



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 5, 2025 10:45 A.M.

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

PRELUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross . . . Callahan*
Handbell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made!
Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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 #689 Praise and Thanksgiving



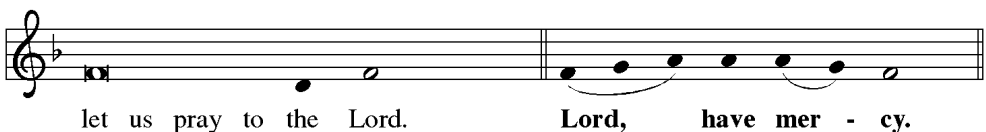
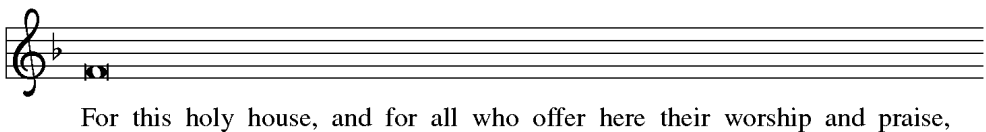
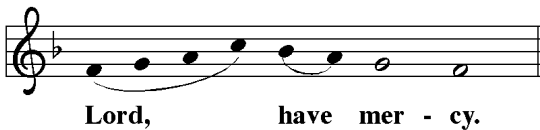
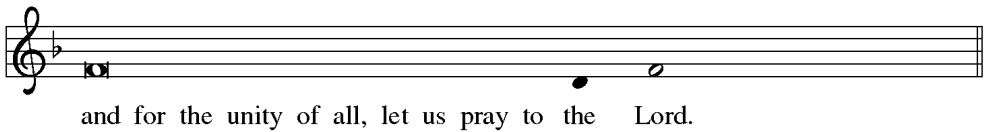
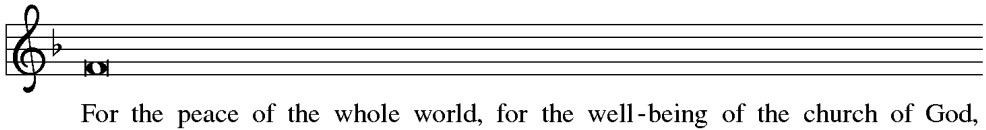
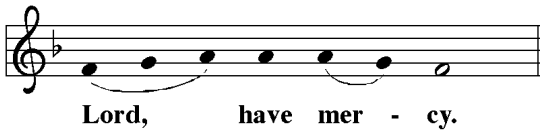
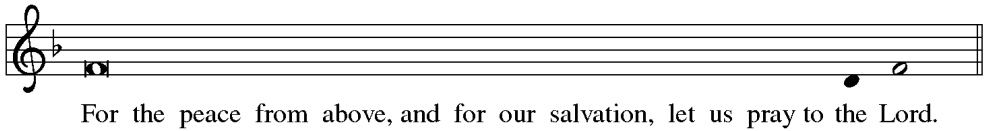
HARVEST HOME

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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Benevolent, merciful God:
When we are empty, fill us.
When we are weak in faith, strengthen us.
When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our
neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

YOUTH CHIMES *B—I—B— L—E* trad.

CHILDREN’S CIRCLE The Rev. Jim Farnsworth

FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?
³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
² Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

PSALM 37:1-9 *read responsively*

¹ Do not fret because of the wicked;

do not be envious of wrongdoers,

² **for they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.**

³ Trust in the Lord and do good;

live in the land and enjoy security.

⁴ **Take delight in the Lord,**

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ **He will make your vindication shine like the light**

and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret

over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸ **Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.**

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off,

but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.
⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

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 #595 Jesus Loves Me!

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 Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. Sustain the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Bishops Yehiel and Christopher and for all our local ministries that we may all witness to your abundant love.

God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. We continue to pray for the people of the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia that they may be protected against the violence of war and find everlasting peace. We also pray for the churches, the schools, and the communities in America that we may find your peace and end the devastation of gun violence in our communities.

God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need, especially:

Ken Bryant	Bob & Cindy Fliegel	Barbara Hafer
Connie Harman	Barry & Ruth Hoover	Larry & Priscilla Houpp
Jane Hurchalla	Gwen Kauwell	Larry Ney
Mary Phillips	Zoe Schmaldinst	Walt & Janice Smithson
Pastor & Barb Bardo	Sarah Blatt	Melissa Cerasoli
Debra Hoerner	Jayne Phillips	Jackie Rohrbach
Tracy Rohrbach	Betty Scollick	Audrey Seltzer
Jim & Lauri Walker		

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

Silent prayers.

Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,
C receive our prayer.

A O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,
C receive our prayer.

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Elvey

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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:

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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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.

