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## WHEATLANDCHORALE

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:  
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General Admission: \$25.00  
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\$20.00 per ticket, per concert





# Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

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



## EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025

8:00 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.



### 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 MUSIC** (8:00 a.m.) . . . . . Centre Park Flutes  
Virginia Schulze-Johnson  
Dawn Main  
Donnasue Thompson  
Cynthia Miller-Aungst

(10:30 a.m.) . . . . . Chris Thompson, Trumpet

### CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

*Please stand and face the Processional Cross.*

### EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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**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.

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

The **Funeral Service for Alice Specht** will be held in our Sanctuary on Tuesday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m.

The next **BREAKFAST BUNCH** will be held on Thursday, May 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue.

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## 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 in next Sunday, April 27.**

Thank you for your generosity and support! **GODS WORK, OUR HANDS.**

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS will be held Monday June 9 through Friday June 13 in the evening.

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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 must 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.

### SERVING AT WORSHIP 8:00 AM

Assisting Minister . . . . . Mark Hoover  
Usher Team Captain . . . . . Kevin Kennedy  
Carillonners . . . . . Sally Kennedy / Ian Carr / Judy Ney  
Communion Assistants: Peg Gumpert, Mark Hoover, Denton Quick, Barry Hoover  
Carillonners . . . . . Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr  
Zoom Master. . . . . Kevin Kennedy

### SERVING AT WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Assisting Minister . . . . . Judy McLain  
Usher Team Captain . . . . . Denton Quick  
Comm. Assistants . . . Peg Gumpert, Christy D'Angelo, Judy McLain, Susan Johns  
Acolyte . . . . . Vinnie D'Angelo  
Crucifer . . . . . Miles Brumbaugh  
Carillonners . . . . . Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr  
Zoom Master. . . . . Dave Scalse

### 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) the Gibson Family in honor of Ruth Hoover's birthday, 2) by Dr. and Mrs. David H. Foster with blessings on the arrival of their new granddaughter, 3) by Kevin and Sally Kennedy in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Elizabeth, and 4) by Gwen Kauwell in memory of her husband, Charles.

The **altar roses** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Diane Hafer and family in celebration of the birth of her granddaughter, Lily Scott Linsenbigler, and 2) by Dr. and Mrs. David H. Foster in celebration of the birth of their granddaughter, Francesca Irene Ninni.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Terry and Cindy Diehl, He Is Risen!, 2) by The Quick's, He Is Risen!, and 3) by Marcia Holbrook to the glory of God.

**The church office will be closed on Monday, April 21.**

**Children's toys, games, puzzles and books** can be found in the Narthex in the marked boxes.

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

### **YOUTH PROCESSION** (10:30 a.m.)

*Alive, Alive* (sung 3 times)

#### **Youth and Congregation:**

**Alive, alive, alive forevermore.  
My Jesus is alive, alive forevermore.  
Alive, alive, alive forevermore.  
My Jesus is alive!  
Sing hallelujah!  
Sing hallelujah!  
My Jesus is alive forevermore.  
Sing hallelujah!  
Sing hallelujah!  
My Jesus is alive!**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)

#619 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* (verses 1, 2, and 8)

Verses 1, 2, and 8 — Congregation and Choir  
Verse 7 — Choir only

### **GREETING**

**P** 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.

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

C = Congregation I = Women / Girls II = Men / Boys

**C** This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
**C** This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. III For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## 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.*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen.

## BLESSING

P The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

C Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN #365 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

## DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE MUSIC (8:00 a.m.) Centre Park Flutes (10:30 a.m.) Organ and Trumpet

