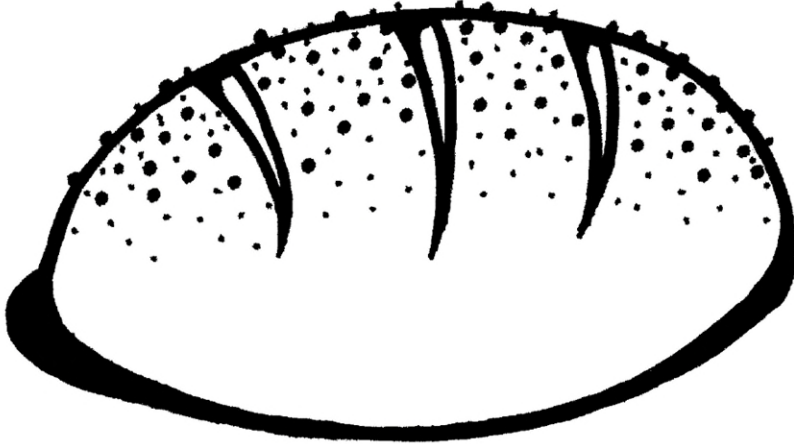


*THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*  
*APRIL 19, 2026*  
*8:30 AM*



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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Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**                      THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE                      PAUL BOWMAN

*congregational responses are in bold type.*

*Stand*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.  
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!

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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

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of  
bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Sit*

**ANTHEM**

HIS STRENGTH IS OUR SONG

STAN PETHEL

*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 116:1-4, 12-19** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has <sup>1</sup> heard my voice,  
and listened to my <sup>1</sup> supplication,

**<sup>2</sup> for the LORD has given | ear to me  
whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

**<sup>4</sup> Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

**<sup>13</sup> I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.

**<sup>15</sup> Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my  
bonds.

**<sup>17</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,

**<sup>19</sup> in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

## **Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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.

HOLY GOSPEL: **Luke 24:13-35**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the

people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

<sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.

” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

<sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*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**

DAY OF ARISING

CARL E. SCHALK

**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.*

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

### Offering Song

The musical score is written in a single system with six staves. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me." The score ends with a double bar line.

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### OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,  
**accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.**  
**You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day**  
**when we will hunger and thirst no more.**  
**Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,**  
**that goodness and mercy may follow us**  
**and bless the world you love.**  
**In the name of Jesus, 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  
Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD *REMAIN STANDING*



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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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.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**TOUCH THAT SOOTHES AND HEALS  
CHANCEL CHOIR**

**GREGG DEMAY**

*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.**

Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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

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BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

ELW 384

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE

CHARLES CALLAHAN

**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 Gelsing, 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, Gladys Eckenroad, Bonnie Koehle-Koon, Kathleen Troutman, Sally Bergman, Kevin Reimert, Pam Heisey, Connie

Malafarina, Ted Heisey, Regina Reinecker, Karen Klingensmith, Sue Van Zant, Alex Merionfeld, Helen Werner, Cody Leisey, Michelle Moyer, Janet Craley, Scott Zook, Dianna Becker (Gockley's neighbor), Laurie Sauder, Sue Templin, Clyde Showalter, Ashley Milosek (friend of Cody and Aubrey Leisey) Dave Brown, Pat Miller, Brian Gress, Lucille Lorah, Leah Showalter (Louetta Franck's great niece) Mark Stoner, Robert Reaser, Leonard Hoover, Laney Garrison, Sam Reimert, Lou Smith, Bob Shank, Sammy Hanna (friend of Ruth & Gaile) Pat Grove & Daphne, Cathy Stine, the family of Janet Bingaman and the family of Clarice Haws.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in honor of my grandfather, Bill McQuate's birthday on April 21<sup>st</sup> by Grady Daub.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** is given in memory of loved ones by Cathy Cammauf.

Swamp Lutheran Church

# HABITAT FOR FEATHERED FRIENDS

Free Community Event

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**  
10:00 AM in the Social Hall

**Celebrate Nature with Us!**

- Create your own blue bird houses and pine cone peanut-butter feeders while learning how to support local wildlife
- Grab some refreshments and stick around for a special talk from a retired PA Game Commission representative about protecting Pennsylvania's wildlife
- A fun, free educational event for the whole community
- All ages welcome!

**Call our office at 717 336 2849 to lock in your kit.  
Walk-ins can snag one too, but supplies at the door are limited!**



## Other Readings for this Sunday

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his*

*preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**April 19, 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**The Way of Resurrection**

In some Bibles the subheading for today’s gospel reading is “The Road to Emmaus.” Although this is a suitable description, we could also call it “The Way

to Emmaus.” On the road or way to Emmaus, two disciples encounter the risen Christ. Notice that as Jesus accompanies them, he meets them where they are, holds their heartache, questions their assumptions, challenges their perspectives, and ultimately guides them deep into God’s word. All this happens on the way!

Only one of the two companions on the way with Jesus is named: Cleopas. Why is the other disciple’s identity a mystery? Luke may be using a clever storytelling device, one designed for readers to see themselves as part of the narrative. In that case, you may be the unnamed disciple in this Jesus story! (Aren’t we all disciples on the way, accompanied by Jesus on the journey of Easter faith?)

Eventually, after Jesus blesses and breaks bread at a meal, the two disciples finally recognize him. Their hearts are kindled with faith and activated by the word of God encountered on the way with Jesus. It is no surprise that they hit the road again, racing back to Jerusalem to tell the others what just happened on the way.

