FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 23, 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 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." (<u>Small Catechism</u>, 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 <u>www.swamplutheran.org</u> 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

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE COME, LET US SING UNTO THE LORD ROBERT LAU

congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

ELW 756

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

Let us pray.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

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

READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

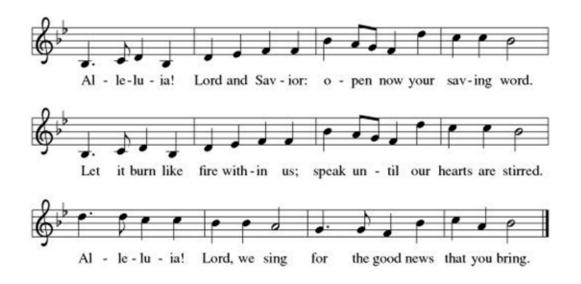
¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

Sit

SERMON

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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 boo

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: Lord, in your mercy, hear 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

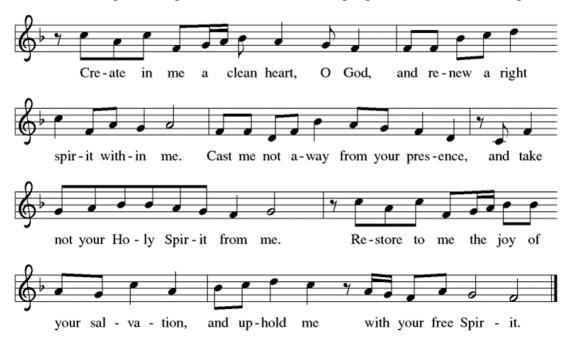
OFFERTORY

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

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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.



OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Thanks be to God.

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

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

Amen.

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

Amen.

SENDING HYMN WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

ELW 870

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Precious Lord, Take My Hand Thomas A. Dorsey

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, Bobby Hershey, Marilyn Gelsinger, Edith Snyder, Sharon Levan, JJ Johnson, Robert Bachman, Teresa Sweigart, Mel and Troy Ulrich, Earl Myers, Elizabeth Sherman, Judy Habecker, Anna Rose Schannauer, Betty Kramer, Tyler Leed, Henry, Dennis Troutman, Larry Knauer, Robyn Reihner, David Metzger, Linda Mohn, Pauline Wassmer, Jerry Landis, Bob Shank, Rachel Craven, Laney Garrison, Karen Nye, Alicia Andrews, the family of Elmer Gockley, the family of Anna Hershey, the family of Dianne Crills.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of his father Vincent, by Pastor Scott and Jen Brubaker.

SANCTUARY CANDLE is given in memory of Brian Scott Wolf, by his parents Larry and Jean Wolf.

ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE UPDATE: The altar flowers that have been sponsored thus far have been beautiful and we thank all who donated to this ministry. Your continued support would be appreciated. The following dates are available to sponsor the Altar Flowers: September 1, September 29, October 20, November 3, December 8, December 29. There are many opportunities to sponsor the Sanctuary Candle. Flowers are \$40.00 and Candle is \$5.00. Contact Sue Kreitz at 717-283-9444 or John Frantz at 717-606-8994.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – If you give via the online option, let us know by email (<u>secretary@swamplutheran.org</u>) 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 a need for spaghetti, pasta, canned fruit, green beans, peas, carrots and soup. Paper towels and toilet paper are also appreciated. 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

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.



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

Greeter Schedule- June

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23 Tom & Deb Henly 7 Sue Ellen Knauer

30 Pam Leisey 14 Deb Kohl

21 Jane Lesher

28 Larry & Sally Hagy

Week in the Parish (June 24-30)

June 25	7:00PM	Homes of Hope
June 29		Widow & Widowers Hike Nolde Forest
June 30	8:30AM	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7-11	6:30PM-8:30PM	Reinholds Community VBS
July 26	2:30PM	Philadelphia Phillies Bus Trip
August 25	10:30AM	Church Picnic

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday June 24	Psalm 65 Exodus 7:14-24 Acts 27:13-38
Tuesday June 25	Psalm 65 Exodus 9:13-35 Acts 27:39-44
Wednesday June 26	Psalm 65 Joshua 10:1-14 Mark 6:45-52
Thursday June 27	Psalm 30 Lamentations 1:16-22 2 Corinthians 7:2-16
Friday June 28	Psalm 30 Lamentations 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
Saturday June 29	Psalm 30 Lamentations 2:18-22 Luke 4:31-37

UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday June 30 Lamentations 3:22-33 or Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43



The Project

The **Service Committee** would like to sponsor the following local service opportunity over the summer. This is being organized by Love Inc.

How does The Project work?

It all begins when churches want to do a "missions trip" in their community. Talented and handy people are willing to serve neighbors who cannot afford repairs and are experiencing financial hardships due to fixed income constraints.

