

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
EASTER SUNDAY
+March 31, 2024+
8:30 AM



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church
Reinholds, Pennsylvania

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

Visitors are welcome and invited to make themselves at home. If you're interested in learning more about Swamp Lutheran, have questions, or are looking for a church home, speak with Pastor Scott or church members. Please complete a visitor card and place it in an offering drop box or sign guest register in narthex.

Restrooms are located off the narthex (lobby) by the coat rack.

The worship service is printed in this bulletin. **Hymns** are found in the red hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship. **Children's** active presence is welcomed in our worship. There are special kids bulletins available in the narthex and at the side entrance.

Offering plates are passed. Additionally, there is an offering drop box in the narthex. Online giving via cell phone is easy and secure. Just use this QR code from your phone's camera app.



Our worship is rooted in the ancient pattern of the church—gathering, word, meal, sending. The shape of this liturgy and much of the actual words/prayers come directly from scripture. Though we make seasonal shifts, the constancy of our worship reflects God's constant love and promises through forgiveness, scripture, and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following this liturgical pattern, as well as the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of scripture readings, connects us through our worship with Christians around the world and throughout time.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**. We believe "Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink." (Small Catechism, Martin Luther) Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Website – Be sure and check our website www.swamplutheran.org regularly for updates and schedules of

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

EASTER ALLELUIA
RISEN THIS DAY

ARR. SUSAN T. NELSON
MICHAEL RYAN

congregational responses are in bold type.

stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

**Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

ELW 365

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. ☐ Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: ☐ Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and

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might to God and the Lamb for- ev - er. A - men



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the

resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

ANTHEM AN EASTER CALL TO PRAISE

ARR. STACEY NORDMEYER

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING **Acts 10:34-43**

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118 :1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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.

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES! ELW 619

2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -

ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,

throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment line (Tenor and Bass). The lyrics are: "2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e - ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed, throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA

ELW 364

BAPTISM OF MAKENNA ROSE BLATT, JACE EDWIN BLATT AND LANDON DAVID SAUDER

PRESENTATION

Baptismal party gathers with the pastor at the font.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsor: I present Makenna Rose Blatt and Jace Edwin Blatt for baptism.

Parent: I present Landon David Sauder for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Parents' Response: I do.

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that they may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these children in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Makenna, Jace, and Landon and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

Stand

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor

and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

BAPTISM

Makenna Rose Blatt, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.**

Alleluia.

Jace Edwin Blatt, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.**

Alleluia.

Landon David Sauder, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.**

Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Makenna, Jace, and Landon with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Makenna, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Jace, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Landon, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTIZED

Stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

You may share the peace safely. A simple nod to those next to you, with the words "peace be with you" exchanged is always sufficient.

Sit

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERTORY AWAKE, MY HEART, WITH GLADNESS ROBERT A. HOBBY

OFFERING NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION STANZA 1 ELW 462

In addition to the plate, online giving via cell phone is safe and secure. See QR code on the inside cover of this bulletin.

As the offering is brought to the table, the congregation stands and sings.

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion.

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score concludes with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.**

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD *remain standing*



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Following the direction of the ushers, approach by the center aisle and return to your pew by the side aisles. Please get a cup from the stack by the first pew before receiving bread. Grape juice and gluten free options are available – tell the usher.

COMMUNION HYMNS (CONGREGATION ENCOURAGED TO SING)

Bread of Life From Heaven	ELW 474
The Easter Day with Joy Was Bright	ELW 384
The Day of Resurrection	ELW 361
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (St. 1,2,4,7)	ELW 362
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today	ELW 373

After all have communed, stand

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS ELW 367

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS G.F. HANDEL
GRADY DAUB, ORGAN AND SUE KREITZ, PIANO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIRCLE OF PRAYER - Hunter Leisey, John Frantz, Ed Miller, John Wesner, Michael Wargo, Jan Lorah, Sandi Clemens, Nettie Kriener, Clair Sweigart, Faith Moyer, Michael A. Crowther, Reba Ranck, Grace Ranck, Ray Fox, Gene Miller, Kelly Martin, Jean Wolf, Bruce Wagner, Honey Notobartolo, Charles Moyer, Anna Habecker, Bobby Hershey, Anna Hershey, Marilyn Gelsinger, Edith Snyder, Jackson Sensenig, Sharon Levan, JJ Johnson, Robert Bachman, Teresa Sweigart, Mel and Troy Ulrich, Earl Myers, Elizabeth Sherman, Katie Krater, Judy Habecker, Anna Rose Schannauer, Betty Kramer, Tyler Leed, Henry, Dennis Troutman, Larry Knauer, Robyn Reihner, David Metzger, Ray Weitzel.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Harry “Ducky” Lorah by the family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE is given in memory of loved ones by the congregation.

