

*REFORMATION SUNDAY*  
*OCTOBER 26, 2025*  
*8:30 AM*



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Reinholds, Pennsylvania

## WELCOME 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](http://www.swamplutheran.org) regularly for updates and schedules of ongoing activities of the church. Full prayer list is in the newsletter each month.

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**      CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION      HENRY PURCELL

*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    A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD    ELW 504**

**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.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE    LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH**

Lord, I lift your name on high;      Lord, I love to sing your  
prais - es.      I'm so glad you're in my life,  
I'm so glad you came to save us.      You came from heav-en to earth  
to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sit*

**ANTHEM**    **FOUNDED ON FAITH**    **PAUL D. WEBER**

*Children leave for Children's Church*

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## WORD

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

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**Psalm 46** *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup> God is our ref- | uge and strength,  
a very present | help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup> though its waters | rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,  
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the | break of day.

<sup>6</sup> **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup> **Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

<sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> **“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of I hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob I is our stronghold.

READING: **Romans 3:19-28**

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

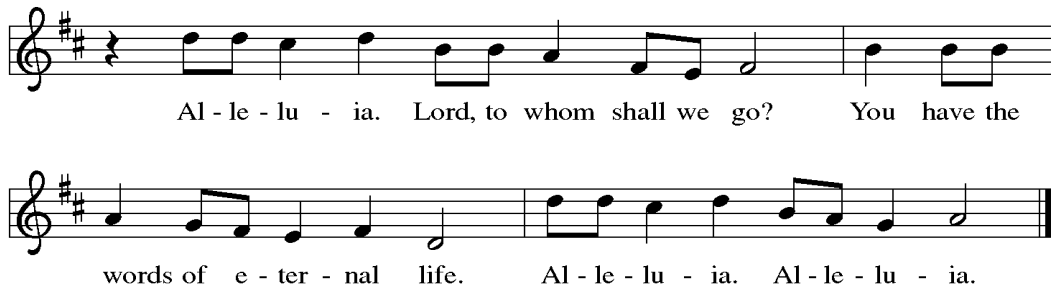
<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

*Stand*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

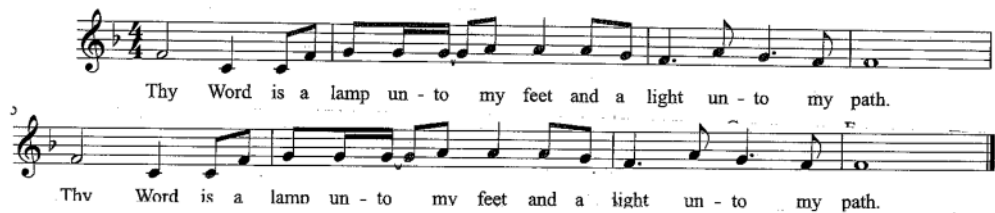


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Thy Word

Words and Music by  
Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith



Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

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## HOLY GOSPEL: **John 8:31-36**

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

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

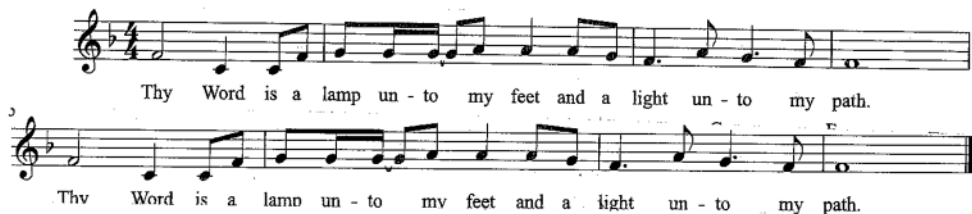
<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

## GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

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SIT  
SERMON



*CHILDREN RETURN FROM CHILDREN'S CHURCH*

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 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*

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**MEAL**  
***God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ***

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**OFFERTORY**    O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE    ARR. CINDY BERRY

**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.*

***Last Sunday of the month special offering. The plate will be passed a second time to collect funds to benefit Lutheran Disaster Response.***

*As the offering is brought to the table, the congregation stands and sings.*

**OFFERING**    WE ARE AN OFFERING

WE LIFT OUR VOICES, WE LIFT OUR HANDS,  
WE LIFT OUR LIVES UP TO YOU, WE ARE AN OFFERING.  
LORD, USE OUR VOICES, LORD USE OUR HANDS,  
LORD, USE OUR LIVES, THEY ARE YOURS,  
WE ARE AN OFFERING, WE ARE AN OFFERING.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord of the harvest,  
**we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.**  
**Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,**  
**but on you, who richly provides for us.**  
**Multiply what we have gathered**  
**to bless all who are suffering and in need,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**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.**

