



# Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

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

**22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 9, 2025 10:45 A.M.**

## HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

## CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

**PRELUDE** *My Country, 'Tis of Thee . . . . .* Smith  
Barry Hoover, soloist

## 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** Most 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** #244 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

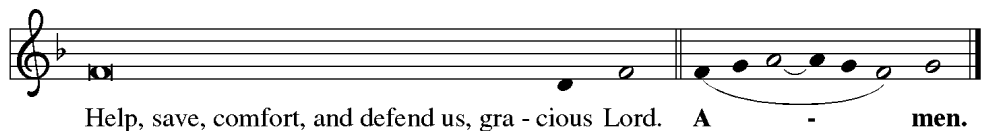
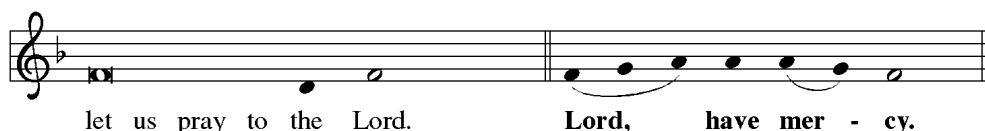
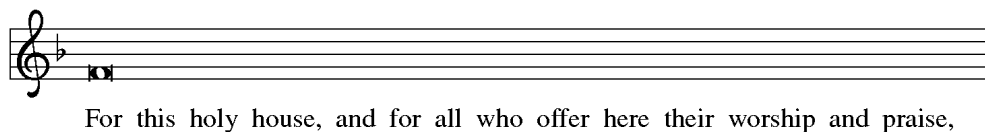
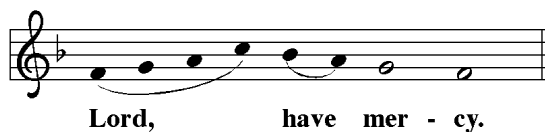
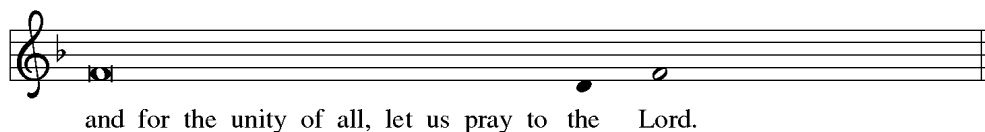
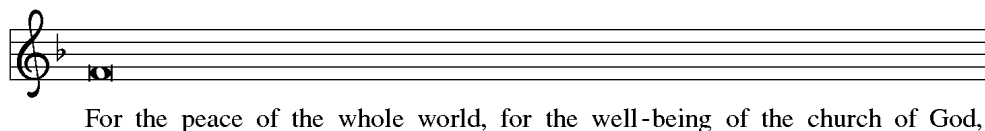
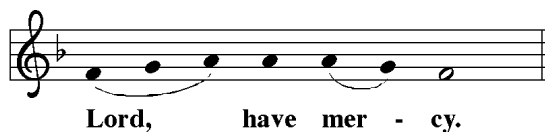
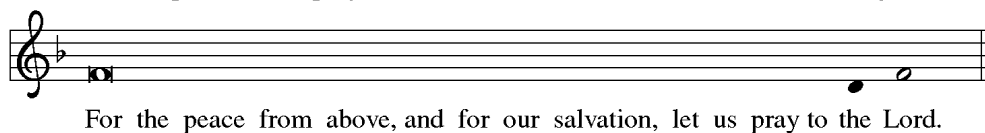


## GREETING

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.

## KYRIE



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**YOUTH CHOIR**     *We Thank You Lord . . . . . Snyder*  
                              *His Banner Over Me Is Love . . . . . trad.*

**CHILDREN’S CIRCLE . . . . .** The Rev. Jim Farnsworth

**FIRST READING Job 19:23-27a**

<sup>23</sup> “O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;  
<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 17:1-9** *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;  
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.  
<sup>2</sup> **From you let my vindication come;**  
**let your eyes see the right.**  
<sup>3</sup> If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,  
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;  
my mouth does not transgress.  
<sup>4</sup> **As for what others do, by the word of your lips**  
**I have avoided the ways of the violent.**  
<sup>5</sup> My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.  
<sup>6</sup> **I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;**  
**incline your ear to me; hear my words.**  
<sup>7</sup> Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.  
<sup>8</sup> **Guard me as the apple of the eye;**  
**hide me in the shadow of your wings,**  
<sup>9</sup> from the wicked who despoil me,  
my deadly enemies who surround me.

## SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**RECOGNITION OF VETERANS** *Veterans—please stand as you are able.  
The youth will be handing out flowers to you.*

Ken Adam	Coast Guard, 4 years active / 2 years inactive
Tommy Babb	Army/Airborne, 3 years
Chuck Heydt	Army, Viet Nam, Cold War, Dessert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, 25 years
Barry Hoover	Navy, Viet Nam, 20 years
Dave Johns	Air National Guard, 6 years
Andy Kent	Army, Satellite Division, 3 years
Ed Kroznuski	Air Force, 4 years
Denton Quick	Army, Viet Nam, 6 years
Mike Shaffer	Navy, 4 years
Walt Smithson	Marine Corps, 1 year
Paul Toaldo	Navy, 4 years
Larry Yoder	Army, 3 years

*Please stand.*

## THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



**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** Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. 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. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. 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 our churches, our schools, and our communities in America that we may find your peace and end the devastation of gun violence in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body, especially:

Barbara Hafer  
Gwen Kauwell  
Debra Hoerner  
Tracy Rohrbach  
Jim & Lauri Walker

Connie Harman  
Walt Smithson  
Jayne Phillips  
Betty Scollick

Ruth Hoover  
Pat Weiser  
Jackie Rohrbach  
Audrey Seltzer

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

*Silent prayers.*

Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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.**

P Let us share God's peace with one another.

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING** *Jesus Loves Me* . . . . . Youth Choir Chimes . . . . . trad.

*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



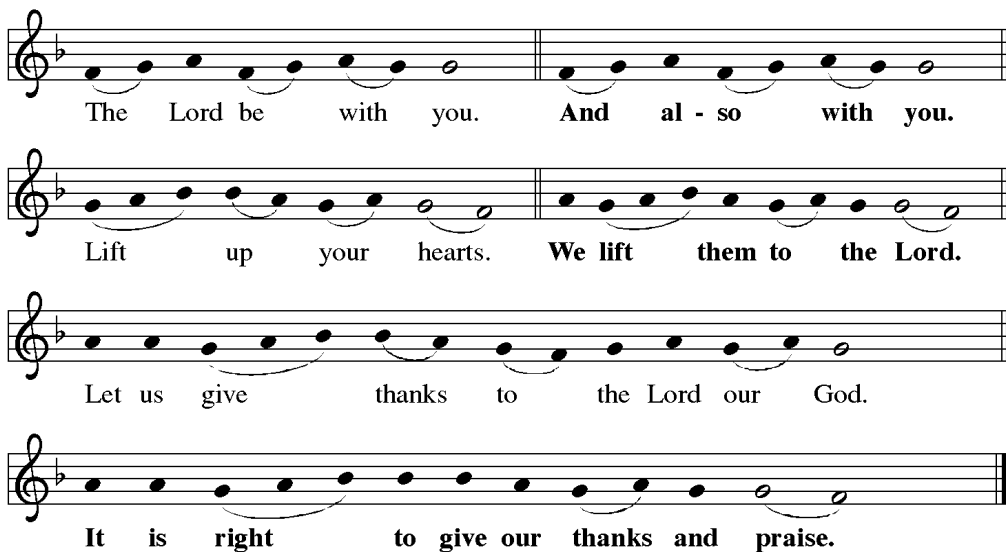
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P** God of healing and hope,  
you bless those who are hungry,  
promising to fill them with good things.  
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.  
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast  
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

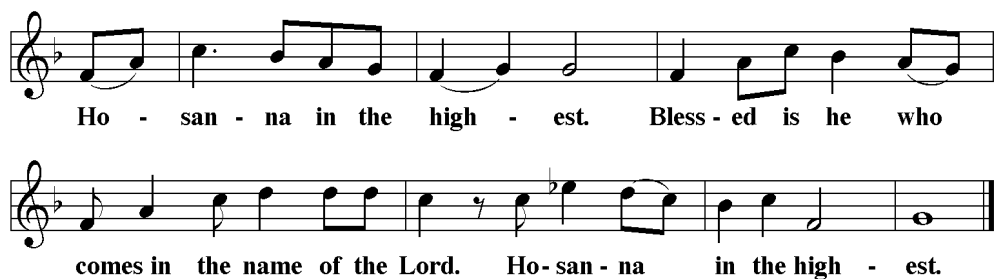
## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.





## 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

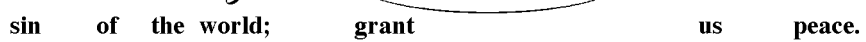
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

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





## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

the Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.