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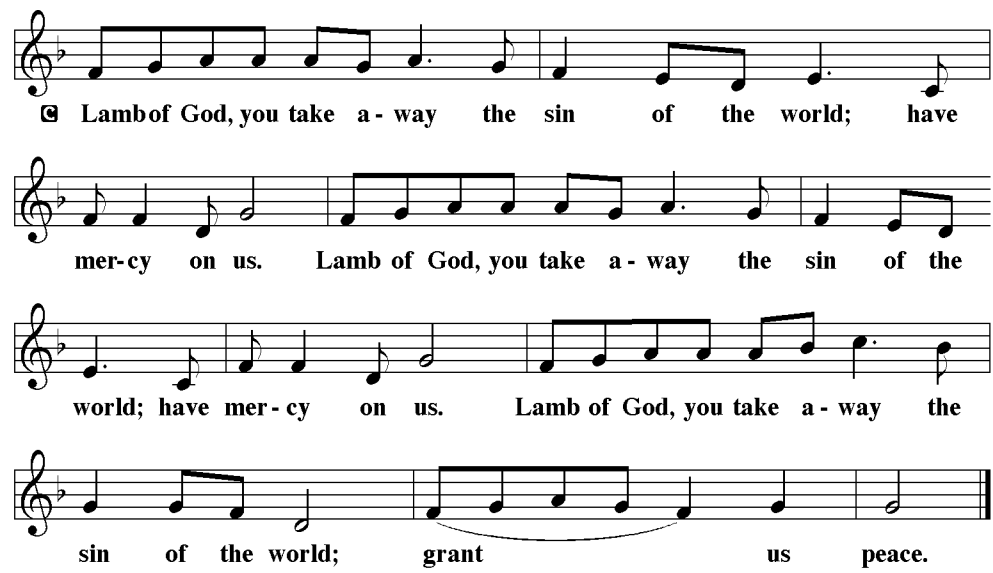


☞ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -  
might- y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

# 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.

# SALUTATION

A The Lord be with you.  
C And also with you.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray...O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

# PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 read responsively

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.  
<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,  
“God’s mercy endures forever.”  
<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.  
<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents  
of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!  
<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**  
<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.  
<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them  
and give thanks to the LORD.**  
<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."  
<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you,  
for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**  
<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup> **By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.  
<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

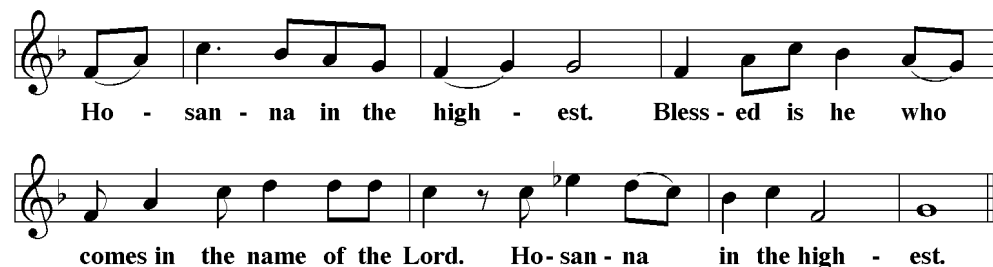
A The word of the Lord.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
 Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
 You have filled all creation with light and life;  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.  
 You rescued Israel, your chosen people.  
 Through the prophets you renewed your promise;  
 and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,  
 who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom  
 and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.  
 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.  
 For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup  
 we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
 And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power  
 to share with us the great and promised feast.  
**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**  
 P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
 the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,  
 that we who receive the Lord's body and blood  
 may live to the praise of your glory  
 and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.  
**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**  
 P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,  
 and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
 until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C Amen.

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 and salutary, 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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 #362 At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
 the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**  
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P** God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church,  
 the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share  
 the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new  
 ministries that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and  
 mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in  
 all that grows this season. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead,  
 bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up  
 leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God  
 of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without  
 homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to  
 all who are fearful, ill, or grieving, especially:

Cindy Fliegel	Barbara Hafer	Walt & Janice Smithson
Landon Barrasso	Tom Bowersox	Jayne Phillips
Tracy Rohrbach	Suzanne Trigg	Jim and Lauri Walker

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

*(Silent prayers)*

God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to  
 be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your  
 love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving  
 our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them  
 and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are  
 always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**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.*

## OFFERING / ANTHEM (8:00 a.m.) Centre Park Flutes

(10:30 a.m.) *Step By Step* . . . . . Schram  
 Sr. Choir / Harrison Brumbaugh, Cello

*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 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.