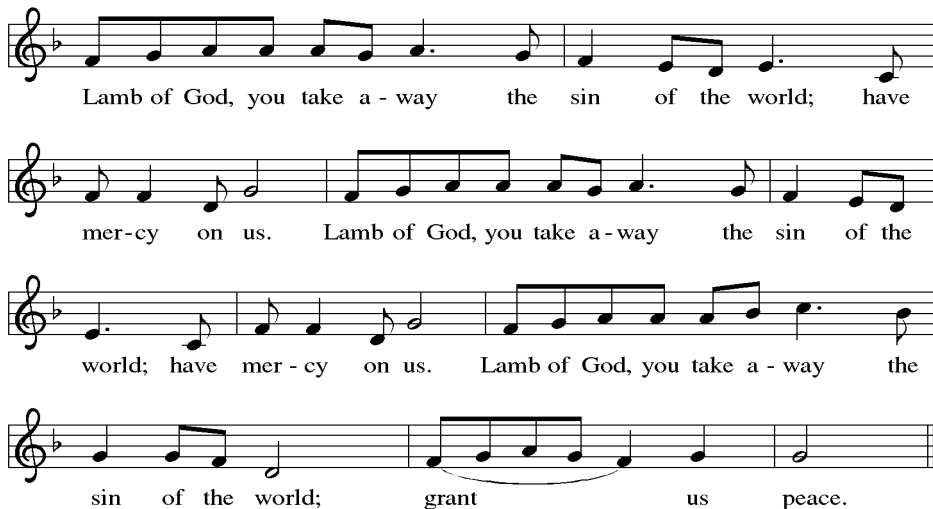
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD *remain standing*



The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated to fit the rhythm. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Following the direction of the ushers, approach by the center aisle and return to your pew by the side aisles. Please get a cup from the stack by the first pew before receiving bread. Grape Juice and gluten free options are available – tell the usher. \*Common cup is also an option.*

*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.

O God,  
through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.  
Send us to do good and to share our possessions  
with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

***God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world***

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## BLESSING

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**    THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION    ELW 654

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**    A Mighty Fortress is Our God    arr. Victor C. Johnson

**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, 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, Larry Eberly, Janet Bingaman, Dwayne Dimitris, Gladys Eckenroad, Bonnie Koehle-Koon, Ross Houck, Chris Zander, Kathleen Troutman, Sally Bergman, Keith Reimert, Pam Heisey, Connie Malafarina, Ted Heisey, Regina Reinecker, Karen Klingensmith, Debbie Leed, Sue Van Zant, Alex Merionfeld, Susan Kreitz, Helen Werner, Sandy Clouser, Cody Leisey, Lou Smith, Lowell Haws, Steve Kauffman, Lindsey Sauder and Anson Kauffman.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in memory of loved ones by Jane Leshner.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** is given in memory of loved ones by Larry and Sue Ellen Knauer.

## Other Readings for this Sunday

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**October 26, 2025**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**Home, Sweet Home**

Whether you have lived in several places or very few, you probably have a method for transforming a space to live into a home. Maybe you put family photos on the walls, set out mementos, or spread a favorite quilt on the bed. These touches are important if we want to feel like we belong in a new space.

Jesus offered the gift of belonging to people who newly believed in him, but they had a hard time accepting it. He said if they would continue, or abide, in his word, they would be his disciples, know his truth, and be set free. They would receive the gift of belonging to his household forever.

To us the listeners' response is surprising, as if the new believers had shut their ears as soon as they heard Jesus say, "The truth will make you free." They didn't want to accept that there was anything they needed to be set free from. On a deeper level, they didn't want to believe that someone else would need to set them free. Jesus' words invite us to reflect on where our freedom comes from, and where we belong, as his disciples.

On Reformation Sunday, we celebrate how the Holy Spirit is constantly reforming the church, the community of Jesus' disciples. We give thanks for the gospel message that Jesus saves us from sin and death through his cross and resurrection. We don't have to earn our salvation; we can simply trust that Jesus is the one who makes it possible. That's how we receive genuine freedom—as a gift of God's grace. Thanks to Jesus, we have a permanent home. No matter how many times we move, we abide with Jesus forever. This festival day encourages us to keep listening to Jesus' word, growing in faith as his disciples, and giving thanks that with him, we are always at home.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM

**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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## **SWAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS    OCTOBER 26, 2025**

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### **Week in the Parish (October 26 - November 2)**

October 27	11:30AM	Widow & Widowers Lunch at Udder Choice
October 27	7:00PM	Bell Choir
October 28	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
October 28	7:00PM	Cocalico Builders of Hope
October 29	7:00PM	Choir
October 31	HALLOWEEN	
November 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)	
November 2	8:30AM	Worship – All Saints Sunday
November 2	9:45AM	Sunday School

