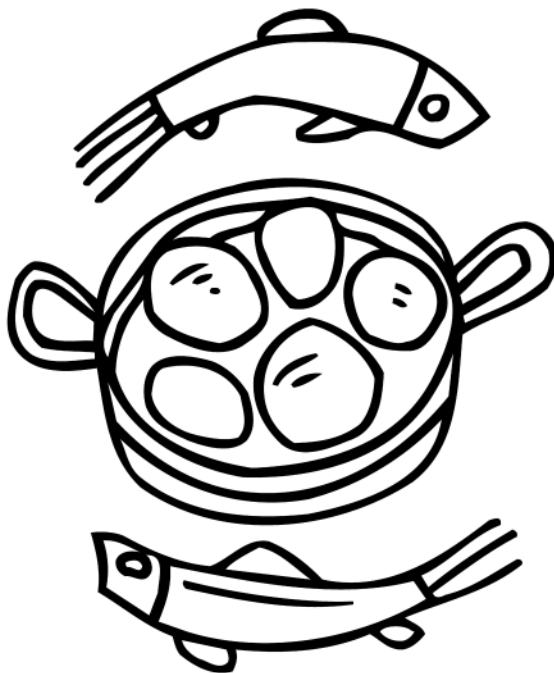


TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUG 2, 2026
8:30 AM



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church
Reinholds, Pennsylvania

WE LCOME TO WORSHIP AT SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

Guests 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 the offering plate 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 ongoing activities of the church. Full prayer list is in the newsletter each month.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

PRELUDE

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

ARR. CINDY BERRY

congregational responses are in bold type.

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

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

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.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

BREAK NOW THE BREAD OF LIFE

ELW 515

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

Sit

Children leave for Children's Church

WORD

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

Reading: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

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.**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 11:13-21**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

CHILDREN RETURN FROM CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

**that is, the true, universal Christian church of all times and places*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition:

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the peace.

Sit

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERTORY

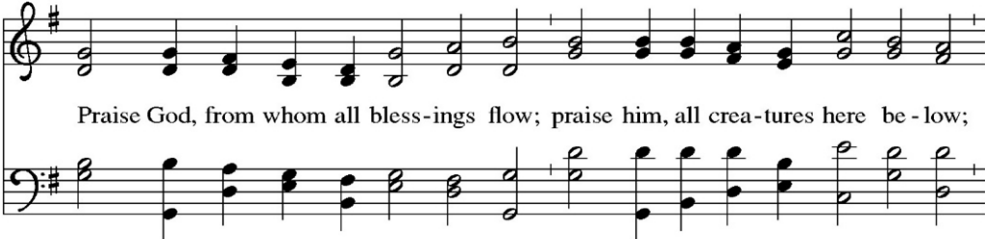
HE SHALL FEED HIS FLOCK

G.F.HANDEL

OFFERING *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.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.



praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The second system of musical notation for the hymn. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

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. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

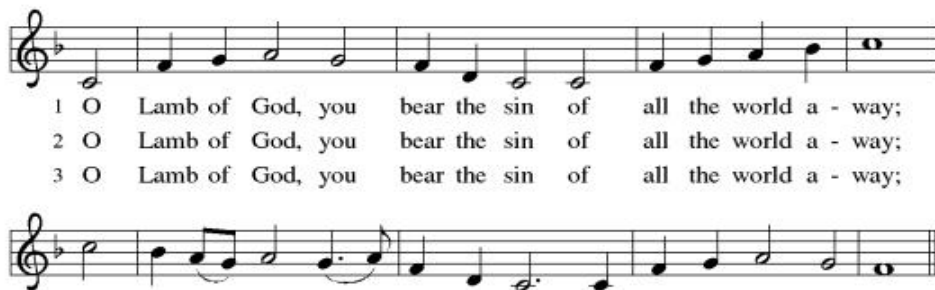
LORD'S PRAYER

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
 Heaven has come near.
 Come, share in the feast!
Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD *REMAIN STANDING*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Following the direction of the ushers, form a circle to receive communion. The bread, cup, and wine will be brought to you. Grape juice and gluten free options are available—tell the usher. After being communed, please return to your seat.

