

*TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
OCTOBER 11, 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 Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

PRELUDE

ALLEGRO

CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI

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

NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION

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GREETING

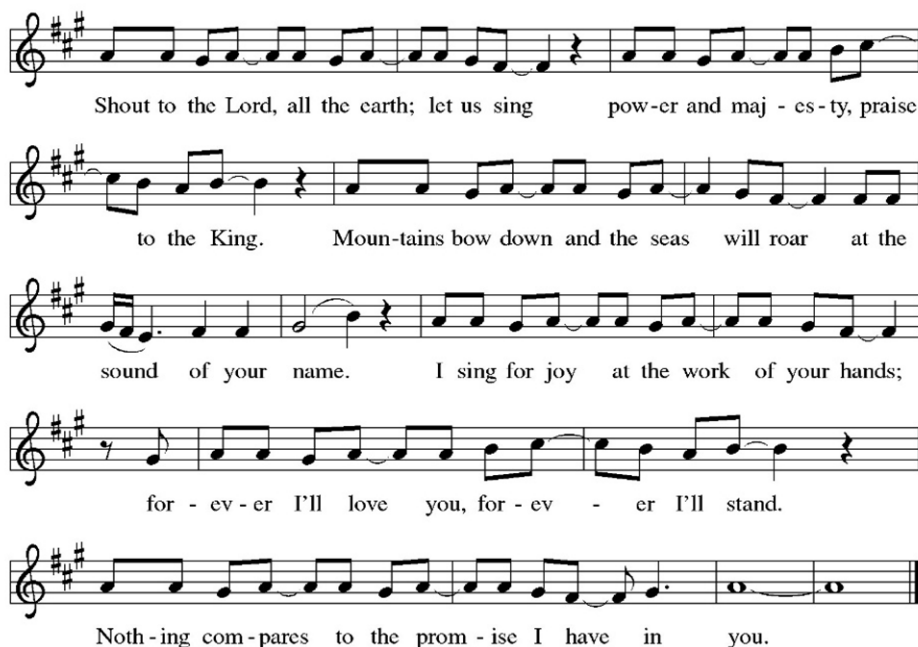
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

SHOUT TO THE LORD

ELW 821



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow-er and maj - es - ty, praise
to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the
sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.
Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

ANTHEM AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

ARR. SANDRA EITHUN

Children leave for Children's Church

WORD

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

Psalm 23 *(read responsively)*

¹ The LORD I is my shepherd;
I shall not I be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down I in green pastures
and leads me be- I side still waters.**

³ You restore my I soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways I for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall I fear no
evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they I comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence I of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is I running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days I of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the I LORD forever.**

Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

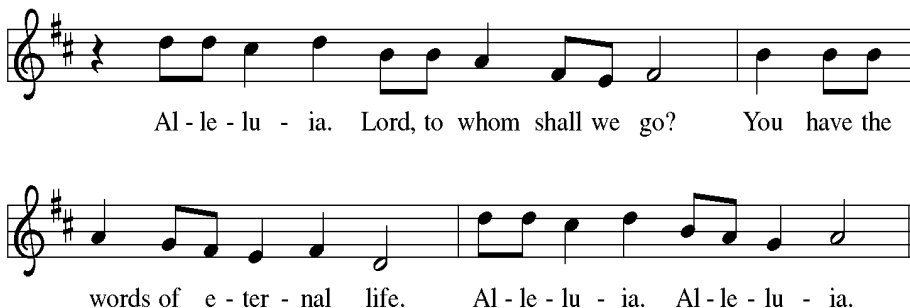
⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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.

HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 22:1-14**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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.*

OFFERING

WE ARE AN OFFERING

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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

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.**

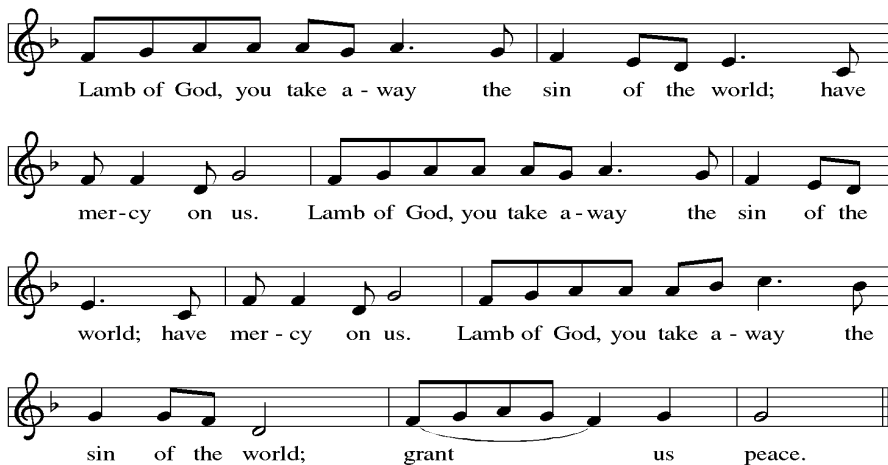
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

