Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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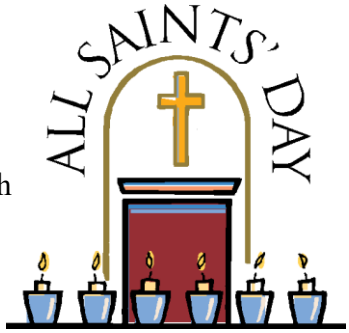
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2026 10:45 A.M.



HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

PRELUDE *For All the Saints* . . . . . Williams/arr. Smith

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. 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 #422 *For All the Saints* stanzas 1, 3, 5, 7

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.

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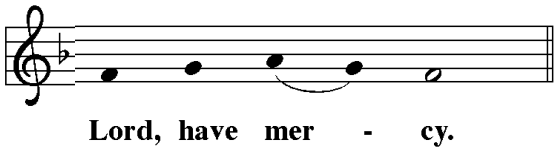

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

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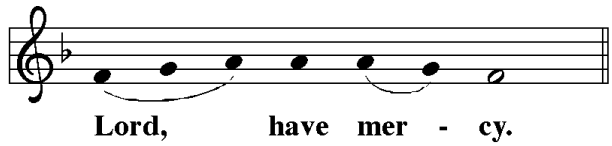

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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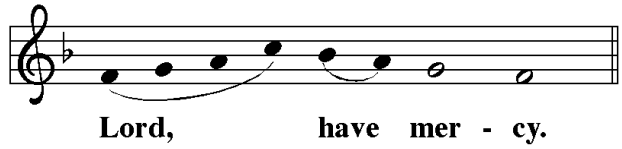

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

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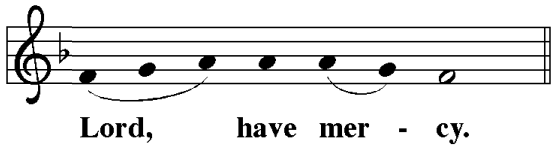

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

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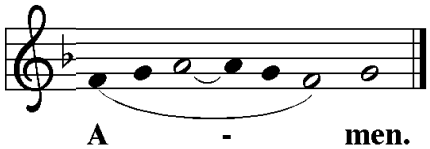


PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

ANTHEM *I Am A C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N* . . . . . Youth Chorus

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE . . . . . The Rev. David Blitch

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes
and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches
in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on
their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come
from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come
out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

PSALM 34:1-10, 22 *read responsively*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
3 O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
5 Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
6 This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord
and was saved from every trouble.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.
8 O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

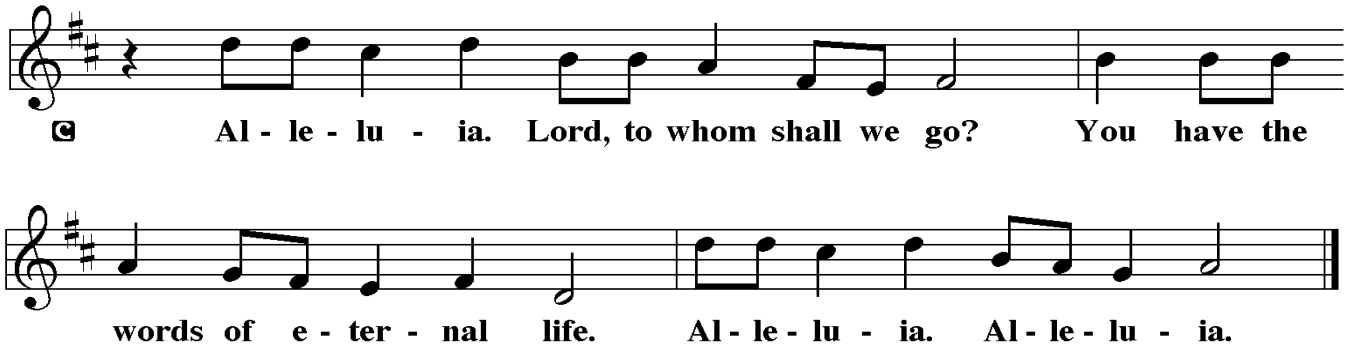
[10] The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
[22] The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3
[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12
[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11] "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON . . . . . The Rev. David Blitch

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY #628 *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