*Please stand.*

**C Amen.**

**C Amen.**

**C Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #810 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *United States Armed Forces Medley* . . . . . arr. Coates

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SERVING AT WORSHIP

- Joshua Kerber . . . . . Assisting Minister
- Kevin Kennedy. . . . . Usher Team Captain
- Emma Dickerson . . . . . Acolyte
- Joshua Kerber, Christy D’Angelo, Peg Gumpert . . . . . 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 Jean Pendi in remembrance of Bob’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. Church-time Nursery is available downstairs in the “Parent and Me” room with plenty of toys and books for toddlers and youngsters.

Altar flower sponsors (\$25) are needed for November 30. Bulletin sponsors (\$14) are needed for the remainder of November. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

The BREAKFAST BUNCH will meet on Thursday, November 13, at 9:00 a.m. at the Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. All are welcome!

## **THANKOFFERING SUNDAY**

### **What: Thankoffering Sunday—November 23, 2025**

This year, we will support our community by providing foods for our Little Free Pantry. With the theme of Thanksgiving in mind, we will be collecting foods that will help those visiting our pantry add to their Thanksgiving meals, as well as daily needs.

**How:** On Thankoffering Sunday, you will find collection bins to the left and right of the stairs nears the pulpit and lectern. Your food donations may be placed in the bins when you come forward to commune. If you would rather make a monetary donation, consider writing a check, made out to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, or purchasing a gift card from ALDI, Redner's, Giant, or other grocery stores. The latter may be placed in the little red shopping cart which will also be in front of the church.

#### **Suggested foods include:**

stuffing mix	mashed potato mix	jars of gravy
canned vegetables	cranberry sauce	jars of pumpkin
rice beans	pasta boxes of cereal	oatmeal
boxes of macaroni and cheese	canned meats	ready to make meals

**Thank you for making Thankoffering Sunday a success!**

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# Toy Give

**December 12th**

**11:00 AM—4:30 PM**

The Toy Give will be here before we know it. There are currently 400 children registered to receive gifts that day.

If you would like to be part of the excitement by volunteering to help with set-up beginning on December 8th, or with the distribution of toys to parents, please reach out and let us know.

This is a community event that is sponsored by our congregation. You will enjoy every moment if you decide to help.

Call the church office (610-779-3480) or Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825).

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**Director of Music** 484-794-1214 (text)

**Emergency** 610-914-8257

# Give Blood Save Life



**Schwarzwald**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Serving and Loving Christ Since 1737*



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**SCHWARZWALD LUTHERAN CHURCH** is hosting a special blood drive  
at the **READING DONOR CENTER** to save lives.

## **MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER**

**2745A Leisch's Bridge Road - Reading, PA**

*For GPS, use 1047 Old Bernville Road.*

Schedule your blood donation today  
by calling 800-223-6667 ext. 2 and  
mention Group ID 8506, visit us at  
**GIVEaPINT.org** or scan the QR Code.  
Be sure to include Group ID 8506 in  
the notes section of the form.