After all have communed, stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS ELW 843

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Bouree (from Water Music) G.F.Handel

TODAY WE WELCOME Rev. Henry Herbener to lead us in worship while Pastor Brubaker is away. Rev. Herbener is the retired pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran in Ephrata. Rev. Herbener and his wife, Lillian, reside at Luther Acres in Lititz.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER - Hunter Leisey, John Frantz, Ed Miller, John Wesner, Jeff Kappenstein, Nettie Kreiner, Clair Sweigart, Faith Moyer, Michael A. Crowther, Reba Ranck, Grace Ranck, Ray Fox, Gene Miller, Jean Wolf, Larry Wolf, Bobby Hershey, Marilyn Gelsinger, Edith Snyder, Teresa Sweigart, Mel and Troy Ulrich, Earl Myers, Elizabeth Sherman, Judy Habecker, Anna Rose Schannauer, Jerry Landis, Mary Beth Jenkins, Evelyn Gehman, Joan Leed, Ron Adams, Kevin Williams, Susan Levan, Gladys Eckenroad, Bonnie Koehle-Koon, Kathleen Troutman, Sally Bergman, Kevin Reimert, Pam Heisey, Connie Malafarina, Ted Heisey, Regina Reinecker, Karen Klingensmith, Helen Werner, Cody Leisey, Michelle Moyer, Scott Zook, Dianna Becker (Gockley's neighbor), Laurie Sauder, Sue Templin, Clyde Showalter, Ashley Milosek (friend of Cody and Aubrey Leisey), Dave Brown, Pat Miller, Lucille Lorah, Leah Showalter (Louetta Franck's great niece), Mark Stoner, Robert Reaser, Laney Garrison, Sam Reimert, Llew Smith, Bob Shank, Sammy Hanna (friend of Ruth & Gaile), Pat Grove & Daphne, Aaron Gasparich (friend of Jenny Weitzel) and Tina Krall (friend of Larry and Sally Hagy) Greg and Jenn Rhodes (Connie Taylor's neighbor), Wanda Maxey, Chris Zander, Allison Kenawell, Margaret Kroh, Jason Stricker, Laraine Kramer, Mike Sawyer (friend of Lee and Jodi Showalter), Linda Mohn, Jen Sikie (sister of Terri Renninger) Keith Weinhold, nephew of Linda and Shorty Ream and cousin of Beth Garrison and the family of Paul Ream.

SANCTUARY CANDLE is given in memory of Miriam and Musser Landis and Jeff Landis by Jerry and John.

Other Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

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.

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full ^l of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in ^l steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are ^l good to all,**
 and your compassion is over ^l all your works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all ^l those who fall
 and lifts up those who ^l are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon ^l you, O LORD,**

and you give them their food | in due season.

¹⁶ You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
you hear their | cry and save them.**

²⁰ You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.**



ACTS OF LOVE Lunch Program - Local churches work together to make meals and serve lunch to local families within the Cocalico School District. Lunches are prepared and served each Wednesday during the summer months.

Swamp Lutheran Church will be serving lunch on Wednesday, August 5 from 11:30am - 1:00pm. We are looking for people who are willing to support this program.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare, deliver and serve the lunches at various parks throughout the Cocalico Community. (Lunch is served at the Reamstown Park, Denver Park, Adamstown Grove, and Reinholds Park on Main Street).

Lunches will be prepared and packed on Tuesday, August 4. Lunches will be served on Wednesday, August 5.

Please contact Denise Kidwell (717) 725-8795
or **denisekidwell321@yahoo.com** with any questions or to volunteer.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

August 2, 2026

LECTIONARY 18

True Abundance

In our gospel reading, Jesus hears about John the Baptizer's death and wants to be alone, to withdraw "to a deserted place" (Matthew 14:13). But the crowds follow him, the disciples follow him, and it seems everyone wants something from him. Jesus' response is compassionate, and he meets their needs, healing those who were sick. Then evening falls, and the disciples come to him with a request: "You've healed everyone. Now send them home. They can buy food in the villages for themselves."

