

*SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
SEPT 13, 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 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

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

PRELUDE

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

I COME WITH JOY

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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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

Children leave for Children's Church

WORD

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

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 *(read responsively)*

- [¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.
²**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,**
and forget not | all God's benefits—
³who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;
⁴**who redeems your life | from the grave**
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;
⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
⁶**O LORD, you provide | vindication**
and justice for all who | are oppressed.

- ⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
-] ⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- ⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
- ¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- ¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
- ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

Reading: Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 18:21-35**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

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.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
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 invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD *REMAIN STANDING*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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

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.

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ALL CREATURES, WORSHIP GOD MOST HIGH

ELW 835

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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, Larry 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, Gladys Eckenroad, Bonnie Koehle-Koon, Kathleen Troutman, Sally Bergman, Kevin Reimert, Pam Heisey, Connie Malafarina, Ted Heisey, Karen Klingensmith, Helen Werner, Cody Leisey, Michelle Moyer, 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, Lucille Lorah, Leah Showalter (Louetta Franck's great niece), Mark Stoner, Robert Reaser, Laney Garrison, Sam Reimert, Llew Smith, Bob Shank, Sammy Hanna (friend of Ruth & Gaile), Pat Grove & Daphne, Aaron Gasparich (friend of Jenny Weitzel) and Tina Krall (friend of Larry and Sally Hagy) Greg and Jenn Rhodes (Connie Taylor's neighbor), Wanda Maxey, Chris Zander, Allison Kenawell, Margaret Kroh, Jason Stricker, Mike Sawyer (friend of Lee and Jodi Showalter), Linda and Dennis Mohn, Jen Sikie (sister of Terri Renninger), Keith Weinhold, (nephew of Linda and Shorty Ream and cousin of Beth Garrison), Melody Eckenroth (sister of Sue Kreitz's neighbor), Frank Sheets (friend of Connie and Jenner Taylor), and Steve and Karen Laudenslager, Lori Hartranft (cousin of Sue Kreitz's neighbor), Nettie Kreiner (John Frantz's sister), Lori Page (Aubrey Leisey's Mom), Karen McCoy and Bindi Chojnacki (friends of Mark and Roslyn Bansner), Gene Ferrari, Hanna Shank (daughter of Liz Shank and granddaughter of Wanda Maxey) Ken Olson (Alan and Kathy Worley's brother in law), and the family of Janie Malafarina West (sister of Tony Malafarina).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to wish Happy Birthday to David and Kendra by their family.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Allison Witmer Morrison who has given birth to a baby boy, Tadhg Russell Morrison, on August 18, 2026 at 8:22am. He's the first child for Allison and her husband Christopher. They live in Wayne, PA. Tadhg is the grandson of Mike and Julie Witmer.

Other Readings for this Sunday

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

September 13, 2026

LECTIONARY 24

Forgiven and Freed

Today's gospel reading is all about forgiveness. In the complex web of human relationships, forgiveness often feels messy. We may not understand it, and it may at times feel entirely out of reach. Yet, as Christians, we are called to wrestle with the promise that even when forgiveness feels impossible, there is room for us and for others in the wideness of God's mercy. How do we make sense of this?

We might begin by experiencing God's forgiveness ourselves. Many worshiping communities begin the service with a time of confession and forgiveness. Together we name out loud the ways we have failed to love God and neighbor, the ways we have failed to recognize ourselves or one another as beloved children of God. We name how we have been complacent in systems of injustice, how we have harmed one another directly, and the hurtful things we don't even know we've done.

This practice may seem deeply unsettling; after all, where else do we greet each other with a list of all the things we've done wrong? But confession is also freeing. It gives us permission to stop pretending we have it all together. It allows us to shed the weight of our mistakes and lay down our burdens so our hands and hearts are ready to receive God's mercy.

And then, week after week, we hear God's words of forgiveness for us and for our neighbors. We are reminded that there is always and forever enough of God's grace and forgiveness to go around. The public declaration of our forgiveness frees us to enter into the rest of our worship service with open and grateful hearts. And then God's forgiveness sends us out in the world to practice the hard work of forgiving others and receiving their forgiveness in turn, knowing that God will meet us again and again with mercy and grace.