ORGAN FLOWERS are given in honor of Doug Kulp’s birthday by the Bell Choir.

ALTAR FLOWERS – A 2024 altar flower calendar is in the Narthex. Flower & Candle costs remain at \$40.00 & \$5.00, respectively. Standing orders remain on the calendar from year to year. Please support the church by signing up for the weeks that do not have sponsors. Sue Kreitz, 717-283-9444 and John Frantz, 717-606-8994 are now taking care of the flower and candle sign-up if you have questions or want to schedule. Several opportunities for candles are available.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – If you give via the online option, let us know by email (secretary@swamplutheran.org) or by phone to the office so that you will no longer receive offering envelopes for 2023.



To our **knitters and crocheters**, please focus on prayer shawls. When you finish, please bring it to church and leave it in the library. *THANK YOU for supporting this church ministry.*

FOOD BANK – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. There is an urgent need for cereal and condiments and there is always a need for canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soup, canned meat and tuna, pasta, rice and mac & cheese. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wednesday each month. Please check for a current expiration date.

ATTENTION THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS. The Thrivent “Action Teams” program is an opportunity for Thrivent members to lead projects that provide service and outreach to the community. Thrivent Financial will provide funds of \$250 for each project to get started and pay for associated expenses. You may request two grants per year. Swamp Lutheran has many needs that qualify under this program. If you wish to direct your grant request to help with Swamp Lutheran’s activities, please reach out to Lori Gockley who will assist you with the process. Email: lgockley2@gmail.com or call 717-203-8551



Gently Used Sneakers Needed. Cub Pack 95 is collecting sneakers as a fundraiser. Used sneakers (pairs only; athletic shoes only) may be deposited in the bins located in the Narthex and the social hall lobby. The Cubs are **not** able to accept any non-athletic footwear including but not limited to dress shoes, heels, rain boots, sandals, slip-ons, water socks, wedges, and work boots of any kind. Questions may be addressed to Cubmaster Travis Leed at 717-381-1608 or email at pack95reinholds@gmail.com

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KIT PROJECT

We are currently accepting donations for the LWR Personal Care Kit Project. We will be collecting items through the end of April. Donations may be given to **Jane Leshner, Denise Null, Connie Taylor and Debbie Carvell.** Questions to Debbie at 717-336-5638.

We appreciate everyone following the guidelines below, as Lutheran World Relief will not send anything that does not adhere to their specified guidelines. Each kit will contain:

- One bath-size towel (approximately 52" x 27") dark color recommended.
- Two bath-size (4 or 5 oz) of soap, in it's original wrapping.
- One adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging.
- One sturdy comb, (wide tooth preferred), remove packaging.
- One metal nail clipper, remove packaging.

Wrap all items in the towel and tie with ribbon or yarn. Please do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

If you don't feel comfortable wrapping an entire kit, we will accept donations of any of the items, and gladly assemble the kits! *Hint: Last year we bought these exact towels at Big Lots for \$4.00 each!*

As always, thank you for making this project a success!

ACTION FUND – Donations are sought for Swamp Action Fund to help the needy in our community. Write “Action Fund” in the comment line of your check payable to Swamp Lutheran Church.



Sunday April 7th will be ONE SERVICE ONLY at 8:30AM.

We will welcome the Cocalico High School *Choralaires* and the Cocalico Middle School *Select Singers* to share their music with us during this service. Come join us! Breakfast will follow the service.

Week in the Parish (April 1 – April 7)

April 1		OFFICE CLOSED
April 2	7PM	Welcome Committee Meeting
April 3	7PM	Choir
April 4	6:30PM	ZOOM Syrian Family Committee
April 7	8:30AM	Cocalico Choralaires & Middle School Select Singers Breakfast after service No Sunday School

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21	5PM-8PM	SLY First Responder Baskets
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DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday April 1 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Genesis 1:1-19 1 Corinthians 15:35-49
Tuesday April 2 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Genesis 1:20—2:4a 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Wednesday April 3 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Song of Solomon 3:1-11 Mark 16:1-8
Thursday April 4 Psalm 133 Daniel 1:1-21 Acts 2:42-47
Friday April 5 Psalm 133 Daniel 2:1-23 Acts 4:23-31
Saturday April 6 Psalm 133 Daniel 2:24-49 John 12:44-50

