

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2015
COMBINED LENTEN SERVICE
THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“God Is Here!”

Benjamin Culli

***Call to Worship**

Whether we embrace God’s call in our lives or try to avoid it.

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***Hymn #472**

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Choir Anthem

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

arr. Mary McDonald

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, your Word surprises, challenges, upsets, and overturns our way of seeing and thinking. Come and find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cause that which is withering in us to blossom and that which is exacting in us to broaden until we see as you see, and thereby glimpse the kingdom you are bringing. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 20:1 – 16 (NRSV p. 801; LP p. 1539 – 1540)

***Hymn #208** “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?”

Sermon

Senior Choir Anthem

“All Because of the Wonderful Cross” arr. Mary McDonald

Pastoral Prayer

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to Offering

Offertory “Amazing Grace” arr. Lindsay Lafford

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those who you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and offerings, and do what you choose with what already belongs to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn #497**

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Paul Manz

*All who are able, please stand.

Mission Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:

Our task is to proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.

Vision Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:

Serving the glorious God, claimed by Jesus, and inspired by scripture, honoring our history, with renewed commitment we will reach out to our community and the world through worship, spirit enriching programs, and outreaching mission.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for some refreshments immediately following the worship service. For those with accessibility concerns, there is a stair glide available in the back of the sanctuary, and someone who will be happy to assist you.

We would like to thank our participating pastors this evening:
Rev. Chuck Romanowski, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg;
Rev. Bill Vanderslice St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill;
Rev. Becky Eisenhart from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sumneytown.

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, March 4th
St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11th
Pennsburg UCC at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18th
St. Paul's Lutheran – Red Hill Church at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25th
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran – Sumneytown at 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 29th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.

The Passion Play at 5:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd
(Communion Service)
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

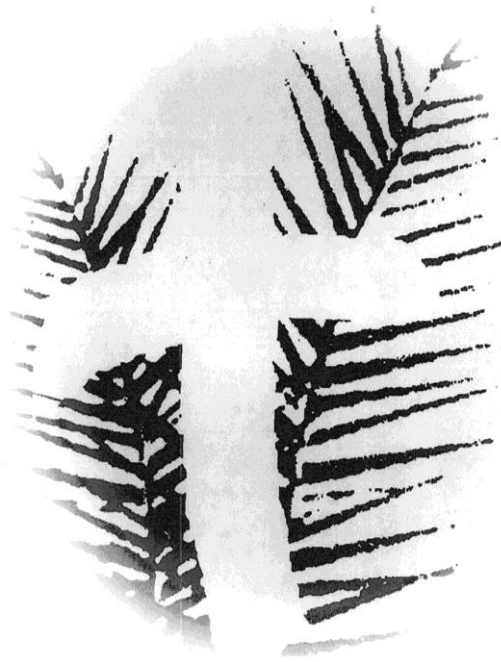
Good Friday, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church.
Walk begins at 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship at McDonald's Following the Worship Service

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, April 5th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 a.m.

Covered-Dish Breakfast Following the Service

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Easter Sunday Communion Worship Service



Good Friday Community Service
April 3, 2015
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Pensburg

- 11:00 a.m.: Anthem Rehearsal
- 12:00 noon: Walk begins from three locations
Pensburg UCC
St. Philip Neri School
New Goshenhoppen UCC
- 1:00 p.m.: Good Friday Service
- 2:00 p.m.: Fellowship at McDonald's

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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