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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, 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 *SEPT 13, 2026*

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Week in the Parish (Sept 13 - 20)

TODAY		Church Picnic
September 16	7:00PM	Choir
September 16	7:00PM	Church Council
September 20	8:30AM	Worship
September 20	10:00AM	Touch a Truck

COMING EVENTS

September 21	7:00PM	Bell Choir
September 22	7:00PM	Cocalico Builders of Hope
September 23	7:00PM	Choir
September 27	8:30AM	Worship
September 27	9:45AM	Sunday School
September 28	7:00PM	Bell Choir
September 30	7:00PM	Choir

Blessing of the Pets - October 11, 11:00am on the Portico side of the church.
Pastor Scott will give a blessing over your animals. All are welcome.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS. Sunday October 4th 2026.

Service committee would like to have our congregation join the ELCA sponsored service opportunity. This is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as a congregation – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans- an act of service sharing God's grace freely given for all. How can you be of service?

1. Do you know of a local organization that could use a few hours of help?
 2. Do you know of a neighbor, friend, or fellow member of the congregation that could use a few hours of help around the house/yard area?
 3. Are you interested in signing up and joining in this fun faith filled service activity?
- If you have service ideas please contact Pastor Brubaker or Jodi Showalter.
If interested in helping, please sign up on the sign-up sheets at the front or back of the church.

Greeter Schedule for Sept

13 Lamar & June Eberly
 20 Barb Mizdail & George Philippopoulos
 27 Ray & Jen Weitzel

Greeter Schedule for Oct

04 Pam Leisey
 11 Bob & Linda Preston
 18 Deb Kohl
 25 Sue Ellen Knauer

Sound Schedule for Sept

13 Steve Laudenslager
 20 Steve Laudenslager
 27 Steve Laudenslager

Sound Schedule for Oct

04 Steve Laudenslager
 11 Steve Laudenslager
 18 Steve Laudenslager
 25 Steve Laudenslager

Coffee Schedule for Sept

13 John Frantz
 20 Pam Leisey
 27 Ray Weitzel

Coffee Schedule for Oct

04 Denise Kidwell
 11 Deb Sweigert
 18 Randy Gockley
 25 Pam Leisey

Video Schedule for Sept

13 Josh Garrison
 20 Alan Worley
 27 John Frantz

Video Schedule for Oct

04 Josh Garrison
 11 Alan Worley
 18 John Frantz
 25 Josh Garrison

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Mon Sept 14 Psalm 133 Genesis 48:8-22 Hebrews 11:23-29
Tues Sept 15 Psalm 133 Genesis 49:29—50:14 Romans 14:13—15:2
Wed Sept 16 Psalm 133 Genesis 50:22-26 Mark 11:20-25
Thur Sept 17 Psalm 145:1-8 Nahum 1:1, 14—2:2 2 Corinthians 13:1-42
Fri Sept 18 Psalm 145:1-8 Nahum 2:3-13 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
Sat Sept 19 Psalm 145:1-8 Zephaniah 2:13-15 Matthew 19:23-30

UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

Sun Sept 20 Jonah 3:10—4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

FLOWERS: If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for the flowers or candle in 2026, 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 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.

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.



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.*

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 or call 717-203-8551

Disaster Trip. A group from the area will be returning to Asheville, NC to continue to help with disaster clean up. This trip will take place from November 15-21. The group has already been assembled, however there are other ways in which to help. Anyone wishing to help can give gift cards to Lowe’s, Home Depot or Walmart. Or if you wish, you could write a check payable to LDR Carolinas. This will be the group’s 27th trip and the third trip to Asheville. See Missy Ragan, Nancy McQuate, or Denise Kidwell with any questions! Thank you for your support!

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Homemade
**STUFFED
PEPPER
SOUP**

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Swamp Kitchen
Committee

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Support the Ministry of
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Pre-Order Your Favorites Today!

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\$8

Each

★ **PRETZEL
SANDWICHES** ★



\$7

Each

PICKUP DAY

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2026**

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Swamp Lutheran Church

Soup orders may also
be picked up following
the worship service on
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026.

HOW TO ORDER

SOUP ORDERS

Call or Text *Denise*

717-725-8795



SANDWICH ORDERS

Complete an order form available on
the information table in the narthex.

Order forms are also available in
the church newsletter.

Phone or text sandwich orders to

717-725-8795

ORDER DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

PAYMENT

Payment due
at pickup.



All funds realized
will be used to
support the
Church's ministry.

Delicious Food • Friendly Fellowship • Supporting God's Work

Swamp's Annual

CHURCH



Sunday 9/20 | 10am – 12pm

Church Parking Lot

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Rides, Face Painting, Food & More!**

All Food Proceeds Benefit Swamp Food Bank (Representing EASS)