



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 21, 2026 9:00 A.M.

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

PRELUDE Selections by *Mount Laurel Brass*

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. Therefore, I 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 #810 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

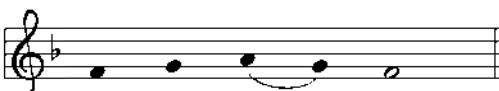
GREETING

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.

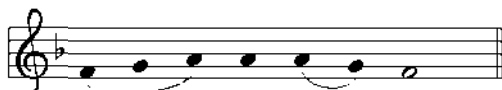
P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

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.
Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S CIRCLE Joshua Kerber

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, “Violence and destruction!”
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹ If I say, “I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,”
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
“Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
“Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him.”
¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,

for to you I have committed my cause.
¹³ Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 69:7-18 *read responsively*

⁷ It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.

⁸ **I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹ It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

¹⁰ **When I humbled my soul with fasting,
they insulted me for doing so.**

¹¹ When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.

¹² **I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³ But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.

With your faithful help ¹⁴ **rescue me
from sinking in the mire;**

**let me be delivered from my enemies
and from the deep waters.**

¹⁵ Do not let the flood sweep over me
or the deep swallow me up
or the Pit close its mouth over me.

¹⁶ **Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

¹⁷ Do not hide your face from your servant,
for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.

¹⁸ **Draw near to me; redeem me;
set me free because of my enemies.**

SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means!
How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us
who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore
we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was
raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in
newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly
be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was

crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. **A** - le - lu - ia. **A** - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me," ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON Mission Trip Youth—Kailey Batzel and Cara Dobbins
Seminarian Tina Andrews

Please stand.

HYMN #732 *Borning Cry*

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 Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering, especially:

Clyde Feick	Cindy Fliegel	Barry Hoover
Mark Hoover	Ruth Hoover	Susan Johns
Betty Neiman	Mary Phillips	Denton Quick
Walt Smithson	Curt Wittman	Zena Burkert
Sandy Chupkai	Michelle Haak	Louella Marie
Sean Miller	Jayne Phillips	Tracy Rohrbach
Richard Schmeer	Patricia Schonour	Betty Scollick
Melissa Scollick	Jim & Lauri Walker	

The family and friends of Peter Seoane in their grief (Doris Jaeger's brother)

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 Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. 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 Selection by *Mount Laurel Brass*

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

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.

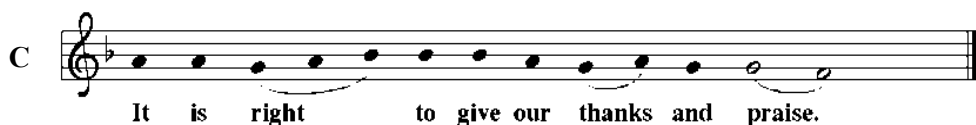


C And al - so with you.

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.

DURING DISTRIBUTION *Selections by Mount Laurel Brass*

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 #796 *How Firm a Foundation*

DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Selection by *Mount Laurel Brass*



**All men, please pick up a special treat in the
Narthex after worship today!!**

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SERVING AT WORSHIP

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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!

A special thank you to Mount Laurel Brass for sharing their time and talents with us as they serve to enhance our worship today:

Chip Strunk—Trumpet
Mike Gumpert—Trumpet
Kathy Snyder—Horn
Will Shafer—Trombone
Tim Simmons—Tuba

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Fred and Cindy Mohr in honor of their 53rd 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, hearing receivers, children's toys, games, puzzles and books are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance. A **Church-time Nursery room** is available downstairs in the "Parent and Me" room with plenty of toys and books for toddlers and youngsters.

The **July/Aug/Sept issue of *Christ In Our Home*** is available for pick-up in the Narthex and Vestibule. Help yourself to these daily devotional guides.

The **Breakfast Bunch** will meet on Thursday, July 9, at 9:00 a.m. at Breakfast Hut. All are welcome!

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES

Pastor Jim will lead us in a monthly Saturday evening service at 6:00 p.m. in the pavilion on **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.

YOUTH AT-HOME SUMMER MISSION EVENT

Monday-Tuesday, August 10 –11



Event is for youth going
into grades 7 to 12

Parent drop-off at 8:30 a.m.
each day at St. Mark's, Birdsboro

Lunch will be provided each day

Monday activity — TBD

Tuesday activity — Taco Tuesday

We will make tacos and travel to New Journey Soup Kitchen to deliver.
Then back to St. Mark's
to make hot dogs and distribute to the senior citizens / food pantry.

Parent pick-up at 6:00 p.m.
at St. Mark's each day

Call SLC church office at 610-779-3480 to reserve your spot.

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!



SUNDAY, JULY 26TH

AT 11:00 AM

(This will be in place of our regular worship service at Schwarzwald)

Schuylkill River Parish

Worship Service and Picnic

**Schwarzwald, St. Mark's, Reformation and
St. Paul's will join together for this special
outdoor service to be held at**

Rustic Park

**1314 Haycreek Rd, Birdsboro, PA
Pavilion #3**

PICNIC WILL FOLLOW WORSHIP!

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided.

Please a covered dish to share.

Please bring lawn chairs.

If you have lawn games, please bring them as well.

**This is a great opportunity for our church families to
get to know each other.**

