



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 2, 2026 9:00 A.M.

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS



PRELUDE *Panis Angelic us* Cesar Franck

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 #689 *Praise and Thanksgiving*

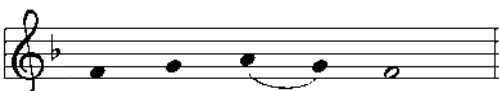
GREETING

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.

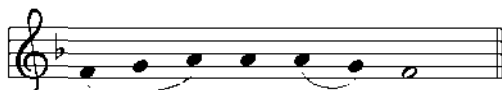
P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

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. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S CIRCLE Chaplain MaryAnn Farnsworth

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21 *read responsively*

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ **The Lord is good to all,
 and his compassion is over all that he has made.**
¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling
 and raises up all who are bowed down.
¹⁵ **The eyes of all look to you,
 and you give them their food in due season.**
¹⁶ You open your hand,
 satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **The Lord is just in all his ways
and kind in all his doings.**

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ **He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.**

²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ **My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 St. Matthew.

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it

was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON Chaplain MaryAnn Farnsworth

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY
#515 *Break Now the Bread of Life*

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 With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit especially,

Mark Bauer

Janet Hafer

Betty Neiman

Keith Schmehl

Sandy Chupkai

Sean Miller

The Reilly Family

Patricia Schonour

Paula Shirk

Cindy Fliegel

Rosalie Heller

Mary Phillips

Walt Smithson

Michelle Haak

Kelly Ringler-Nguyen

Tracy Rohrbach

Betty Scollick

Jim & Lauri Walker

Carol Gunzelmann

Ruth Hoover

Denton Quick

Jonathan Bortz

Karin Kohl

Jayne Phillips

Richard Schmeer

Melissa Scollick

Marty Wegman

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

Silent Prayers

Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, 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/SPECIAL MUSIC *What Feast of Love . . .* 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.

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

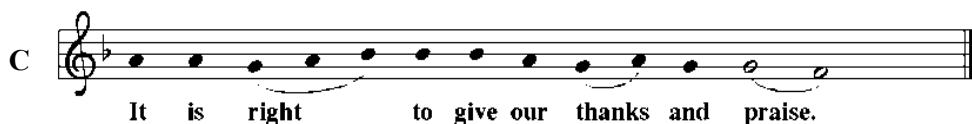
P The Lord be with you.



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.

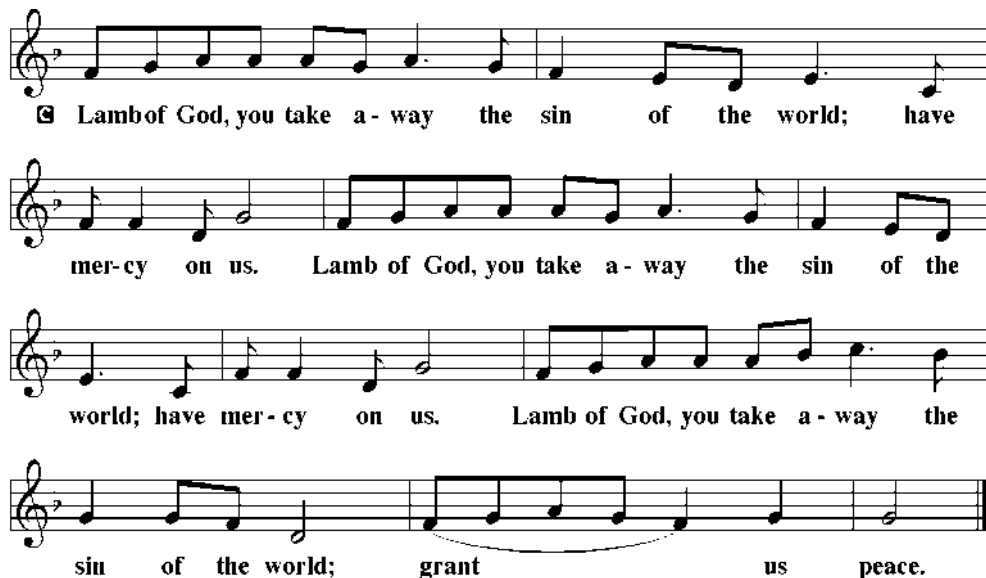
*Children who have not yet received instruction for First Holy Communion
are welcome to come to the altar to receive a special blessing.*

*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 BY ALL DURING DISTRIBUTION #638 *Blessed Assurance*

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 #629 *Abide With Me*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Allegro Risoluto* Robert C. Wilson

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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

- Susan Johns Assisting Minister
- Fred Mohr / Youth Ushers
- Susan Johns, Doris Jaeger, Thomas Loughery Communion Assistants
- Sally Kennedy, Emma Dickerson, Ian Carr Carillonneurs
- Rochelle Chelius 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!

We welcome Chaplain MaryAnn Farnsworth as our worship leader this morning.

A special thank you to Clara Worrall for serving as our supply organist during the summer months.

The **bulletins** are sponsored by Bev Brightbill to the glory of God.

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. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex to sponsor flowers or bulletins.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

Children's toys, games, puzzles and books are available 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.

