especially:

- Cindy Fliegel  
Clarence Swoyer  
Tracy Rohrbach  
The family and friends of Betty Savidge in their grief (Brad Savidge’s mother)
- Barbara Hafer  
Tom Bowersox  
Suzanne Trigg
- Janice Smithson  
Jayne Phillips  
Jim and Lauri Walker

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 We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. 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.**


*Please share the peace with one another.*

*Please be seated.*

**A BRIEF COMMENT BY THE PASTOR**

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO LUKE**

(please see booklet beginning on page 2)

- People—Congregation reads where marked with this symbol = 
- Narrator—Ginni Frey
- Jesus—Russ Frey
- Peter—Fred Mohr
- Centurion—Mark Hoover
- Servant—Judy McLain
- Witness—Barbara Quick
- Pilate—Denton Quick
- First Criminal—Barry Hoover
- Second Criminal—Glenn Correll

**OFFERING**

**SR. CHOIR ANTHEM** Alleluia Sing to Jesus . . . . . Hopson





**DONATIONS OF CANDY FOR THE  
EASTER EGG HUNT WOULD BE GREATLY  
APPRECIATED. THE DONATED CANDY SHOULD BE  
INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED AND SMALL ENOUGH  
TO FIT INTO A PLASTIC EGG.  
DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED IN THE CHURCH KITCHEN,  
THE CHURCH OFFICE OR IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AREA  
BY TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 15.**

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## In Deep Appreciation!

Sunday, April 20th will be Pastor Bardo's last regular supply Sunday. He has served us for nearly 16 months and has been such a blessing to us. Please be sure to greet him and share your appreciation for his dedication. Those wishing to send him a "Thank You" card, can send it to:

**Pastor Richard Bardo, 3014 Marion Street,  
Reading, PA 19605.**

*Please stand.*

### OFFERTORY

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 dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

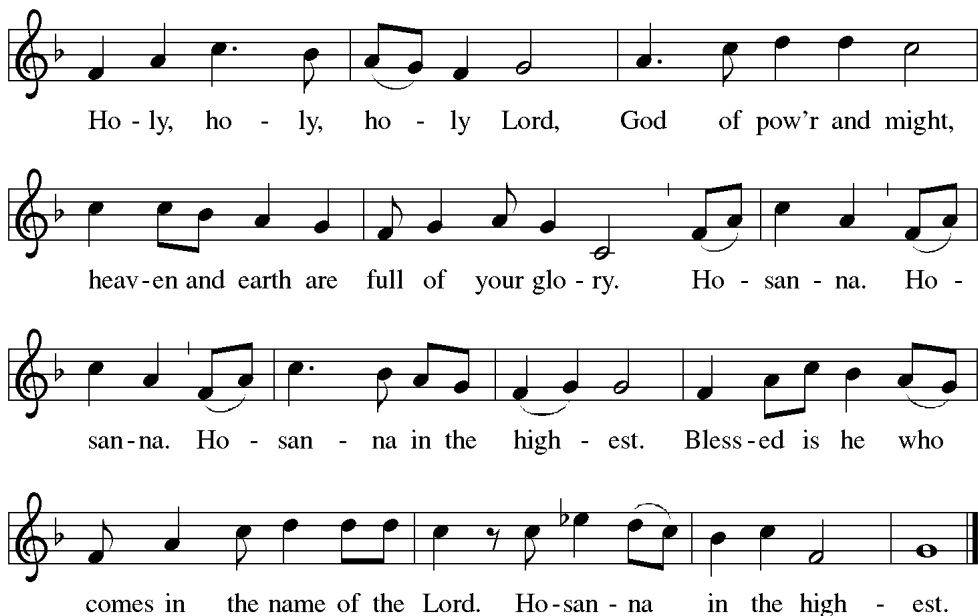
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into 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:

C Amen

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



### 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 More the Merrier”

As most of you know, when Pr. Jim begins his term as our Sunday minister on April 27, 2025, we will also begin having Communion every Sunday. For the Worship and Music Committee, this means we need to expand our Communion Team **to include more Communion Assistants**.

The main duty of an assistant is to pour the wine for each communicant. There are no recurring meetings to attend or any other responsibilities outside of Sunday mornings or a few special services such as Ash Wednesday or Maundy Thursday. We are asking each of you to give this opportunity some thought. You can call the church office, 610-779-3480, or myself, 610-777-8981. Diane or I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

**I have scheduled a short meeting for after church TODAY to explain fully what the job entails. We will meet in the choir room downstairs. Even if you only think you “might” be interested, please join us.**

I hope to see you there, Susan Johns, Chair

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### THE JANET GRIESEMER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Through Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, two \$750 scholarships will be awarded to applicants (graduating high school seniors only) planning to continue their education beyond high school. The applicant may attend any school district or be home-schooled and be a member of SLC.

