

SPONSOR RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8

6" pot \$6.50 per plant

10" pot \$12.00 per plant

Please fill out the form below and place it in one of the pew envelopes or use one of the green envelopes from your envelope packet and mark it **"Seasonal Flowers"** and place it in the offering plate.

The geraniums may be picked up after the 10:45 AM worship service on June 8.

Order deadline is June 1.

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Geranium Order Form

Name _____
(As you wish it to appear in the bulletin—names only, please)

Env. # _____

_____ Geraniums 6" pot \$ 6.50
#

_____ Geraniums 10" pot \$12.00
#

\$ _____ Total amount enclosed



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 25, 2025 10:45 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 *You Are My King (Amazing Love)* Labenske

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.

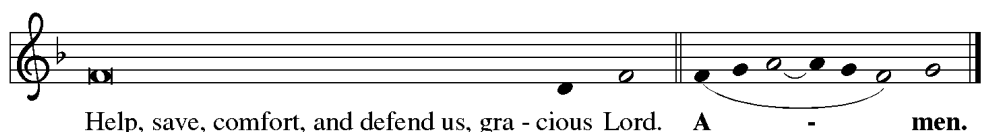
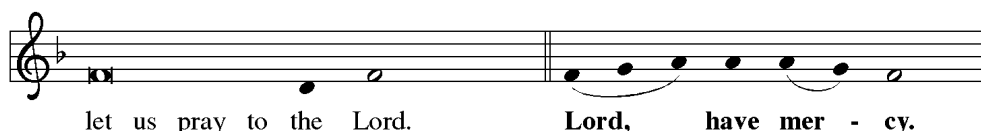
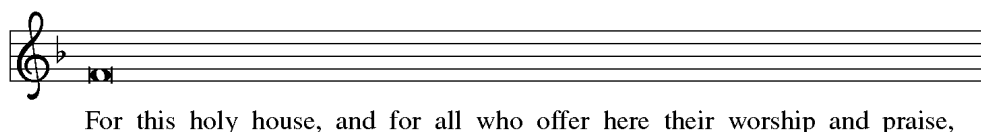
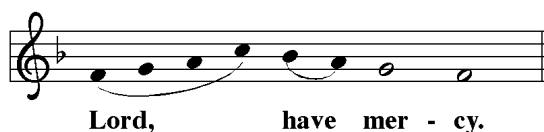
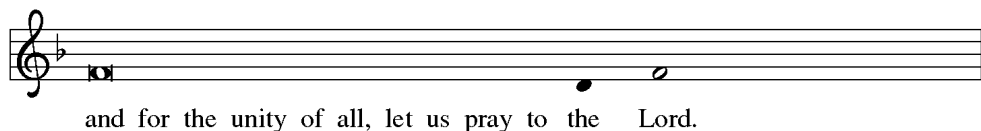
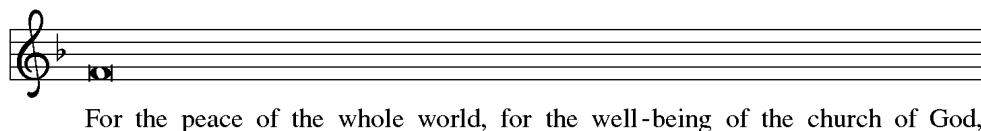
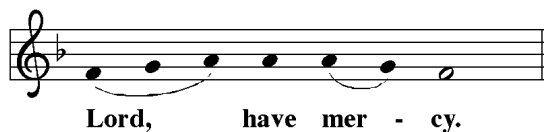
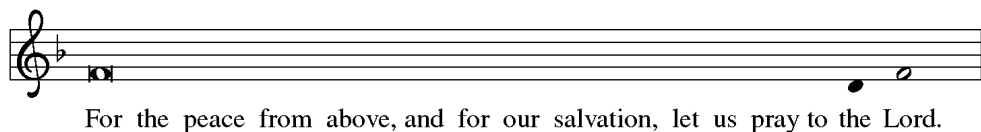
GATHERING HYMN #423 *Shall We Gather at the River*

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



V.B.S. 2025

Living Water

Acceptance of all God's Children and the
importance of kindness for everyone.

Monday, June 9 –Friday, June 13

6:00-8:00 PM

Dinner available each evening
at 5:30 PM



Register by completing the form or by calling
the Church office at 610-779-3480.

LEARN ALL ABOUT

Noah's Ark—Genesis 6-9

Jesus's Baptism—Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:4-11, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jesus Walks on Water—Matthew 14:22-33

Women at the Well—John 4:5-42

Fruits of the Spirit –Galatians 4:5–42

V.B.S. Showcase on Friday, June 13 beginning at 7:00 PM.

An Ice Cream Social will complete the evening!