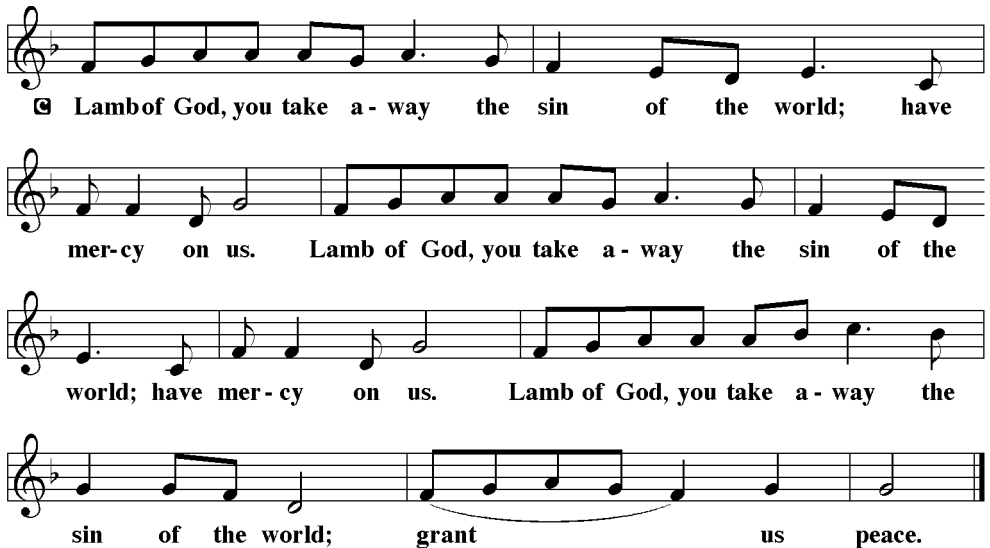
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Continuous Communion

Proceed by the way of the center aisle. If needed, 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.

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 O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
+ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN #840 *Now Thank We All Our God*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The purpose of this short meeting is to discuss
the fire protection proposal for the church building.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Christy D'Angelo. Assisting Minister
Kevin Kennedy Usher Team Captain
Colette and Scarlet Jordan Acolytes
Christy D'Angelo, Lauren Batzel, Terry Jenkins Communion Assistants
Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney Carillonneurs
Kevin Kennedy. 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 Heather Hafer and Evelyn Claus in celebration of Harvest Home.

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.

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.

The October issue of the ***Pulpit and Pew*** is available in the Narthex, Vestibule and Parlor.

Altar flower sponsors (\$25) are needed for October 19 and 26 and **bulletin sponsors** (\$14) for all of October. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Rehearsals — **Youth Choir**, 10/9 at 6:00 p.m. (alternative if not coming to SS)
Special Combined Music, 10/12 at 10:15 a.m. sharp!

The **BREAKFAST BUNCH** will meet on Thursday, October 9, at 9:00 a.m. at the Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. All are welcome!

Join us for a night of family fun at

SCHWARZWALD LUTHERAN CHURCH

250 CHURCH LANE ROAD, JACKSONWALD



(RAIN OR SHINE)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

4:30 PM-6:30 PM

(SET UP 3:30-4:30 PM)

-  **COME IN COSTUME!**  **DECORATE YOUR TRUNK!**
-  **CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

**RESERVE A SPACE USING THE SIGN-UP SHEET AT CHURCH
OR CALL 610-779-3480 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

From the Social Ministry Committee

The **Social Ministry Committee** wishes to thank all of the members who donated clothing during September's drive for the **Hope Rescue Mission**. Thirty-six bags of clothing, shoes, and accessories were collected during the drive. The bags were picked up on September 29 and the two workers from the mission were very grateful for your generosity.

God's Work, Our Hands

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-35)

★ YOU'RE INVITED TO

GATHER BERKS

Interest & Brainstorming Meeting

OCTOBER 11, 2025 @ 6PM

MEETING AT CHILI'S BAR & GRILL

2703 N Meridian Blvd.
Wyomissing, PA 19610

JOIN OTHER YOUNG ADULTS IN DISCUSSING THE FORMATION OF A
YOUNG ADULT GROUP IN BERKS COUNTY. APPETIZERS WILL BE
PROVIDED COMPLIMENTS OF THE WBMD.

PLEASE RSVP BY OCT. 10 ★
BY TEXTING KATIE AT (610) 739-3823

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Penn State Extension webinar on food safety for volunteers

Penn State Extension is offering a webinar on food safety for volunteers on November 6th at 6:00 p.m.

For more details and information, please visit their website —
<https://www.psu.edu/news/agricultural-sciences>.

Volunteers who help prepare and serve food for their nonprofit organization are encouraged to attend.

Penn State extension educators and faculty serve as instructors and are certified by the National Restaurant Association. All have received training on the most current food safety research.

Participants receive a certificate of completion after attending the program.



YOU CAN HELP MAKE TRUNK OR TREAT
A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY OUTREACH!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND PLACE IT IN THE
OFFERING PLATE OR TURN IT IN AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

I am willing to help at Trunk or Treat in the following way(s)

_____ donate candy

_____ donate money

_____ decorate my car trunk

_____ donate my time to help:

_____ games

_____ face painting

_____ set up

_____ prayer tent

_____ clean up

name(s) _____

phone number _____

NYC BUS TRIP

WITH ST. MARK'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Free Time
in the city!**

Benefits: St. Mark's
Youth Mission Trip

Saturday, December 6th, 2025

Depart from St. Mark's @ 7:30AM

Free time in NYC from

10:30AM to 8PM

Depart from NYC @ 8:00PM

\$75/person

Per Klein's - must be at least 4 yrs old

Due by Oct 31st



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Name(s):_____

of Seats:_____

Total Due: \$_____

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