Copies of the **August *Pulpit and Pew*** newsletter may be picked-up in the Narthex and Vestibule.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The next Saturday evening service
is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. in the pavilion on **August 8**.

For those who are able, we will then share a meal together at a local restaurant.

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KIDS' KITCHEN EVENT

Saturday, August 8
from
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Birdsboro
for
ages 2nd through 7th grades

We will cook Italian dishes:
Homemade pasta, marinara sauce, pizza, cannoli, and others.

Let Pastor Jim know **TODAY** if you will be attending.

AT HOME YOUTH MINI-MISSION TRIP

The Schuylkill River Parish will sponsor an At-Home
Youth Mini-Mission Trip Monday-Tuesday, August 10 –11

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

Youth will participate in service activities
(i.e. cooking and serving a meal, helping at a food pantry distribution,
working in a garden, etc.)

Youth will travel to Reading on Tuesday to serve a taco Tuesday meal.

Parent pick-up at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mark's each day

To register, please contact St. Mark's Lutheran Church,
Birdsboro, at 610-582-8167.



FILL *the* TRUCK

and HELP OUR NEIGHBORS

Help us fill the truck with furniture, clothing, and household items to help families get back on their feet after experiencing homelessness.

Electronics and baby furniture are not accepted.



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Find us at our next destination:

Reformation Evangelical

Lutheran Church

3670 Perkiomen Ave

Reading, PA 19606

Drop Off/Donations

12 Sept 11 AM - 3 PM

13 Sept 12 PM - 3 PM

Rear Parking Lot



**Opportunity
House**



Do you pick up donations? Yes, we do.

1. Call us at 484-957-3861 or email us at walwardo@opp-house.org to schedule a pickup at your home. We recommend giving 7-10 business days' notice for pick up.
2. Clothing should be bagged or boxed. Items like books, media, housewares, and knickknacks should be boxed. Appliances must be in working condition.
3. Have all your items in one area and close to the door.

Is there a charge for pick up?

We do not charge to pick up your items. We welcome your donation to offset our cost and locus our funds on reducing homelessness.

Where can I take my donations?

Donations are accepted Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 6pm at the rear of OppShop at 3045 Fifth Street Highway, Temple, Pennsylvania.

Tips to make your donations as easy as possible:

- All electrical equipment must be tested before loading it onto the truck.
- If in doubt about a donation, send a photo and we'll review it before scheduling a pickup.
- Our team reserves the right to decline any donations not suitable for our purposes.

SOFAS AND CHAIRS:

- Solid colored sofas and chairs are the most desirable.*
- We generally do not accept sofas that are wood or have wooden trim, plaids or large floral patterns.*
- No rips, stains, tears, smell or visible animal or human hair on chairs or sofas.
- All cushions must be included. Sectionals must include all pieces. All legs must be attached.
- Leather and vinyl must be in good condition with no tears, cracking, stains or noticeable wear.
- If a sofa or chair has electrical components, it must work. All electric items must be tested before being loaded onto the truck.
- Recliners must be in good working condition.

SOFA BEDS:

- The mattress must be stain-free, without any rips, tears or exposed springs. The mattress must be included.*

KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM SETS:

- We welcome regular-sized kitchen and dining room tables with chairs. We do not take tables without chairs.
- The chairs must be in a usable condition without excessive wear.

BEDS:

- We accept beds and bunk beds that include a bed frame, mattress and box spring.
- No rips, stains, tears, smells, or excess animal or human hair.
- Please include all pieces of the frames and/or headboard/footboard sets, including the screws, nuts, and bolts.
- We do not accept hospital beds or water beds.

**Please send photos prior to scheduling your pickup.*

BEDROOM FURNITURE:

- All drawers, doors, hardware, shelving, and glass must be in place.
- No broken legs, wear or staining on the wood. No damage to the back or sides of the furniture.
- Armories must have shelves or closet space and an area for a television.

APPLIANCES:

- No visible rust or wear.
- Refrigerators/freezers must get cold and be working.
- Washers and dryers must work. This includes 220 v washer/dryers.
- All electrical appliances must be tested prior to loading on the truck.
- We accept microwave ovens, small appliances, air fryers, hair dryers, and InstaPots[®] that are clean, at in working order.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

- Must be in working condition with no torn tracks, ripped seats, loose wires, disconnected parts.
- Electrical equipment must be tested before being loaded on the truck.
- We accept small weightlifting benches and other smaller exercise equipment in good condition.
- We do not take home gyms.*

ITEMS WE DON'T ACCEPT:

- Large entertainment centers
- Televisions other than flat screen televisions
- Computers
- Broken furniture or appliances
- Incomplete items with missing parts
- Building materials
- Cribs, car seats, and highchairs.

We invite you to join us!

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

* August 23, 2026 * Outdoor Service: 11:00 - 12:00 *

Entertainment by:

THE HAPPY
DUTCHMEN

Schwarzwalld Lutheran Church
250 Church Lane Rd.

FREE

Bouncy House
Entry for Kids

Kennifman's Chicken BBQ

12:00-2:00

Enjoy on site or do take-out!

Presale: \$10/dinner [includes sides]

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

Get your
chicken!



Get your ice
cream!