Swamp is seeking those who are good with simple carpentry, electric, plumbing, painting, outdoor yard work, or cleaning (just to name a few). Please prayerfully consider helping by completing the below and returning to Jodi Showalter, 717-413-7149. The exact project and timing will be determined based on the helpers who sign up.

Name:		Phone:	
	Outside Projects		Inside Projects
	Painting		Stripping wallpaper
	Basic carpentry		Painting
	Caulking		Spackling/wall repair
	Trim bushes and trees		Repair/replace leaky faucets, toilets, sinks
	Mulch		Repair/replace broken lights and fixtures
	Fix screens/replace screen doors		House cleaning/carpet cleaning
	Remove trash/clean out debris		Fix cabinets/doors; replace locks/hardware
	Power washing		Caulking/weatherstripping/replace trim

LWR SCHOOL KITS - Last year, Swamp assembled and delivered 120 school kits to the LWR pick-up site. Many thanks to all who donated supplies and helped us reach this goal! This year we're aiming for a match or more!

We are presently accepting donations of items for this year's Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project through the end of September. Please help make this year's project a success.

Donations may be given to Jane Lesher, Denise Null and Connie Taylor.

Questions to Debbie Carvell 717-336-5638.

Items most needed: notebooks, pencils, erasers.

Items not needed: No backpacks (thanks to Jane).

We appreciate everyone following the guidelines listed below, as Lutheran World Relief will not send anything that doesn't adhere to these guidelines. Each backpack will contain:

- 70-80 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8"x10 1/2" 4 per backpack
- 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side 1 per backpack
- Pencil sharpener 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 per backpack
- 2 1/2" erasers 1 per backpack



SAVE THE DATES: July 7-11, 2024. 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Reinholds Community VBS at Reinholds Carnival Grounds for Ages 4 to Junior High. Come join in the fun and enjoy Music, Crafts, Stories, Games and Snacks.

To register your child: https://www.myvbs.org/rc

To volunteer: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4DAEAF2BA4F85-48871364-reinholds#/

A FREE Community Meal will be served each evening 5:30-6.15 pm (Pre-registration is required for the meal)

LIFT UP YOUR VOICES
SOUND SYSTEM CAMPAIGN
\$20,000 GOAL

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





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.

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



COCALICO MINISTERIUM'S ACTS OF LOVE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM. Swamp will be preparing and delivering on Wednesday, July 3. Persons interested in helping should contact Denise Kidwell. 717-725-8795.

Other Readings for this Sunday

Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

4"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band.

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors.

¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the [|] LORD is good, for God's mercy en- [|] dures forever.
- ²Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim
- that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe, 3qathering them in | from the lands:
- from the east and from the west, from the north and I from the south.
- ²³Some went down to the | sea in ships, plying their trade | in deep waters.
- ²⁴They beheld the works | of the LORD, God's wonderful works | in the deep.
- ²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.
- ²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended [|] to the depths; their souls melted away [|] in their peril.
- ²⁷They staggered and [|] reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of [|] no avail.
- ²⁸Then in their trouble they cried [|] to the LORD, and you delivered them from [|] their distress.
- ²⁹You stilled the storm | to a whisper and silenced the waves | of the sea.
- ³⁰Then were they glad when [|] it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor [|] they desired.
- ³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love and your wonderful works | for all people.
- ³²Let them exalt you in the assembly [|] of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing [|] hallelujah!

GOSPEL MESSAGE

June 23, 2024 LECTIONARY 12 Why Are You Afraid?

We often find ourselves swamped by the storms of life, wind and waves beating into our boat. Perhaps it's a literal storm like the disciples experienced in today's gospel reading. Natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and even brutal blizzards have the power to upend our lives. So, too, do health crises, financial struggles, lost jobs, divorce or other relationship difficulties, the death of loved ones, and so many other situations.

Like the disciples, we may become overwhelmed by the storms and angry with God, who appears to be sleeping on the job. "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" is a common prayer in such moments. In response to that prayer, the disciples witnessed a miracle. Jesus stood up, rebuked the storm, and suddenly, all was calm.

But how often have you cried out to the Creator only to find that your personal storm rages on? The tests come back with bad news, the bank account remains overdrawn, the relationship ends, death still seems to have the last word. In these moments, it's easy to doubt: Why hasn't God stopped *my* storm? This side of heaven, we likely will never know why God stills some storms and not others. Yet, just as the disciples had Jesus with them in their boat, so do you. They were safe with their Teacher and the same is true for you.

The storms may beat against your boat with unimaginable force. But in your baptism, Jesus "climbed into your boat" and promised to be with you forever. You may be holding on for dear life. But truly Jesus is also holding onto *you*. Though your boat is rocking all over the stormy sea, he is with you, and you are safe. Do not be afraid.

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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, socioeconomic circumstances or anything that too often divides us. Together as one in the Spirit, our unity is in Jesus Christ.

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