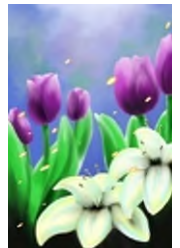
UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday, April 7 Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1—2:2 John 20:19-31

EASTER FLOWERS

In memory of:

- parents, Barry and Loraine, and brother, Dane, by Michael Crowther
- Clarence “Spanky” Kantner by Michael Crowther
- loved ones by Glenn and Linda Beard
- parents and grandparents by Sue, Larry, Danielle, and Vanessa
- Polly Knauer by Bill Knauer
- Tom Wenzel by Pat Wenzel
- Earl and Betty Eshelman by Alan and Kathy Worley
- Dee Worley by Alan and Kathy Worley
- loved ones by Linda and Howard Ream
- his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Chmielewsk, by Carol and John Chmielewski
- her father, Mr. Kenneth Mummah, by Carol and John Chmielewski
- loving grandparents, Ralph and Dottie Good, by Cody Leisey
- loving grandma, Eileen Page, by Cody Leisey
- loving parents, Ralph and Dottie Good, by Pam and Randy Leisey
- Harold Kauffman by Betty Kauffman
- Nancy Kulp by Doug Kulp
- their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kauffman, by Debbie, Dwayne, Peggy, and Gary
- their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Linton D. Myers, by Debbie, Dwayne, Peggy, and Gary
- their favorite Mema, Irene Myers, by Earl Myers family
- grandparents, Vernon and Edith Showalter and Ed Harting by the Rineer family
- parents, Russell and Mary Derr, by Jane Leshner
- parents, Charles and Carolyn Leshner, by Jane Leshner
- Mahon and Lucy Sweigart by the family
- Dale and Joan Knisely Reinecker by Donald Reinecker
- parents, James and Nancy Frantz, by John and Jerry
- parents, Musser and Miriam Landis, by John and Jerry
- parents and grandparents, Vernon and Edith Showalter, by Lee, Jodi, Matthew, and Eric Showalter
- parents and grandparents, Gil and Joann Gockley, by Lee, Jodi, Matthew, and Eric Showalter



In honor of:

- children, Denise and Rick, Glenn and Lisa, and Missy and John, by Glenn and Linda Beard
- granddaughter, Taylor, and Mac by MaMa and PaPa
- granddaughter, Kylee, and Dan by MaMa and PaPa
- their children and grandchildren by Sue Ellen and Larry Knauer
- Jen's parents, Jay and Maggie Kiralfy, by Pastor Scott and Jen Brubaker
- children and grandchildren by Linda and Howard Ream
- her mother, Mrs. Ruth Mummah, by Carol and John Chmielewski
- my family by Betty Kauffman
- daughter and grandchildren, Jennifer, Chace, and, Molli, by Connie Taylor
- children, Debbie, Dwayne, Peggy, and Gary, by Earl Myers
- his favorite grandson, P. Casey Coble, by Earl Myers
- his favorite granddaughter, Stevie Nicole and Erik Posegay, by Earl Myers
- his great granddaughters, Avery Ann and Olivia Nicole Posegay, by Earl Myers
- grandmother, Faye Harting, by the Rineer family
- parents, Tom Showalter and Bonnie Showalter, by the Rineer family
- parents, Bob and Donna Rineer, by the Rineer family
- our children, Kenzie, Maren, and Quinton, by Zach and Abbey Rineer
- children, Matthew and Kiersten and Eric and Lindsay, by Lee and Jodi Showalter
- granddaughter, Emily Joann, by Lee and Jodi Showalter
- grandson, Noah Lee, by Lee and Jodi Showalter



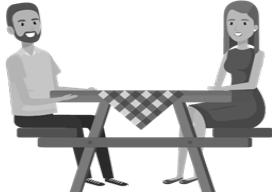
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN

We need volunteers to learn and share in the livestreaming and sound control for Sunday worship. We need additional helpers so that we can create a rotation schedule. If interested or to learn more, contact Pastor Scott.



CHACE SMITH EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Your help is Needed! Lifetime Swamp member Chace Smith is pursuing his Eagle Scout award as a Scout with BSA Reamstown Troop 60. To accomplish this goal, an Eagle project benefiting a local nonprofit is required. Chace thought of his church. Consequently, the Church Council has approved Chace's proposal to build six 8-foot picnic tables and four 4-foot benches placed near the ball field



to replace those in disrepair there now.

