



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 9, 2022

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

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 and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING **2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

God, who gives life to all things

and frees us from despair,

bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

- 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!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Crüger

ALTAR FLOWERS - Given in memory of loved ones by the congregation.

ROSE BUD – In memory of our mother, Samantha Glover with love Haylee, Lillie and Ryelee.

SANCTUARY CANDLE is given in memory of Dorothy Good by the congregation.

NOTE – Please contact Joyce Stoner if you want to sponsor the Sanctuary Candle or Altar Flowers – 717 336-7077. Many Sundays available. The cost of altar flowers is \$45.00. The cost of the candle is \$3.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIRCLE OF PRAYER - Hunter Leisey, John Frantz, Nancy Kulp, Sue Schultz, David Metzger, Ed Miller, Charles Hoppman, Melissa Gress Swift, John Wesner, John Bergman, Beaty & Edgar Gress, Michael Wargo, Nancy Leffler, Jan Lorah, Luann Shuman, Nettie Kriener, Glenn Beard, Sr, Clair Sweigart, Larry Knauer, family of Dottie Good, Faith Moyer, Deb Leed.

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
Clyde Showalter
Mary Anne Weitzel
Ella Shirk
Leona Showalter

Clarice Haws
Betty Hornberger
Charles Moyer

Shirley Achey – (neighbor of Sue Kreitz)
Susan Levan
Bill Sweigart (neighbor of Sue Kreitz)
Mary Kring (aunt of Linda Ream)
Nancy Leffler
Lisa Buckles (friend of Sue Ellen Knauer)

Katie Houck
Jean Wolf
Clair Sweigart
Joan Long



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 – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. Currently, there is a shortage of canned carrots, mixed vegetables and peaches, tomato soup, rice and canned chicken and spam. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wednesday each month.



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



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. As IAN devastated parts of Puerto Rico, Florida and the East Coast these areas are added to the many other areas including the Kentucky rebuilding, and the devastating situation in Ukraine and surrounding countries. Please write your check to Swamp Lutheran and place it in the Disaster Response box in the Narthex. Thank you for giving generously.

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.

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.



GIFT CARDS AND PREPAID CARDS for the holidays are now available. Order forms will be at the table in Narthex. Orders will be due on Sunday, November 13 so that we have enough time to receive cards before the holidays. Prayerfully, even before Thanksgiving. Any questions, call Missy Regan at 717-314-5658.

BIBLES – Youth with a Mission (YWAM) Lancaster County has an ongoing need for Bibles which they pass out on their ministry outreaches. If you have extra Bibles that you would like to recycle for the expansion of the Kingdom please bring to office or leave outside office door and Brenda will be sure they get to YWAM. Thank you for your generosity.

POINSETTIAS and CYCLAMENS

It is that time of the year again to consider your holiday orders for poinsettias and cyclamens. Jodi Showalter (717-413-7149) will be handling the orders. Pricing will not be known until sometime later in October. Jodi or the church office should be contacted with questions. The following information needs to be provided. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, October 31.



NAME _____ Phone Number _____

Poinsettias RED _____ WHITE _____

Cyclamens RED _____ WHITE _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

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.

This Week in the Parish (October 10- October 16)

October 12	1:00PM – 4:00PM	EASS Food Distribution
	7:00PM	Choir
October 13	8:00AM	Community Meal
	1:00PM	Worship Committee
	6:00PM	Learning Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 22	1:00PM – 4:00PM	Pig Stomach Take Out
October 29	7:00AM-10:00AM	All You Can Eat Buffet-Disaster Response
October 30	5:00PM-8:00PM	SYL Halloween/Reformation Party

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

<i>Monday, October 10</i>	Psalms 61; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 26:24-29
<i>Tuesday, October 11</i>	Psalms 61; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Ephesians 6:10-20
<i>Wednesday, October 12</i>	Psalms 61; 2 Kings 15:1-7; Matthew 10:5-15
<i>Thursday, October 13</i>	Psalms 121; Isaiah 54:11-17; Acts 17:22-34
<i>Friday, October 14</i>	Psalms 121; Genesis 31:43—32:2; 2 Timothy 2:14-26
<i>Saturday, October 15</i>	Psalms 121; Genesis 32:3-21; Mark 10:46-52

UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

<i>Sunday, October 16</i>	Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8
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PIG STOMACH TAKEOUT
OCTOBER 22, 2022
1:00PM – 4:00PM



PIG STOMACH MEAL \$ 18.00 per meal
(includes vegetable, pepper cabbage, dessert, and beverage)

COOKED PIG STOMACH ONLY \$24.00

DEADLINE FOR ORDER: OCTOBER 14

Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Road
Reinholds, PA 17569
717-336-2849

**All-You-Can-Eat
Breakfast Buffet**



**Saturday, October 29, 2022
7:00-10:00 AM**

BREAKFAST INCLUDES: EGGS, HOME FRIES, CREAMED CHIPPED BEEF, PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, BACON, SAUSAGE, HAM, COFFEE, TEA, JUICES, VARIOUS PASTRIES AND FRUIT.