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 United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Israel, Palestine, and the Middle East, that they may find an end to conflict in their regions and may be granted God's peace and protection. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness, especially:

Cindy Fliegel	Ruth Hoover	David Johns
Betty Neiman	Jean Pendi	Denton Quick
Joan Smith	Walt Smithson	Sheryl Block
Justin Bortz	Jonathan Bortz	Sandy Chupkai
Scott Gumpert	Carol Fritz	Michelle Haak
Joanne Kitsock	Karin Kohl	Sharon Lombardo
Sean Miller	Jayne Phillips	Tracy Rohrbach
Brayden Samuelsen	Richard Schmeer	Patricia Schonour
Betty Scollick	Melissa Scollick	Jim & Lauri Walker

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

Silent Prayers

God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A With grateful hearts, we remember our family members, made Saints by the grace of God, who have gone from this Life to Glory in the last year,

Clyde Feick	Barbara Hafer	Janet Hafer
Marilyn Oplinger	Curtis Prince, Sr.	Margie Shearer
Mark Tiderman	Patricia Weiser	

Gracious God, we thank you for giving us these dearly departed to know and to love through their days of life on Earth. We now humbly commend them to your care. May we be comforted and take courage by remembering the promise given in our baptism, that you are with us always through this life and prepare a place for us in your Eternal Kingdom. To you be all honor and glory now and forever. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
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.

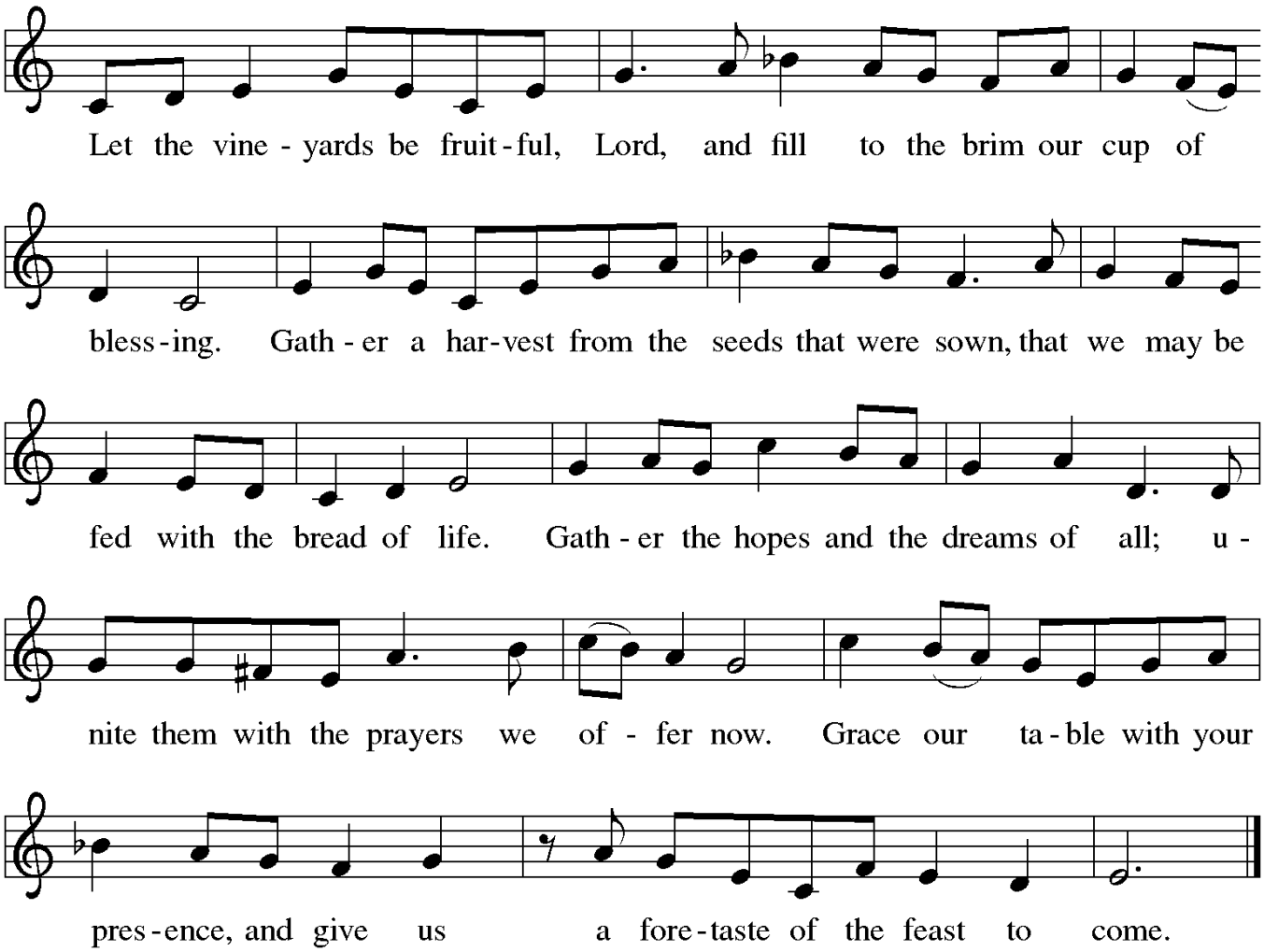
Please be seated.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* . . . . . arr. Burkhardt