Chace will lead a team of Scouts, friends, and family to complete this project that will improve the area, providing tables for church events such as picnics or youth activities, as well as giving families and spectators of baseball games a place to safely sit and relax while watching the games.

Chace expects to begin the project soon. Although he has asked area businesses to donate supplies, **Chace needs monetary support to help cover the estimated cost of \$3,000. Monetary donations can be given to Swamp Lutheran Church, memo: C. Smith Eagle Project.** Let's all pitch in to help Chace help us.

Orders are being taken for **red geraniums for Pentecost**, Sunday May 19th 2024. Price is not yet known and the deadline for ordering is Sunday April 21st. Please give the following information to the church office or to Jodi Showalter (717) 413-7149.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Red Geraniums _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

PACK 95 is looking for more **Cubs** and a **Cubmaster** and **Treasurer**. To learn more, talk to Pastor Scott or Cubmaster Travis Leed: 717-381-1608 or email at pack95reinholds@gmail.com

**LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

DAY OF RENEWAL

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024

Registration: 8:30-9:15 a.m.

(refreshments upon arrival)

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 200 W Orange St, Lititz

Cost: \$30.00 (Includes program and lunch)

Theme: "Footprints...Encounters with Jesus"

Registration Forms on bulletin board

Questions: Sally Hagy 717-336-2682



SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE

LIFT UP YOUR VOICES PLEDGE

We continue to stretch towards our goal of \$20,000. Pledge Cards are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary. A one-time gift or a weekly, monthly, quarterly pledge is welcome. Feel free to call or email the office if you want a pledge card mailed to you.

Give via QR code now



SLY First Responder Basket Making



April 21, 2024

5 – 8 PM

Ages: 6th to 12th grade

Swamp Lutheran Church

275 Swamp Church Rd., Reinholds

Dinner | Baking Cookies | Chocolate Pretzels

Basket- Packing | Devotion

Swamp Lutheran Youth (SLY) invites you to join us in making gift baskets for local first responders. Dinner will be provided. We will be making cookies and chocolate covered pretzels (and eating some!). Devotional time too.

We are asking kids to bring a box of single-serving, individually packaged snack items (e.g., Goldfish, crackers, nuts, fruit snacks) to include in the baskets.

Bring a Friend!

RSVP: Kristin Gockley 717-330-0628 or

kgock261@live.kutztown.edu



SPRING FEST

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL AGES

May 19 @ 11AM

Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Road, Reinholds, PA 17569

**The Swing Fever Band, Free Food, Games
for Kids & Auction Benefiting Reinholds
VFW Stocking for Soldiers Program**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONTACT THE CHURCH AT 717.336.2849**

GOSPEL MESSAGE

March 31, 2024

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY

It's Not Over Yet

When you think back over your favorite books, do you remember the endings? If the story leads to a satisfying conclusion, even if the plot twists and turns, the writer keeps our attention. When we commit to a book, we put a lot of faith in the author to tell a good story and to wrap up their tale in a way that makes sense. When the ending is unclear or unbelievable, we wish we hadn't invested so much time in their book.

When Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices to Jesus' tomb, they thought they knew the ending of his story. Jesus' death on the cross brought his ministry to an abrupt conclusion. There was nothing left to do but show their devotion by anointing him with spices. How surprised the women must have been to hear that Jesus' story hadn't ended after all! He had been raised. He was going ahead of his followers to Galilee. They would see him again!

To us, this story of Jesus' resurrection is familiar, so we hear it as good news. For the women, though, it was terrifying. This wasn't how they expected Jesus' story to turn out. They had seen him die on the cross, and now they were being told he was alive? They didn't know what to make of this twist in Jesus' story. They were so afraid that they fled.

The women ran away because they were shocked when the story didn't turn out the way they expected. But soon they would learn that this was a *happy* ending: Where they had seen death, God made a way for new life! What seemed like the conclusion was actually a beginning. It was the dawn of a new day, a resurrection day. As followers of Jesus, we don't know what our future holds or how our stories will end, but we can trust that Jesus is alive. He goes ahead of us, leading us into a future full of God's love and grace.

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Doug Kulp, Bell Choir Director – 717-336-7798

Lori Gockley, Council President – 717-733-1095

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00AM & 9:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM

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