

THE HOLY TRINITY
JUNE 12, 2022



“O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.

Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW 413

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

The Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

Let us pray:

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God’s helper, rejoicing in God’s creation, especially in human beings.

¹Does not wisdom call,
 and does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights, beside the way,
 at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴“To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world’s first bits of soil.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: ROMANS 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ’s Holy Spirit.

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 16:12-15

The Holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

[Jesus said,] ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

Sermon The Rev. Scott V. Brubaker, Pastor

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends “Lord, in your mercy,” and the response is “**Hear our prayer.**”

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as is 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.

Benediction and Blessing

The God of peace,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you, comfort you,

and show you the path of life

this day and always.

Amen.

Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

ELW 414

- 1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.
- 4 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We All Believe In One True God

J. Wayne Kerr

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of Mom, Phyllis Shealer and Dad, Russel Kurtz by Teresa and Bob Shank and family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE is given in memory of Richard Winter by Edie Snyder.

NOTE – Please contact Joyce Stoner if you want to sponsor the Sanctuary Candle or Altar Flowers – 717 336-7077. Many Sundays available. Due to increasing gas prices the cost of altar flowers will be \$45.00 starting May 1, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIRCLE OF PRAYER - Hunter Leisey, John Frantz, Nancy Kulp, Sue Schultz, Janice Kelly, David Metzger, Ed Miller, Margaret Elser, Charles Hoppman, Larry Knauer, Melissa Gress Swift, Jodi Showalter, John Wesner, John Bergman, Beaty & Edgar Gress, Michael Wargo, Nancy Leffler, Joan Reddig, Jan Lorah.

MOST CURRENT INFORMATION – Be sure and check our website regularly for updates and schedules of ongoing activities of the church. www.swamplutheran.org. Church office is open from 8:30AM-12PM daily.

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



Michael A. Crowther
 Margaret Elser
 Clyde Showalter
 Mary Ann Weitzel
 Ella Shirk
 Leona Showalter

Alverta Showalter
 Clarice Haws
 Betty Hornberger
 Charles Moyer

Katie Houck
 Shirley Achey – (neighbor of Sue Kreitz)
 Ed Miller
 Susan Levan
 Nancy Kulp
 Mary Kring (aunt of Linda Ream)
 Clair Sweigart
 Janice Moyer Kelly
 Joan Reddig
 Erika Eberly (friend of Jennifer Taylor)
 Charles Hoppman
 David Metzger (friend of Sue Kreitz)
 Cindy Hornberger Stahl
 Lisa Buckles (friend of Sue Ellen Knauer)
 Melissa Swift (daughter of Bea & Edgar Gress)

Nancy Leffler
 Janice Ballenger (friend of Connie Taylor)
 Sue Schultz
 Hunter Leisey
 Jean Wolf
 John Bergman
 John Frantz
 Joan Long
 Margaret Elser
 Nettie Kreiner (sister of John Franz)
 Larry Knauer
 Bill Sweigart (neighbor of Sue Kreitz)
 Jodi Showalter
 Beaty & Edgar Gress
 Jan Lorah



When someone is put on the prayer list, we will keep them on for four weeks. After that time, they will be taken off unless you make another request to have them put back on.

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 2022.

FOOD BANK current needs are snacks, tuna and cereal. Thank you.



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 sneakers will be purchased from the Cubs by an organization that resells or recycles them, saving landfill space and natural resources while helping the Scouts raise money to fund their activities. Time to clean out your closets! 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



LAP ROBES – Thank you to those who are knitting and/or crocheting lap robes for the ongoing need of the VA Hospital. Please be aware that the church has received a donation of yarn that is available for your use. Please contact Brenda in the office.

UKRAINIAN RELIEF -Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting Ukraine through the Lutheran World Federation. Donations are used for items such as bedding, hygiene items, food and pastoral care through a group of local Eastern Europe Lutheran churches. You may support

this effort by writing a check to Swamp Lutheran with the memo marked Ukraine. We have a Disaster offering plate in Narthex. The church will then send one check to Lutheran Disaster who in turn will donate 100% of the donation to assist those impacted by the war in Ukraine.

US FLAGS – When a US flag becomes worn, faded, torn or soiled, it should be retired and replaced with a new flag. For those of you interested in retiring your worn US flags, please bring them to the church. We will collect them in the church library and deliver them to the Reinholds VFW who will arrange for them to be retired in proper fashion. Thank you for your consideration.

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.