Please stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



OFFERING PRAYER

A Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

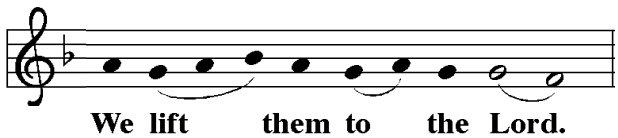
C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

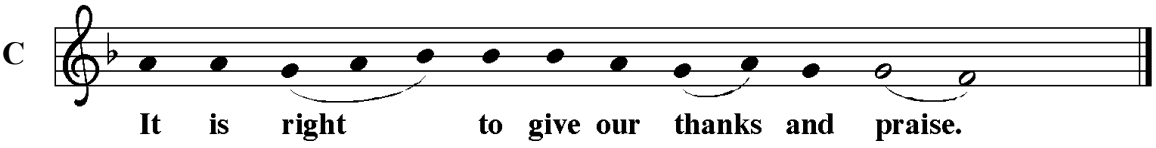
P The Lord be with you.

C 

P Lift up your hearts.

C 

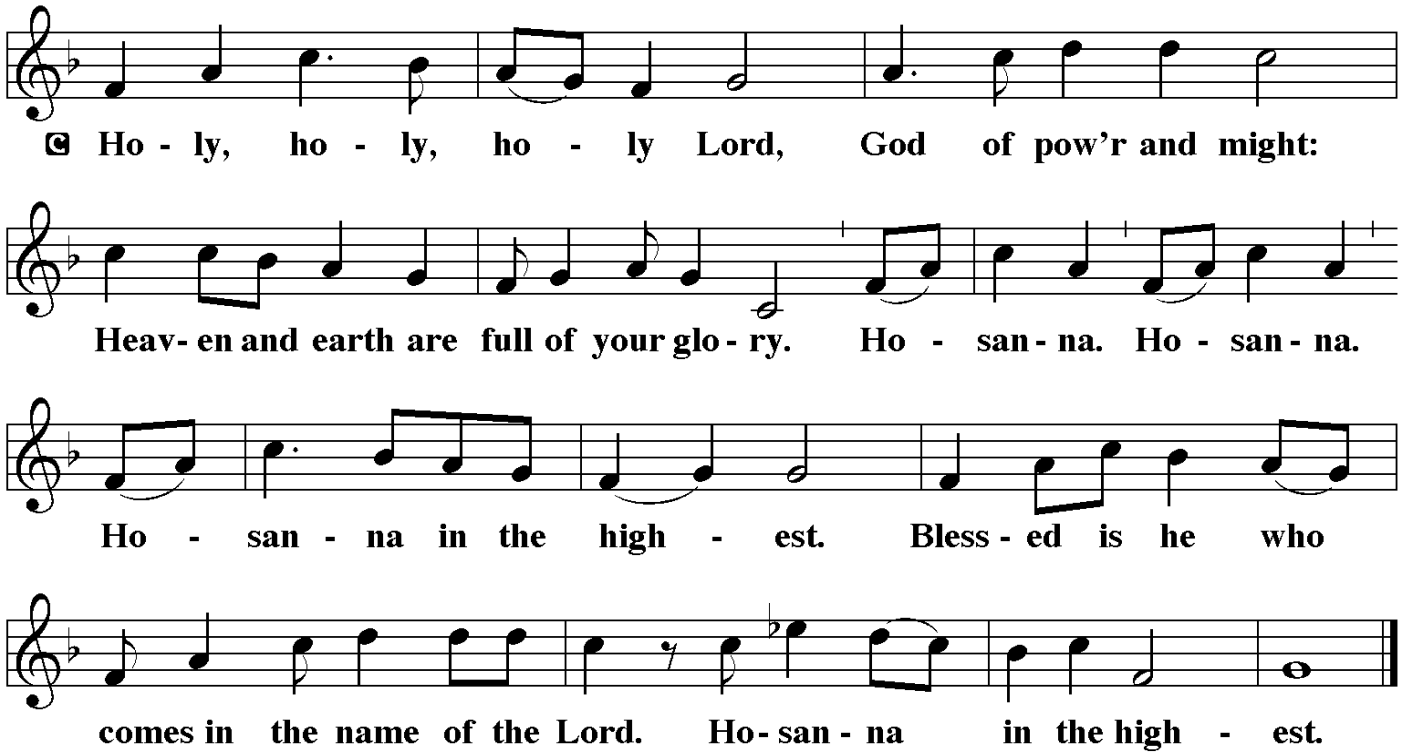
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all 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.