### Scholarship Application Process

The application, which has 4 questions to answer, may be obtained from the church office by calling or emailing.

The completed application, **along with your transcript**, must be returned by Friday, May 9, 2025, either by dropping it off at the church office, Attention: Scholarship Committee, or by e-mailing it to: [administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org](mailto:administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org) and placing “Scholarship Application” in the subject line.





## SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

During the month of April, the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting **clean, gently-used clothing** for the **Hope Rescue Mission**. Personal care items, such as razors, deodorant, body wash and shampoo, as well as new, packaged men's underwear is also welcome.

Place all donations in the marked bin found in the Narthex. The **final collection day will be Sunday, April 27**.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

## **GODS WORK, OUR HANDS.**

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The Congregation is  
cordially invited  
to an Easter Brunch  
April 20, 9:00 A.M.  
in Fellowship Hall

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## CALENDER FOR HOLY WEEK / EASTER

### 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 Brunch in Fellowship Hall  
10:30 AM Festival Worship with Holy Communion

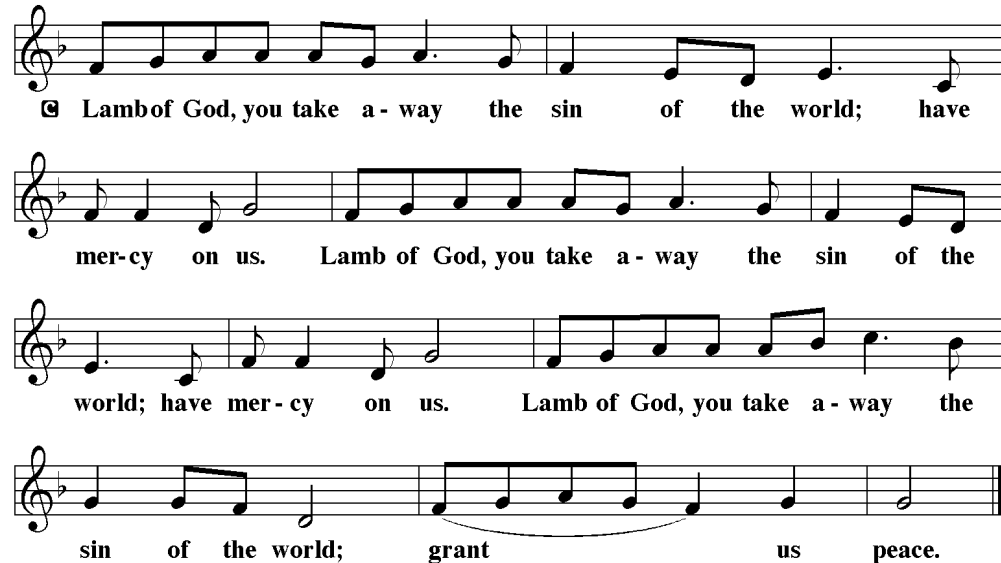
## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.*

## **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 Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.  
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C Amen.

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN #344 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Echo Fantasy* . . . . . Scronx

Please return the “Passion According to Luke”  
booklets to an usher at the end of the worship service.

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ing passcode as well as recorded for subsequent distribution via email to members of the congregation and posted  
on the church's Facebook page.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Assisting Minister . . . . . Peg Gumpert  
Usher Team Captain . . . . . Larry Houpp  
Crucifer . . . . . Nolan Fayewicz  
Acolytes . . . . . Emma Dickerson and Zoe Schmaldinst  
Communion Assistants . Susan Johns, Barry Hoover, Terry Jenkins, Mark Hoover  
Carillonners. . . . . Sally Kennedy / Ian Carr / Judy Ney  
Zoom Master . . . . . Bob Rutherford

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. If you do not have a Bible at home,  
please take one from the welcome table. You are also encouraged to sign our  
guest register with your preferred contact information. 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 the  
Gibson Family in memory of Nancy Jane’s birthday, and 2) by Robert and Joanne  
Rutherford for all of God’s blessings.

The bulletins are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by the Seidel  
Family in honor of Rita Seidel’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 can be found in the Narthex in the  
marked boxes.

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 April 27 and all of  
May. WE ARE IN NEED OF BULLETIN SPONSORS for the remainder of  
April and all of May. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY / WORK GROUP - 10:00 a.m. in  
Fellowship Hall every Tuesday. Please join us!

Free R-Phils Tickets — For the game on Friday, May 2, at 6:45 p.m. Please help  
yourself to these free tickets located in the Narthex.

Last Sunday’s Current Envelopes Offering:

Budgeted income \$4,038.00  
Actual income \$6,609.00