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 3	7:00PM	Bell Choir
November 4	ELECTION DAY	
November 4	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
November 4	7:00PM	Welcome Cmte
November 5	7:00PM	Choir
November 6	1:15PM	Widow & Widowers    DJ Grace Lutheran Shillington
November 8	11AM-1:00PM	Cheesesteak Sale – St. John's UCC, Denver
November 9	8:30AM	Worship
November 9	9:45AM	Sunday School
November 11	VETERANS DAY	
November 11	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
November 12	1-4PM	EASS Food Distribution
November 12	7:00PM	Choir
November 13	6:30PM	Learning Cmte
November 16	8:30AM	Polka Mass
November 16	9:45AM	Sunday School
November 17	7:00PM	Bell Choir
November 18	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
November 19	7:00PM	Church Council
November 19	7:00PM	Choir
November 20	1:15PM	Widow & Widowers    DJ Grace Lutheran Shillington

**Greeter Schedule October**

26 Denise Kidwell

**Greeter Schedule November**

2 Larry & Sally Hagy  
9 Glenn & Linda Beard  
16 Kauffman Klan  
23 Randy, Lori & Kristin Gockley  
30 Jan Risser

**Coffee Schedule for October**

26 Randy Gockley

**Coffee Schedule November**

2 Deb Sweigert  
9 Deb Sweigert  
16 Ray Weitzel  
23 Denise Kidwell  
30 Denise Kidwell

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

*Mon October 27* Psalm 84:8-12 1 Samuel 2:1-10 1 Peter 4:12-19  
*Tue October 28* Psalm 84:8-12 Daniel 5:1-12 1 Peter 5:1-11  
*Wed October 29* Psalm 84:8-12 Daniel 5:13-31 Matthew 21:28-32  
*Thurs October 30* Psalm 32:1-7 Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33 2 Corinthians 1:1-11  
*Fri October 31* Psalm 32:1-7 Job 22:21—23:17 2 Peter 1:1-11  
*Sat November 1* Psalm 32:1-7 Isaiah 1:1-9 John 8:39-47

**UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS**

*Sun November 2* Psalm 149 Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

**FLOWERS:** If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for the flowers or candle, please contact Sue Kreitz at 717-283-9444 or John Frantz at 717-606-8994.

**Food Bank** – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. There is a need for canned chicken, tuna, soup, paper towels and toilet paper. Please check for a current expiration date. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wednesday each month.

**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

**Cocalico Builders of Hope** Fundraiser Steak Sandwich Sale. Saturday, November 8 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. John's UCC in Denver.



**Knitters and Crocheters:** We have been asked to provide baby blankets for Veteran Families. Please use SOFT yarn with not too loose of a pattern and no more than 32" X 32," but not less than 27" square or rectangular. There are some copies of baby blanket patterns in the library at church where the shawls/blankets are being collected. We need more boy colors than girl colors.

**The Widow and Widowers Group** will meet for lunch on Monday, October 27 at 11:30 at the Udder Choice Restaurant. The speaker, Sue Fisher, will talk about The Cloister in Ephrata, where she is a docent. She was also actor Johnathan Groff's Conestoga Valley Middle School drama teacher and will share some tidbits of her connection with him.

### **Swamp Needs Your Help!**

***Tell Pastor Scott if you can help or want to learn more***

#### **Most pressing needs include:**

**Choir:** We need singers for Swamp's Chancel Choir to lead our singing in worship.

**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:** We need another teacher for the prekindergarten to 3rd grade class and our high school class.

**Worship Committee:** We can always use fresh perspectives on worship. New members on the Worship Committee are always welcome.

**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.).

**CARD SHOWER** to celebrate Bobby Hershey turning 95 on November 26th!

Robert Hershey, Jr  
Ephrata Manor  
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Ephrata PA 17522

**POINSETTIAS** - It is that time of the year again to consider your holiday orders for poinsettias. Jodi Showalter (717-413-7149) will be handling the orders. Jodi or the church office should be contacted with questions. The following information needs to be provided. Deadline for ordering is December 7th.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettias RED \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_



## **Polka Mass: November 16, 2025, at 8:30 AM**

Heidelberg Brass Band under the direction of Pastor Glenn Beard, Jr.

**Breakfast Reception Follows Worship**



**WREATHS**  
*across*  
**AMERICA**

**Wreaths Across America** Honor deceased US veterans on December 13. Noon ceremony at Swamp Christian Fellowship followed by wreath laying at Swamp Cemetery. Sponsor a wreath for \$17. Fundraiser for SLY – see SLY table in Narthex. Checks payable to Swamp Lutheran Youth Group. Questions to Laraine Kramer 717-405-4047 or Kristin Gockley (SLY) 717-330-0628.



## **HOSPITALITY BASKETS (Shut-Ins and Sick)**

BOXES FOR DONATIONS AT EITHER CHURCH ENTRANCE

Learning Committee needs *single, individual serving or package size* of: individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel size tissues, travel size hand sanitizer, cracker packs, and individual cups of applesauce/fruit/jello/pudding.

Baskets will be packed on December 7 during Sunday School.

*Thanks for helping to make the holidays brighter for our sick and shut-ins.*