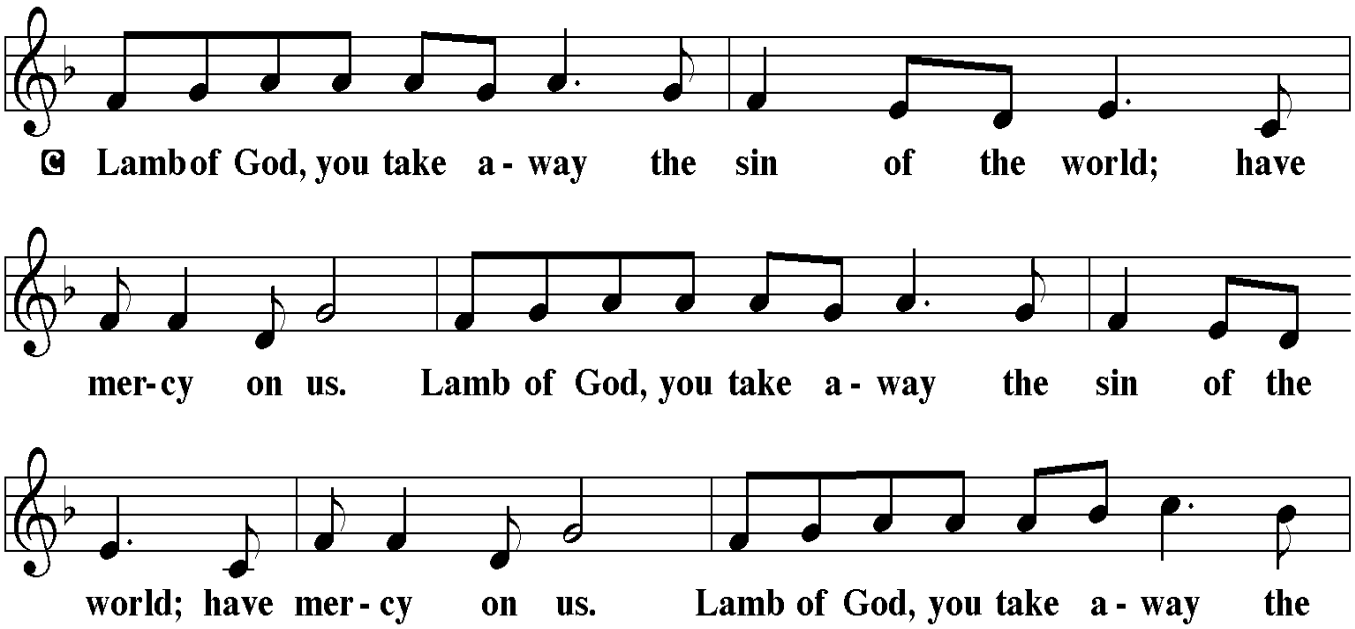
A Word of Welcome:

