



**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 19, 2022**

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

**Hymn**            Give to Our God Immortal Praise            ELW 848

- 1 Give to our God immortal praise!  
Mercy and truth are all his ways.  
Wonders of grace to God belong;  
repeat his mercies in your song.
  
- 3 Give to the Lord of lords renown;  
the King of kings with glory crown.  
His mercies ever shall endure  
when lords and kings are known no more!

**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:**

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: ISAIAH 65:1-9**

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

- <sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.
- <sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;
- <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me

to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
<sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
<sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.  
<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps  
<sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.  
<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading: GALATIANS 3:23-29**

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 8:26-39**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

<sup>26</sup>Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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**                      **Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**                      **ELW 886**

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!
  
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**                      **O Love That Casts Out Fear**                      **J.S. Bach**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in memory of loved ones by the congregation.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** is given in memory of their father, Ray Long, her father, Horace Becker, and her father-in-law, Raymond Long by Joan Long and family.

**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, Jan Lorah, Joan Reddig.

**MOST CURRENT INFORMATION** – Be sure and check our website regularly for updates and schedules of ongoing activities of the church. [www.swamplutheran.org](http://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  
Jan Lorah  
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  
Joan Reddig  
Beaty & Edgar Gress



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lgockley2@gmail.com) or call 717-203-8551.

**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

- **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

*This Week in the Parish (June 20 – June 26)*

June 26                      8:30AM                      Worship

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

*Monday, June 20*            Psalm 64; Job 18:1-21; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
*Tuesday, June 21*            Psalm 64; Job 19:1-22; Ephesians 2:11-22  
*Wednesday, June 22*        Psalm 64; Ezekiel 32:1-10; Luke 9:37-43a  
*Thursday, June 23*            Psalm 16; Leviticus 9:22—10:11; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10  
*Friday, June 24*              Psalm 16; 2 Kings 1:1-16; Galatians 4:8-20  
*Saturday, June 25*            Psalm 16; Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43; Luke 9:21-27

**UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS**

*Sunday, June 26-July 2 (Lectionary 13)*  
 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**June 19, 2022**

**LECTIONARY 12**

### **What Is Your Name?**

There is in Cairo an eerie, demonic site, terrifying to the human soul. Far into the chaos and noise of the city that never slumbers, there is another city—"the city of the dead." A vast tangle of tombs and mausoleums that, through the windows of tour buses, remains grim, distant, and quiet is, at close encounter, not a place of repose at all. It is a wretched, loud, busy, suffering place lived in by Cairo's least and lowliest.

But there is no need to travel to Egypt to see the grim scene. Cities of the dead are all around us, if we care to look—places where the condemned, dirtied, ridiculed, blamed, and broken spend their demonized days living as if dead in cells and wards, beneath plastic and cardboard, in rust and garbage, among decay and rot, forgotten and lonely. There, beyond our windows, so used to their own condemned life, the most they hope for is to be left alone. "I beg you, do not torment me" (Luke 8:28). "I beg you." The gospel says "beg"!

He'd had enough—the man could endure no more judgment, no more religious platitudes, no more being the topic of conversation, no more shame, no more chains and shackles. It was—it is—bad enough to be plagued by demons in the cities of the dead, so please, no more torment! I beg you.

"What is your name?" (v. 30). Those four beautiful words stun the ugliness on the hillside. "What is your name?" In that question there thunders a spoken truth: the desire to know, not ignore; to approach, not pass by; to dare, not cower.

"And they were afraid" (v. 35). Those four riddling words confuse the swinish hillside. In that spoken truth there is exposed a question: Afraid of what? Of knowing the banished one? Of approaching the wild one? Of daring to welcome the troubled one home?

What is your name? Legion? No: Child of God.





**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)

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30AM

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