ADMISSION BY DONATION
**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
TO: NORTH LANCASTER
CONFERENCE DEAN'S FUND**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT NORTH LANCASTER CONFERENCE
DISASTER RESPONSE MINISTRY IN 2023

**SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD,
REINHOLDS**



PHONE 717-336-2849
GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY



Dear Friends at Swamp Lutheran Church:

Over two and a half years ago, Pastor Trout retired after fifty years of faithfully serving you. At the same time, the world was shutting down due to the pandemic. There were serious concerns about what effect that would have on the church. Many of us feared a scarcity world would take over, but that is not what happened. You continued in the work God had set before you and, a year ago, you called me as your pastor.

Take a look now as we re-emerge from the pandemic. God has been abundantly present. It is in times of difficulty that the world sees the importance of the church and our message of grace more clearly. God is up to something here at Swamp and it is exciting to be part of that.

First, let me say thank you for the ways in which you stepped up to continue to worship, to care for one another, and to look for opportunities to share the Gospel when our community so clearly needed the Gospel during the pandemic. You also demonstrated significant generosity to make certain that this ministry remained strong.

Now, let me encourage you that I believe what God has shown us through this crisis is our need to walk together, continue to innovate, and step up the ways in which we share God's love to a world that still so desperately needs to recognize God's presence.

We are looking forward. God is calling us to great new adventures and your generosity will help us accomplish so much. As we enter into our stewardship drive this year, let's think about all the ways that we see generosity and abundance.

In Christ,
Pastor Scott

BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

RECOGNIZE YOUR NEED TO GIVE

It is a fundamental spiritual and psychological principle that life and its gifts are to be used and shared. Life cannot be hoarded or it turns in upon itself and you lose it. “Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (*Matthew 16:25*) We each have a deep inherent need to give. To give is to live!

But unfortunately, instead of focusing on our own need to give, all too often we center on the need of the church to receive. The church does seek our support but we must remember it is God’s Church and it will prosper and flourish in God’s own good time whether we give to it or not. The wonder of it all is what God invites us to be a part of--God’s church and to experience the joy and blessing of generously supporting and extending its mission.

Just as a coin, Christian giving has two sides. For too long, we centered mostly on the side entitled “The Need of the Church”. We need to begin concentrating on the side headed “My Need to Give” for giving is an integral part of spiritual life and growth.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

October 9, 2022

LECTIONARY 28

Returning with Gratitude

What are you grateful for today? As you prepare for worship, take a moment to be present in this space. Breathe deep. Even if everything seems familiar to you, try to observe your surroundings in a fresh way. Who is gathered with you? What sounds do you hear? As you settle in, ask yourself: Why am I here? What brings me back to this place and this community?

In today's gospel, Jesus meets ten people suffering from leprosy—a disease that required them to live cut off from the rest of society. Jesus tells them to go to the religious leaders to be examined for cleanliness, and along the way they are healed. One can only imagine the relief and joy that overcame this group as they experienced the restoration not just of their health but of their places in community. Yet, for one of these people something more happened: he not only experienced joy, but he felt compelled to return to Jesus, fall at his feet, and thank him.

At the center of the worshiping community is Christ, who offers healing to all who gather. Through the proclamation of God's love, Christ speaks words that restore our lives. In the waters of baptism, Christ offers us a new future in a community of his disciples. Around the table, Christ gives us his body and blood to strengthen us and renew us for the work of discipleship we will face in the week ahead.

But today's gospel reminds us that the healing we come to receive is only half the equation. Christ also longs for us not to grow complacent with the gift of God's grace. Rather, in every moment of healing, Christ hopes to fill our hearts with a gratitude that will draw us into deeper and deeper relationship with him. Let your worship today be like that of the man in the gospel, an act of worship and gratitude for all that Christ has already done.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00AM & 9:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM

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