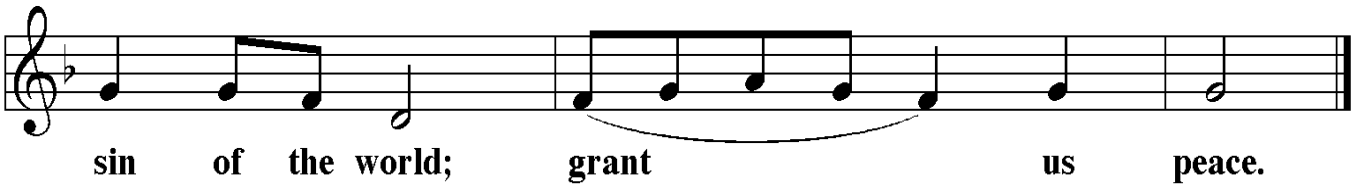
The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the meal of the Church.
All are welcome to the Lord's Table to receive the gift of His body and blood.
Children who have not yet received instruction for First Holy Communion are welcome to come to the altar to receive a special blessing.
If you are unable to come forward, please let the ushers know, and you will be served in the pew.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

LAMB OF GOD





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 #728 *Blest Are They*

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 Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
C Amen.

BLESSING

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN #423 *Shall We Gather at the River*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Trio en Chaconne* . . . . . Raison

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SERVING AT WORSHIP

Peg Gumpert . . . . . Assisting Minister
Jeff Schmehl . . . . . Usher Team Captain
Maggie Worrall . . . . . Acolyte
Peg Gumpert, Terry Jenkins, Joshua Kerber . . . . . Communion Assistants
Sally Kennedy, Emma Dickerson . . . . . 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 thank Clara Worrall for serving as our guest organist this morning.

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by 1) Heather and Evie in memory of Daddy and Gran for All Saints, and 2) in memory of Janet Hafer from her family.

Please be advised, 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 hymns 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.

The **November *Pulpit and Pew*** is available for pick-up in the Narthex**.**

Rehearsal – Handbell Choir will rehearse on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m.

BREAKFAST BUNCH will meet on Thursday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m. at Breakfast Hut Restaurant. All are welcome!

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IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO?

BLOOD DONATION DAY

Give blood, Give life.
Be someone's miracle.



14 NOVEMBER 2026

SATURDAY
08:00 AM - 01:00 PM

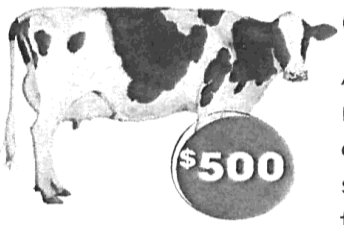
SCHWARZWALD LUTHERAN CHURCH

250 Church Lane Rd.
Reading, PA 19606

To schedule an appointment:
Scan the QR Code OR
Call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667, ext. 2
and mention Sponsor Code 8506

God's Global Barnyard

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.



Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry.



Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.



Honeybees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth — helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.



Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds — bringing a big payoff at the market.



Fish Farm

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.

The SLC children/youth will be collecting funds for "God's Global Barnyard" on the last Sunday of each month during worship. Please help them by contributing to this worthy cause that provides animals to families living in poverty.

COME, GATHER, PREPARE

Advent FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

(following worship)

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



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!

Upcoming Events from the Social Ministry Committee

- **Ladies Night Out will be held on Tuesday, November 10 beginning at 6:00. Please bring a soup or casserole to be shared by the attendees. Come and enjoy the various dishes and the warm fellowship! The leftover foods will be packaged and placed in the refrigerator.**

- **Thank Offering Sunday will be celebrated on November 22. This year's collection will be used to purchase food for the SLC Food Cabinet and the Refrigerator. Donations may be placed in the baskets found in the narthex and the front sanctuary entrance. Cash or checks made out to "Schwarzwald Lutheran Church" will be welcomed. At the end of the service, Social Ministry Committee members will be at each doorway to hand our lists of food items needed to stock the Cabinet. Thrivent Action Teams projects may also be used to support this ministry.**

- **Christmas Card Shower: This event was so successful last year, that we'll be doing it again! On three Sundays, November 15, 22, and 29, a table will be set up in the Narthex with Christmas cards and bags labeled with home-bound members' names. Bring some joy to these members by signing cards and placing them in the bags of your choice. You may also include a message of cheer.**
  Thank you for helping us spread holiday cheer!!