*For Blood Donations*



**MILLER-KEYSTONE**  
BLOOD CENTER

**GIVEaPINT.org**



**1-800-B-A-DONOR**

**Adopt**  
a day

# Sunday Sinfonia

Music is the Tie That Binds

November 15, 2025

3PM

*Keystone Villa at Fleetwood*

501 Hoch Rd  
Blandon, PA

November 16, 2025

3PM

*Schwarzwald Lutheran Church*

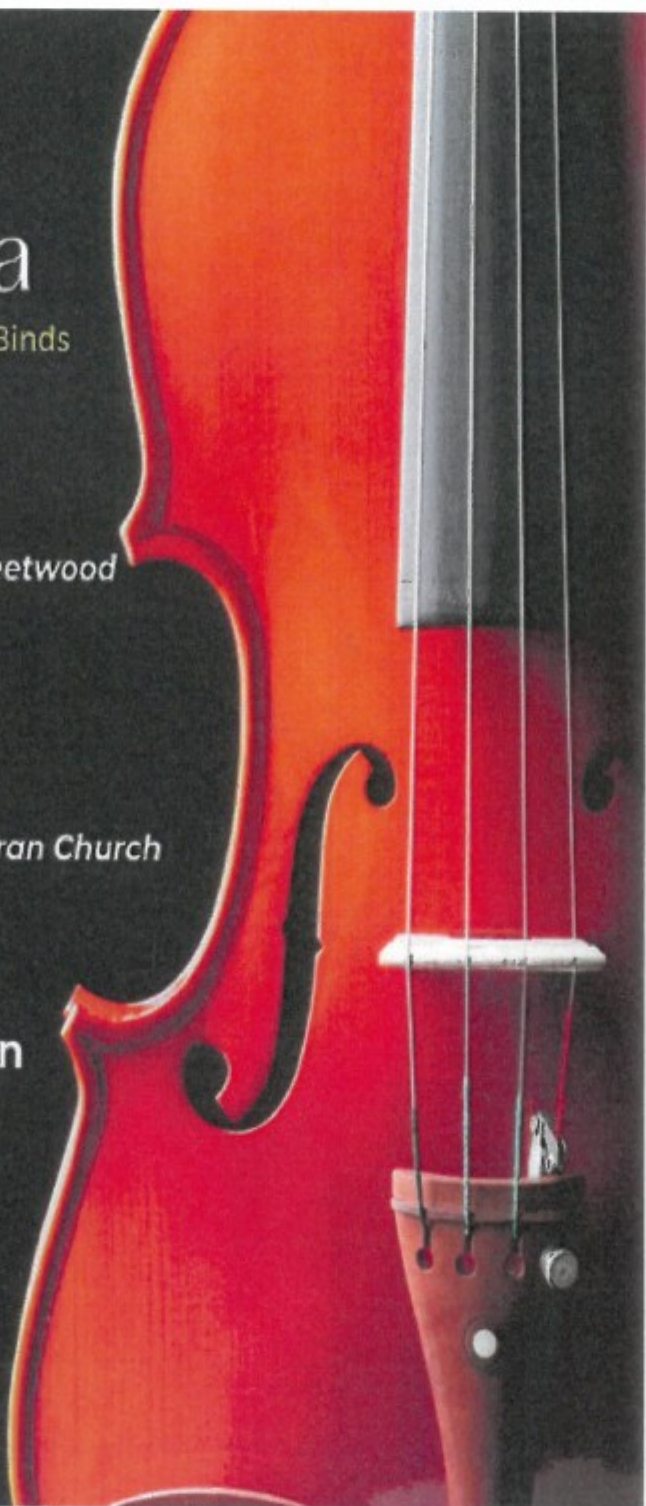
250 Church Lane Rd  
Reading, PA

**Free Admission**



For more details, visit  
[sundaysinfonia.org](https://sundaysinfonia.org)

RME  SUNDAY SINFONIA  
For the Love of Music



## **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT — December 6**

The Black Forest Fellowship (BFF) youth group is doing a fundraiser on December 6. The fundraiser will be \$20 for the entire evening per child. (If there is more than one child per family, there is a discount of \$5 for each additional child in the family) between the times of 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. When the kids get dropped off, you are able to leave the kids with the youth. We will have dinner, activities, and down time. Activities can include crafts, movies, and games. It's a great way to be able to do things you can't do with your kids around or when your busy while knowing they will be in good company. Use the registration form and sign-up by November 30. There are limited spots!



To complete a Parents' Night Out Registration Form, please click on the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/de/1FAIpQLSe9e2KfWHuPGmY9e1I44z6f7LzKWkQQDGREPCFJLQ69BfV21g/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

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## **WAYS TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS DEALING WITH FOOD INSECURITY**

**HERE AT SLC: PLACE YOUR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS IN THE SHOPPING CART IN THE NARTHEX. DONATED ITEMS WILL STOCK OUR “LITTLE FREE PANTRY.”**

**OR WRITE A CHECK TO SLC, MARKED “LITTLE FREE PANTRY,” AND WE WILL PURCHASE FOOD.**

**IN THE COMMUNITY: DONATE FOOD TO THE EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY. ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT TO CHURCH IN A BAG MARKED “EAFP.” WE WILL DELIVER THEM.**

**OR WRITE A CHECK FOR THE PANTRY TO PURCHASE NEEDED ITEMS. THE CHECK SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH (they disperse the funds to the Pantry)**

**CHECKS SHOULD BE MAILED TO  
REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3670 PERKIOMEN AVENUE  
READING, PA 19606**

# COME, GATHER, PREPARE *Advent* FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

(following worship)

**11:45 AM-1:45 PM in FELLOWSHIP HALL**



11:45 —12:15 Light lunch — pizza , veggies

12:15 — 1:15 Crafts and activities

1:15 — 1:45 Lighting of the outside Advent wreath,  
gather for crafts and dessert

**PIZZA LUNCH**

**MUSIC**

**CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND ADULTS**

*+ A SPECIAL "PREPARE & SHARE" TABLE FOR OLDER KIDS AND  
ADULTS TO MAKE DECORATIONS FOR SHUT-INS*

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST OUTDOOR ADVENT CANDLE**

Invite your friends and come for an afternoon of fellowship as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ Child!