

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

### **COMBINED LENTEN SERVICE**

#### **“BAPTISM”**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Prelude**

“A Lenten Meditation”

William Havergal

**\*Call to Worship**

*(Luther’s Small Catechism)*

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**The name in which we baptize.**

What is baptism?

**It is water used according to God’s command and connected with God’s word.**

What gifts does baptism grant?

**It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.**

How can water do such great things?

**The water does not do this alone, but the word of God with and alongside of the water, and faith.**

This is a grace-filled water of life.

**A bath of new birth in the Holy Spirit.**

**\*Hymn #761**

“We Bless the Name of Christ the Lord”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, who has called us to dwell in unity, we confess the divisiveness which has separated us from our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. We have broken fellowship with you and one another. We have done what we should not have done, and left undone the faithful work to which you have called us as a united people. Forgive us Lord, renew within us our baptismal promises, and by the Holy Spirit claim us as your own.**

**Time of Silent Confession**

## Assurance of Pardon

*(Heidelberg Catechism, Question 70)*

“What is it to be washed with the blood and Spirit of Christ?”

**It is to receive of God the remission of sins, freely, for the sake of Christ’s blood, which he shed for us by his sacrifice upon the cross, and also, to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, and sanctified to be members of Christ, so that we may more and more die unto sin, and lead holy and blameless lives.**

By our faith in Jesus Christ, who is all to us, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Senior Choir Anthem

“All To Us”

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Matt Maher, Matt Redman  
arr. Mary McDonald

**Scripture** Romans 6:1 – 14 (NRSV p. 917; LP p. 1765 – 1766)

## Sermon

“A Sacramental Conversation”

*“I am not concerned about external baptism,  
but how we may be baptized inwardly in the Holy Spirit.”*  
(Caspar Shwenckfeld Vol. 4, Doc 138: Vol. 5 Doc 224)

## Senior Choir Anthem

“Healing River”

Fred Hellerman and Fran Minkoff  
arr. Mark Hayes

## 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

"Baptized in Water"

Jim Vyhanek.

### \*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**

**Loving God, baptized in water and the Spirit, we give you thanks for the gracious love which has claimed us all as part of the family of Jesus Christ. We lay before you our lives, our gifts and our offerings, that they might be blessed to do your will in this community and throughout the world. By your Holy Spirit you have united us in faith, send us forth this night, in the blessing of that great reality. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #758**

“Baptized in Water”

**\*Commissioning**

*(Adapted from questions 11 and 14 from “A Brief Course of Religious Instruction through the Catechetical Presentation,” by L.S. Hoffman)*

What does baptism as a symbol illustrate?

**Cleansing from sin and admission into the quickening life of the Holy Spirit.**

Since we baptize only once it behooves us to emphasize that scriptural point and thus illustrate the most vital truth.

**The essential part in Christ’s baptism was the descending of the Holy Spirit.**

The apostles although having died with Christ must not depart from Jerusalem until they were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**Sprinkling illustrates this fact best of all.**

**Remember Jesus said “You, must be baptized from above.”**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Lift High the Cross”

Paul D. Weber

\*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 there will be someone there who will be happy to assist you.

We would like to thank our participating pastors this evening:

Rev. Ray Miller, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill;

Rev. Chuck Romanowski, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg;

Rev. Becky Schanely, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Sumneytown;

Rev. Deb Schwartz, Friedens UCC, Sumneytown;

Rev. Deb Timmins, Pennsburg UCC;

Rev. Cydney Van Dyke, New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville

## **Lenten and Holy Week Schedule**

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Brown Bag Bible Study with Sister Millicent at 11:30am  
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Brown Bag Bible Study with Sister Millicent at 11:30am  
St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

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

Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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

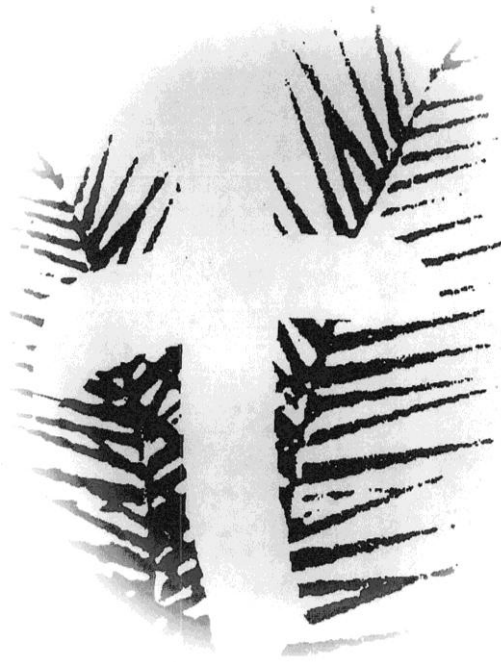
Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, April 16<sup>th</sup>

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 14, 2017  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Pennsburg

- 11:00 a.m.: Anthem Rehearsal
- 12:00 noon: Walk begins from four locations  
New Goshenhoppen UCC  
Pennsburg UCC  
St. Philip Neri School  
Upper Perkiomen YMCA
- 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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