Parents AFTERNOON OUT

A special time for you while your children enjoy a fun-filled afternoon!



LUNCH
PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN



MOVIE
AND POPCORN



CRAFTS

FREE TO ALL!

Children Ages 5 to 12

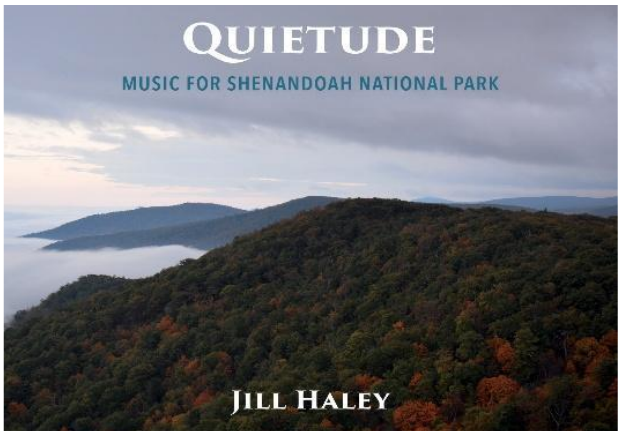
DECEMBER 13TH 2026

Immediately following the Christmas Cookie Celebration and ending at 4:00





QUIETUDE - MUSIC FOR SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK
Artist in Residence, oboist and composer, Jill Haley,
will share a concert of music she wrote about the park with video.
SATURDAY, 11/14/26 at 3 pm in The Miller Center at RACC.



Scan QR code for tickets or go to: www.millercenter.racc.edu / Phone for tickets: 610-607-6270

11th Annual Toy Give for the Children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry

December 11, 2026

Distribution will take place at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Each year the number of children and families served grows larger. Your generosity has made it possible for us to continue to provide gifts for hundreds of children in our community each year. We are so grateful.

It takes all of us to get this job done.

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP!

Please consider purchasing a toy or toys for children aged BIRTH THROUGH 13 YEARS OLD. This can include toys, games, puzzles, dolls, cars, trucks, building sets, art supplies, Barbies, Legos, etc.

FOR THE TEENAGERS 14-18
We would appreciate the purchase of gift sets: Make-up sets, Nail Care Sets, Shaving Sets, Cologne Sets, Perfume Sets, Hand Cream and Body Wash Sets, Adult Art Sets,(Fine tip markers, graphic pencils, colored pencils) etc. The Amazon Wish List below will include examples of these sets. Teenagers will also receive a gift card to a local store from our generous partner, Hack Away at Hunger.
Donations of hats, socks, gloves and scarves for ALL AGES are also appreciated.
Donations of gently read CHILDREN's and TEEN's books that you no longer need are welcomed.
New books are also appreciated.

***All items can be placed a collection box located in the community, or you can deliver them to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church. There will be two collection boxes at the church entrance (top of the steps) in the center of the building. The railings at this entrance will have bows tied to them to help you locate the boxes. The boxes are emptied daily.**

Please DO NOT leave them near the Community Refrigerator and Pantry.

For those who prefer a monetary contribution, please send a check made payable to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church (marked "Toy Give") and send it to 250 Church Lane Road, Reading, PA 19606

Below you will find a link to an Amazon Wish List with suggested items you may purchase for the children in case you are looking for a little help choosing. Any item purchased from this list will be shipped directly to Schwarzwald. You can copy and paste the link in your browser or email me to have a link sent to you. You can also search for the list named Exeter Toy Give 2026 under accounts and lists, search for a list on the Amazon home page.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1LH2ID2SYV8WD?ref_=wl_share

If you prefer to shop online at any other store website, the items can be shipped directly to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, 250 Church Lane Road, Reading Pa 19606

If you have questions, please contact Doris Jaeger at 610-780-9825 or bdj43077@msn.com.
You may also call the Schwarzwald Lutheran Church office at 610-779-3480.
It would be helpful if all toys could be available by December 4th. Thank you!

Drop off locations include: Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, Exeter Township Building, Exeter Library, Schwarzwald UCC, St. Catharine of Sienna, St. Lawrence UCC, Reformation Lutheran, Bethany Lutheran, Breakfast Hut, Spine and Wellness Center, & Diamond Federal Credit Union.