From the very beginning, the way of faith in Christ has been a movement of resurrection promise. This movement has never stopped sharing the grace and love of God with everyone it encounters along the way. We are called to join this movement, with all our heartaches, assumptions, and misunderstandings. We are not people with all the answers, but sojourners or pilgrims on the way.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM

**You are**

**Here!**

**Welcome**

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**    *APRIL 19, 2026*

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### **Week in the Parish (April 20 - 25 )**

April 20	7:00PM	Bell Choir
April 21	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
April 22	7:00PM	Choir
April 23	4:30PM	Worship Cmte
April 23	6:30PM	Zoom SLY Mtg

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 26	8:30AM	Worship
April 26	9:45AM	Sunday School
April 27	7:00PM	Bell Choir
April 28	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
May 3	8:30AM	Worship
May 3	9:45AM	Sunday School
May 4	7:00PM	Bell Choir
May 5	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
May 5	7:00PM	Welcome Cmte
May 6	7:00PM	Choir
May 10	MOTHER'S DAY	
May 10	8:30AM	Worship
May 10	9:45AM	Sunday School
May 11	7:00PM	Bell Choir
May 12	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
May 12	7:00PM	Builders of Hope
May 13	1-4:00PM	EASS Food Distribution
May 13	7:00PM	Choir
May 14	7:00PM	Ascension Day Worship
May 16	2:00PM	Bell Choir Chapel Concert
May 17	8:30AM	Worship
May 17	10:00AM	Habitat for Feathered Friends Community Event

**Greeter Schedule for April**

19 Alan & Kathy Worley  
 26 Gene & Heather Ferrari

**Greeter Schedule for May**

10 Glenn & Linda Beard  
 17 Randy & Pam Leisey  
 24 Larry & Sally Hagy  
 31 Deb Sweigert

**Sound Schedule for April**

19 Steve Laudenslager  
 26 Steve Laudenslager

**Sound Schedule for May**

03 Steve Laudenslager  
 10 Steve Laudenslager  
 14 Steve Laudenslager  
 17 Steve Laudenslager  
 24 Steve Laudenslager  
 31 Steve Laudenslager

**Coffee Schedule for April**

19 Pam Leisey  
 26 John Frantz

**Coffee Schedule for May**

10 John Frantz  
 17 Ray Weitzel  
 24 John Frantz  
 31 Deb Sweigert

**Video Schedule for April**

19 Josh Garrison  
 26 Alan Worley

**Video Schedule for May**

03 John Frantz  
 10 Josh Garrison  
 14 John Frantz  
 17 Alan Worley  
 24 John Frantz  
 31 Josh Garrison

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

*Mon April 20* Psalm 134 Genesis 18:1-14 1 Peter 1:23-25  
*Tue April 21* Psalm 134 Proverbs 8:32—9:6 1 Peter 2:1-3  
*Wed April 22* Psalm 134 Exodus 24:1-11 John 21:1-14  
*Thurs April 23* Psalm 23 Exodus 2:15b-25 1 Peter 2:9-12  
*Fri April 24* Psalm 23 Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20 1 Peter 2:13-17  
*Sat April 25* Psalm 23 Ezekiel 34:1-16 Luke 15:1-7

**UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS**

*Sun April 26* Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

**FLOWERS: Grumbine's Flowers** will now continue delivery of fresh altar flower arrangements through June 2026. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for the flowers or candle in 2026, please sign up for flower sponsorships via Sue, John, or the flower calendar. Sue Kreitz 717-283-9444 or John Frantz 717-606-8994.

**Widow & Widowers Lunch** Thurs. June 18, 12pm @ Udder Choice in Ephrata. Program will be Husband & Wife artists sharing their artwork and story after retiring.

**ANNOUNCEMENT-** Philadelphia Phillies tickets are **SOLD OUT**. Ticket holders, please meet at Swamp Church on June 5, at 2:15pm

**FOOD BANK** – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. There is a need for rice, noodles, pasta, mac & cheese, canned chicken, tuna, spam, soup, toilet paper and paper towels. Please check for a current expiration date. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wed each month.



**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.

**Service Committee LWR Personal Care Kits.** During the months of March and April we will be collecting items for personal care kits. The following items are included in each kit, you may donate a complete kit or individual items.

- 1 light-weight bath size towel (maximum 52"X27"), dark color recommended
- 2 bath size bars (4 or 5 oz) of soap in original wrapping
- 1 adult size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging

Do not add other items than those that are listed. All items should be new. All items can be collected for LWR until Ingathering Sunday (1st Sun. in Oct.) Thank you for your support of Lutheran World Relief's worldwide mission! Jane Leshar 717-471-2974.

Orders are being taken for **red geraniums for Pentecost**, Sunday May 24th 2026. Price is not yet known and the deadline for ordering is Sunday May 10th. Please give the following information to the church office or to Jodi Showalter (717) 413-7149.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Red Geraniums \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**Swamp Needs Your Help!**  
***Tell Pastor Scott if you can help or want to learn more***  
**Most pressing needs include:**

**Communion Extender:** We need helpers to take communion to our homebound members. Training provided.

**Choir:** We welcome singers for Swamp’s Chancel Choir.

**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:** Helpers and teachers needed.

**Worship Committee:** We can always use fresh perspectives on worship.

**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.).

**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, like the monthly food pantry, events, etc. 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

**Financial Statement**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance as of 12/31/25			\$28,149.21
January	\$32,105.86	\$45,416.20	\$14,838.87
February	\$27,800.67	\$27,375.03	\$15,264.51
March	\$44,304.71	\$39,259.82	\$20,309.40