We will be collecting socks for Mary's Shelter– Holy Socks & Socks for Souls

Come join the fun.....stories, music, crafts, games and food!

Ages 4 and up!



V.B.S. 2025 Living Water

Monday, June 9-Friday, June 13

Registration Form

NAMES OF CHILDREN ATTENDING

AGE/GRADE COMPLETED

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENT NAME/NAMES: _____

WILL PARENTS BE HELPING AT V.B.S.? _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (IF PARENT CANNOT BE REACHED)

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

PHONE: _____

ALLERGIES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS: _____

HOME CHURCH: _____

ANY OTHER SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

THIS FORM CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAILED TO: administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 CIRCLEThe Rev. Jim Farnsworth

FIRST READING Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 *read responsively*

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us,

**² that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

**⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

**⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere him.

SECOND READING Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**



DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE LIVES!

Schwarzwald Lutheran Church
is hosting
a special blood drive to save lives.

JOIN US TO DONATE BLOOD

JUNE 2ND - 14TH

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Reading, PA

SCHEDULE YOUR BLOOD DONATION

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and mention **Group ID 8506**

***Be sure to include Group #8506 in the note
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YOUTH OPPORTUNITY - HOME MISSION TRIP

This summer, West Berks Mission District will be offering an At Home Mission Trip from July 14th-16th for any youth 6th-12th grade. During these three days, youth from around our mission district are invited to spend their day in service, community, and connection, ending each day home with their family. Registration cost is \$20 to help cover a T-shirt and supplies for service activities. Congregations sending youth will be responsible to cover transportation for their youth and provide at least one adult chaperone. Registration opens May 8th!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristen Kelly
at youthd@aelc.org.

May Collection for Mary's Shelter

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a collection of baby items during the month of May. The following supplies have been requested:

Baby diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, 6)	Baby wipes
Baby shampoo	Baby wash
Baby lotion	Nasal Aspirators
Baby bottles (plastic 4 oz. & 8 oz.)	Bibs
Teethers	Sippy Cups
Onesies (newborn to 12 months)	Baby nail clippers
Summer sleepers (newborn to 12 months)	

Please place your donations in the collection bin found in the Narthex.
The last day to donate items will be on Sunday, May 25.
Thank you for your support!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS!

Second Saturday Evenings

AN OUTDOOR SERVICE HELD IN THE SCHWARZWALD PAVILION!

JUNE 14 — JULY 12 — AUGUST 9

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SERVICE OF WORD

AND HOLY COMMUNION

ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

THIS SUMMER, BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM

PASTOR JIM WILL LEAD WORSHIP IN THE PAVILION.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ABLE,

WE WILL THEN SHARE A MEAL

TOGETHER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT.

**FOR YOUR
CALENDAR!**

HOLY GOSPEL John 14:23-29

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON The Rev. Jim Farnsworth

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

#815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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 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 Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling, especially:

Ken Bryant	Cindy Fliegel	Barbara Hafer
Barry Hecker	Ruth Hoover	Mary Phillips
Walt & Janice Smithson	Ted Whitehead	Tom Bowersox
Melissa Cerasoli	Irene Kane	Jayne Phillips
Tracy Rohrbach	Marsha Springle	Jim & Lauri Walker

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

(Silent prayers)

Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Barry Hoover	Assisting Minister
Denton Quick	Usher Team Captain
Barry Hoover, Denton Quick, Peg Gumpert.	Communion Assistants
John Gibson	Acolyte
Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr	Carillonneur
Dave Scalese	Zoom Master

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 by Jean Pendi in memory of her husband, Bob.

The chancel basket is presented to the glory of God and sponsored from Barry Hoover to Ruth Hoover in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The bulletins are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by The Quick’s in thankfulness for all God’s blessings.

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.

We are in need of ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS (\$25) and BULLETIN SPONSORS (\$14) for all of June. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

The BREAKFAST BUNCH meets the second Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at the Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. The date for June is the 12th. All are welcome! Please join us!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND CLASS

Interested in joining SLC?
There will be an orientation
on Sunday, June 1, at 9:45 a.m.
in the Parlor Coffee Café

AND
following worship that day,
the new member class will be held with
Pastor Jim in Fellowship Hall.

(Members will be received during worship on Sunday, June 15.)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Continuous Communion
Grape juice is available at the top of the steps.
For gluten free wafers, please ask the Communion Assistant.
After receiving communion, please return to your seat by way of the side ramps.
If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, the Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.
It is no longer necessary to fill out a communion card.

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

A 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.

SENDING HYMN #763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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 Andantino Wesley

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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.

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.
Share the peace with one another.


Please be seated.

OFFERING


SR. CHOIR ANTHEM Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory. Howe
Barry Hoover, soloist

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.

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.

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.

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.