MELLINGERS WORSHIP BAND AHAVA’ is hosting a concert on Sunday, June 12 at 4PM at Mellingers Lutheran Church located at 80 Gockley Rd, Stevens. Free will offering will go to support Ephrata Area Social Services. All are welcome.

SCHOOL KITS We are presently accepting donations of items for school kits through the end of September for this year’s LWR school kit project. The items most needed are the **notebooks, scissors, crayons, and pens**. No backpacks are needed thanks to Jane! All items are listed below. Donations may be given to Jane Leshar, Denise Null and Connie Taylor. Last year we put together 108 backpacks and delivered to the LWR pick-up site. Thank you to all who donated supplies and helped us reach this goal! We will be collecting donations until the last week in September, which is when we assemble the kits. Thanks for all the help!

- While we still have a surplus of pencils, we depleted most of our other supplies. We appreciate everyone following the guidelines listed below, as Lutheran World Relief will not send anything that doesn’t adhere to these guidelines.
- Thanks so much! Debbie Carvell
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- **70-80** sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8” x 10 ½” – 4 per backpack
- 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side – 1 per backpack
- Pencil sharpeners – 1 per backpack
- **Blunt** scissors (safety scissors). (They must say this on the packaging) – 1 per backpack
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers – 5 per backpack
- Black or blue ink pens – 5 per backpack
- Packs of 16 or 24 crayons – 1 pack per backpack
- 2 ½” erasers – 1 per backpack



Vacation Bible School
Swamp & Mellingers Lutheran Churches
July 17 to July 21, 2022
(6:30PM - 8:00 pm)
Held @ Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Road
Reinholds, PA 17569 717-336-2849

Child's Name: _____

Child's Age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last grade completed: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

In case of Emergency contact: _____

Phone #: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Allergies or Medical Conditions: _____

Home Church: _____

I (parent or guardian) of above-named child,

_____ Permit _____ Do not permit

Mellingers or Swamp Lutheran to use my child's photo on their website, social media and/or power point presentations

Signed by: _____ DATE _____ (parent/guardian)

This Week in the Parish (June 13 – June 19)

June 15 7:00PM Church Council

June 19 8:30AM Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 17 – July 21 6:30PM – 8:00PM VBS
Pre-K-5th Grade

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday, June 13 Psalm 130; 2 Chronicles 29:1-19; Galatians 3:1-9
Tuesday, June 14 Psalm 130; 2 Chronicles 30:1-12; Galatians 3:10-14
Wednesday, June 15 Psalm 130; 2 Chronicles 30:13-27; Mark 2:1-12
Thursday, June 16 Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 56:9-12; Romans 2:17-29
Friday, June 17 Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 57:1-13; Galatians 3:15-22
Saturday, June 18 Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 59:1-8; Matthew 9:27-34

UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday, June 19
Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30AM

GOSPEL MESSAGE

June 12, 2022

THE HOLY TRINITY

No Need for Proof

However diligent and determined, thoughtful and thorough the many sermons, Sunday school lessons, Bible studies, and systematic theologies may be as they claim to make sense of the Three-in-One and One-in-Three, they are, in the end, fruitless follies. The holy Trinity is not sensible. Dare, if you will, to call it non-sense: a holy non-sense. But then call it holy truth, for that is what it is. Holiness dares to defy sense.

Holy Trinity Sunday celebrates our own humble human experience of the divine, not a supernatural equation. The Trinity is suited for the sanctuary where truth is sacred mystery, where we sing, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee” (ELW 413) and “O Trinity, O blessed Light, O Unity of sovereign might: as now the fiery sun departs, shed holy light within our hearts” (ELW 571), and where we profess the convictions of creeds, opaque and obscure. The holy Trinity is not for laboratories where calculations and algorithms are deciphered.

Behold: Molecules and atoms, glaciers on a crawl, cosmic explosions, photosynthesis and fertilization, the making of mountains, the carving of seas, the sparkling of stars, the opening of a peony, the birth of a gosling or cub or child. Holy, holy, holy God is a wonder to profess and celebrate. No need for proof.

Behold: Outside the walls of the universe and portals of time, the Word opened the gate and became the one who was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, imprisoned, here to give food and drink, to welcome, to clothe, to heal, and to free. Holy, holy, holy God is a wonder to profess and celebrate. No need for proof.

Behold: Doves and flames and winds and languages; in baptismal water, a promise; in wilderness dust, a companion; a guide breathed in at birth, breathed out at death. Holy, holy, holy God is a wonder to profess and celebrate. No need for proof.

Blessed Trinity.

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