Some compassion is needed here for the disciples too. With the twelve of them plus Jesus, there are at least thirteen people to feed with what they have—just five loaves and two fish. That's not enough even for them.

So Jesus does this miracle—he takes what he is given and multiplies it so everyone has something to eat, and there are twelve baskets left over. (Twelve baskets means one for each disciple to carry and then realize that true abundance comes from Jesus!)

The miracle fed the people, but it also taught the disciples that, with Jesus, there is always compassion and always enough to share. After feeding the thousands, each disciple now had a basket full of food. By sharing what they had, through Jesus they received back more than they had to begin with.

This is the true message of Matthew's text today: God gives us what we need, we share what we have with others, and in the end, we are given more than we could ever imagine. This is loving the neighbor. This is being God's grace in the world. At no time is sending people away God's answer. Jesus taught his disciples this important lesson, and we continue to learn and struggle with it today.

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

Cody Leisey, Council President – 717-984-0248

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30AM

You are Welcome Here!

At Swamp Lutheran Church, *Grace is Spoken Here!* We welcome with full participation and inclusion all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, imprisonment, physical or mental health, socio-economic circumstances or anything that too often divides us. Together as one in the Spirit, our unity is in Jesus Christ.

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Persons participating in events or worship services sponsored by Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church are subject to being recorded by photographic, video, and/or audio devices. Your photo/recording may be used without your written permission. By attending a Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church service or event, you release our employees and officers and all persons involved from any liability connected with the taking, recording, digitizing, and/or publication of photographs, computer images, video and/or sound recordings.

SWAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS *AUG 2, 2026*

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Week in the Parish (Aug 2 - 9)

August 2	8:30AM	Worship
August 4	7:00PM	Welcome Cmte
August 5	11:00AM	Acts of Love Summer Lunch distribution
August 9	8:30AM	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 12	1-4:00PM	EASS Food Distribution
August 13	6:30PM	Learning Cmte
August 16	8:30AM	Worship
August 17	8:00AM	Meet at Swamp Church/Malmark Bell Factory Tour
August 19	7:00PM	Church Council
August 23	8:30AM	Worship Blessing of School Backpacks
August 25	7:00PM	Cocalico Builders of Hope

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, like the monthly food pantry, events, etc. 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

FLOWERS: Grumbine’s Flowers will begin fresh Altar flowers in early Sept. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for the flowers or candle in 2026, please sign up for flower sponsorships via Sue, John, or the flower calendar. Sue Kreitz 717-283-9444 or John Frantz 717-606-8994.

Widow & Widowers Social Lunch Thurs. Aug 27, 11:30pm at Fox Meadow Creamery for lunch and ice cream.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA. The Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit will be at Weaver’s Market, 2610 N Reading Rd, Denver, on Tues. August 25, from 12:00pm until 7:00pm and Wed. August 26, from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Greeter Schedule for Aug

02 Jane Leshner
09 Bob & Linda Preston
16 Ray & Jen Weitzel
23 Gene & Heather Ferrari
30 Mark & Ros Bansner

Greeter Schedule for Sept

06 Gene & Heather
13 Lamar & June Eberly
20 Barb Mizdail & George Philippopoulos
27 Ray & Jen Weitzel

Coffee Schedule for Sept

06 Deb Sweigert
13 John Frantz
20 Pam Leisey
27 Ray Weitzel

Sound Schedule for Aug

02 Steve Laudenslager
09 Steve Laudenslager
16 Steve Laudenslager
23 Steve Laudenslager
30 Steve Laudenslager

Video Schedule for Aug

02 Josh Garrison
09 Alan Worley
16 John Frantz
23 Josh Garrison
30 Alan Worley

Sound Schedule for Sept

06 Steve Laudenslager
13 Steve Laudenslager
20 Steve Laudenslager
27 Steve Laudenslager

Video Schedule for Sept

06 John Frantz
13 Josh Garrison
20 Alan Worley
27 John Frantz

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Mon Aug 3 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Romans 1:8-15
Tues Aug 4 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Deuteronomy 26:1-15 Acts 2:37-47
Wed Aug 5 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35 Matthew 15:32-39
Thurs Aug 6 Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:1-16 Acts 17:10-15
Fri Aug 7 Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40 Acts 18:24-28
Sat Aug 8 Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:41-46 Matthew 16:1-4

UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

Sun Aug 9 1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

Malmark Bell Factory Tour - Mon. Aug.17 - Plumsteadville, PA
Carpooling from Church - 8:00 a.m.
Tour of Factory - 10:00 a.m.
Tour lasts approx. 90 min. Possible lunch in the Bucks County area.
Cost - \$10.00 Contact Douglas Kulp for more info.



2026 Acts of Love

FREE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

A gift from area churches
and community organizations
for children in the Cocalico community!

Not affiliated with the Cocalico School District

Meals will be available at:



ADAMSTOWN GROVE
339 W. Main St. Reinholds, PA
DENVER PARK
801 W. Main St. Denver, PA
REAMSTOWN PARK
E. Church St. Stevens, PA
REINHOLDS PARK
5 E. Main St. Reinholds, PA

These Wednesdays, 11:30-12:30
JUNE 10, 17, 24 JULY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 AUGUST 5, 12

Meals will vary each week with some options available

**QUESTIONS? CALL REAL LIFE AT:
717-336-7797 EXT 204**

Fuel your summer with good food! If you are in need of additional food assistance this summer, please reach out to Ephrata Area Social Services at 717-733-0345 or Real Life Community Services at 717-336-7797

NO COST. NO SIGN-UP. JUST SHOW UP!

Jennifer Custer's Birthday Blood Drive

(Terri Renninger's daughter)



Celebrate Jennifer in a meaningful way—by donating blood to help patients in need. We hope you can stop by and be part of this special tribute!

**Jennifer Custer's Birthday
Blood Drive**
Gouglersville Fire Company No.1
Social Hall
475 Mohns Hill Road
Reading, PA 19608

**Saturday, August 8, 2026
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

The heat is on to find lifesaving donors! Come to give blood in August and get a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/August for details.

2026-APL-0233

Schedule your appointment today!

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), visit RedCrossBlood.org or use the Blood Donor App and enter sponsor code: **Jennifers Bday**
Or you can contact Jennifer via email: jennifer.custer@redcross.org
Or text/call 717-673-1845



1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Blood Donor App

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Swamp Needs Your Help!
Tell Pastor Scott if you can help or want to learn more
Most pressing needs include:

Communion Extender: We need helpers to take communion to our homebound members. Training provided.

Choir: We welcome singers for Swamp's Chancel Choir.

Bell Choir: Ringers needed for this music ministry.

Learning Committee: We could use new committee members interested in fostering the faith of our disciples, both young and old.

SLY: We need additional leaders on our team to guide this ministry.

Sunday School teachers: Helpers and teachers needed.

Worship Committee: We can always use fresh perspectives on worship.

Generosity Committee: We need additional disciples to help promote generosity to God's work at Swamp.

Property Committee: We need help attending to the property needs of Swamp. Consider adopting a flower bed to maintain or giving of a skill (electrician, plumbing, carpentry, painting, etc.).

Service Committee will be collecting items for **LWR School Kits** during the months of July and August. Listed below are the items which are needed for the kits.

- 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks (4 are needed for each kit)
- 30 centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors (child's safety)
- Blue or Black ballpoint pens (No gel ink)
- Crayons 16 or 24 count
- 2 1/2 inch erasers

Thank you for your generous donations!

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 a need for rice, noodles, pasta, mac & cheese, canned chicken, tuna, spam, soup, toilet paper and paper towels. Please check for a current expiration date. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wed each month.