



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 14, 2026 9:00 A.M.

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

PRELUDE *America the Beautiful* Labenske

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 #669 *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

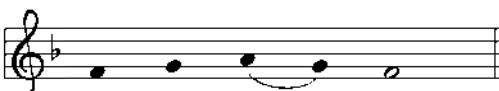
GREETING

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

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

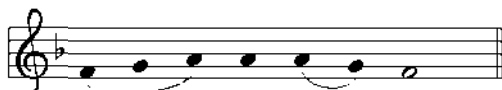
P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let
us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C 
A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MUSIC

CHILDREN’S CIRCLE The Rev. David Blitch

FIRST READING Exodus 19:2-8a

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 100 *read responsively*

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
all the earth.

² **Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

³ Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ **Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-8

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 9:35—10:8

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the

lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON The Rev. David Blitch

Please stand.

HYMN #824 *This Is My Father’s World*

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 Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries especially:

Clyde Feick	Cindy Fliegel	Barry Hoover
Mark Hoover	Ruth Hoover	Susan Johns
Betty Neiman	Mary Phillips	Denton Quick
Dustin Readinger	Walt Smithson	Craig Updegrave
Pat Weiser	Curt Wittman	Sandy Chupkai
Michelle Haak	Debra Hoerner	Louella Marie
Sean Miller	Jayne Phillips	Tracy Rohrbach
Richard Schmeer	Betty Scollick	Jim & Lauri Walker

And for all those concerns and people we quietly name who we hold in our hearts.

Silent Prayers

God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A God of faith, we give thanks the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
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 / SR. CHOIR ANTHEM *I Thank the Lord For You Bible*

Please stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. 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

A Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

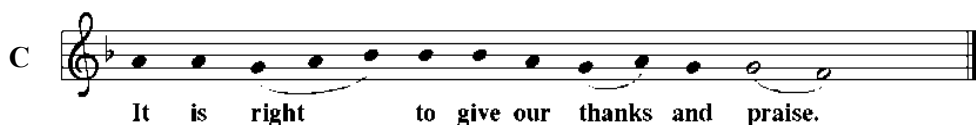


And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



PREFACE

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



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.**

A Word of Welcome:

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the meal of the Church.

All are welcome to the Lord's Table to receive the gift of His body and blood.

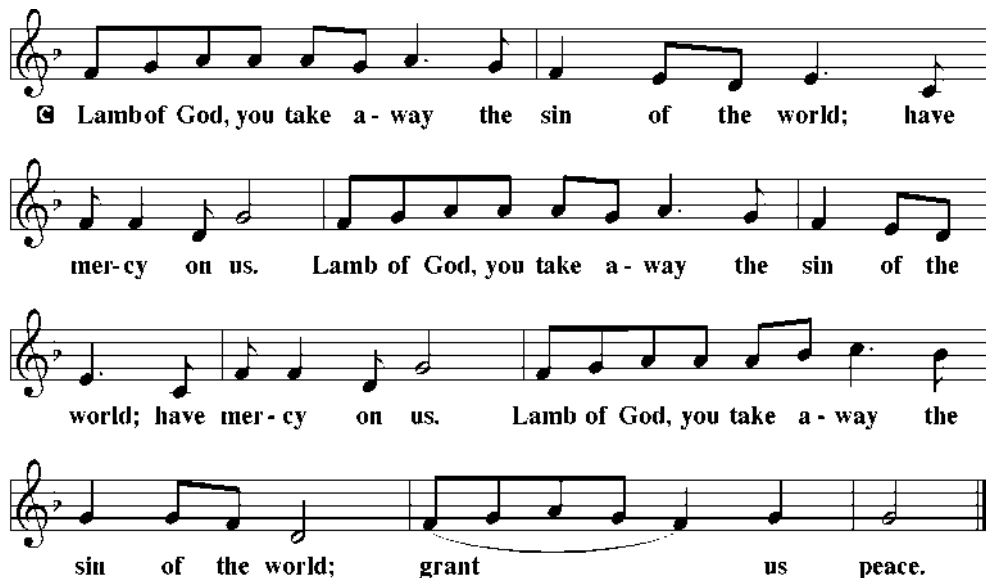
*Children who have not yet received instruction for First Holy Communion
are welcome to come to the altar to receive a special blessing.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please let the ushers know, and you will be
served in the pew.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

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*

When directed by the usher, proceed to the altar by way of the center aisle.

If preferred, 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 the way of the side ramps.

SUNG DURING DISTRIBUTION #658 *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

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 AND BLESSING

A Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C Amen.

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN #661 *I Love To Tell the Story*

DISMISSAL

- A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Allegro*. Frescobaldi

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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.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

- Judy McLain Assisting Minister
- Jeff Schmhel Usher Team Captain
- Peg Gumpert Accompanist
- Judy McLain, Doris Jaeger, Terry Jenkins Communion Assistants
- Sally Kennedy, Emma Dickerson, Ian Carr Carillonners
- Bob Rutherford. 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 bulletins are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Mark and Lori Bauer in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary.

ALTAR FLOWER UPDATE—Our current florist is unavailable for the next several months. We will be using artificial altar flowers. Sponsorships are still available to help defray the cost of the artificial flowers; however, the flowers are not available to take or to be delivered to shut-ins.

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. A Church-time Nursery room is available downstairs in the “Parent and Me” room with plenty of toys and books for toddlers and youngsters.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES

For the summer, Pastor Jim will lead us in a monthly Saturday evening service at 6:00 p.m. in the pavilion on June 20, July 18, and August 8. For those who are able, we will then share a meal together at a local restaurant.

HEART AND “SOLE” SHOE COLLECTION—Mary’s Shelter is hosting a shoe drive this summer to benefit their clients, as well as the surrounding community. We will have a collection bin in the Narthex through July 12. **NEW and GENTLY-USED** shoes for children, women, and men should be placed in bags and deposited in the marked bin. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS.



The Exeter Area Food Pantry is requesting donations of school supplies to distribute to its families in August: **backpacks, binders, pencils, boxes of 24 crayons, glue sticks, 2-pocket folders, 1-subject notebooks, highlighters, rubber erasers, and colored pencils.** Please have your donations at church by July 26.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED JUNE 30—JULY 25

Some of you may have noticed signs around the community asking to host a student from Spain. The organization is in dire need to place students! If you have any interest in hosting, please email stepstudentsPA@gmail.com. Even if you are unable to host the entire time due to scheduling conflicts, they are in need of fill-in slots for some of the host families who have prior commitments.

We invite you to join us!

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

August 23, 2026

Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Outdoor worship

beginning at

11:00

★ service music by:
THREEFOLD BLESSING

★ post-service entertainment by:
THE HAPPY DUTCHMEN

Kauffman's BAR-B-QUE
12:00-2:00

order your tickets online, or contact:
administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org



Get your
chicken!



Get your ice
cream!