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

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD *REMAIN STANDING*



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, 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

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

ELW 547

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, Dianna Becker (Gockley's neighbor), Laurie Sauder, Sue Templin, Clyde Showalter, Ashley Milosek (friend of Cody and Aubrey Leisey), 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), 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), Ali Bender (friend of Josh and Beth Garrison), Sandra Haws, Bob Fry (neighbor of Randy and Pam Leisey), Lois Class, and Joelle Perlic (Jonathan Gyorke's sister).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Chmielewski by Mr. and Mrs. John Chmielewski.

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

Other Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

GOSPEL MESSAGE

October 11, 2026

LECTIONARY 28

Welcomed In

A crowd gathered in the church basement like they did every third Thursday of the month. They walked past the kitchen window. They grabbed their plates. They filled up cups of ice water and coffee and swung by the dessert table on their way to folding chairs situated around circular folding tables throughout the room. Conversations bubbled up as old friends greeted each other around the free meal provided, as it was every month. Everyone was welcome, no questions asked.

This image of a free meal in the church basement, attended by any and all comers, is reminiscent of the wedding feast the king gives in today's parable. When those who are invited fail to show up, the king sends his servants out into the entire surrounding countryside to bring to the meal any and all who will attend. The king doesn't check credentials; the king doesn't ask questions. The joy of the wedding feast is open to all.

The parable tells us of one guest without a wedding robe, who winds up outside the joy of the feast. This can cause us to worry or despair. Do we have a wedding robe fit for the kingdom of heaven? What happens to us if we do not? Our baptism in Jesus, however, reminds us that we have no need to fear. We have been clothed not with a robe but with the grace of Jesus, which assures us that we, who have been gathered into the feast of the reign of God, have a place and an inheritance among God's people. Gathered around that table of grace, we too are sent to share the good news and welcome others into the reality of God's reign.

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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 11, 2026

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Week in the Parish (October 11 - 18)

TODAY	11:00AM	Blessing of the Pets
October 14	1-4:00PM	EASS Food Distribution
October 14	6:00PM	Hybrid Bible Study
October 14	7:00PM	Choir
October 17	9:00AM	Widow & Widowers Hike
October 18	8:30AM	Worship
October 18	9:45AM	Sunday School
October 18	11:00AM	Crop Walk

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19	7:00PM	Bell Choir
October 20	7:00PM	Welcome Cmte
October 21	7:00PM	Church Council
October 21	6:00PM	Hybrid Bible Study
October 21	7:00PM	Choir
October 24	1-3:00PM	Pig Stomach take out

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.

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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.*

Greeter Schedule for Oct

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

Greeter Schedule for Nov

1 Jan Risser
 8 Deb Sweigert
 15 Jane Leshner
 22 Denise Kidwell
 29 Larry & Sally Hagy

Sound Schedule for Oct

11 Steve Laudenslager
 18 Steve Laudenslager
 25 Steve Laudenslager

Sound Schedule for Nov

1 Steve Laudenslager
 8 Steve Laudenslager
 15 Steve Laudenslager
 22 Steve Laudenslager
 29 Steve Laudenslager

Coffee Schedule for Oct

11 Deb Sweigert
 18 Randy Gockley
 25 Pam Leisey

Coffee Schedule for Nov

1 Denise Kidwell
 8 Deb Sweigert
 15 John Frantz
 22 Randy Gockley
 29 Pam Leisey

Video Schedule for Oct

11 Alan Worley
 18 John Frantz
 25 Josh Garrison

Video Schedule for Nov

1 Alan Worley
 8 John Frantz
 15 Josh Garrison
 22 Alan Worley
 29 John Frantz

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Mon Oct 12 Psalm 34 Exodus 19:7-20 Jude 17-25
Tues Oct 13 Psalm 34 Amos 9:5-15 Philippians 3:13—4:1
Wed Oct 14 Psalm 34 Song of Solomon 7:10—8:4 John 6:25-35
Thurs Oct 15 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] Judges 17:1-6 3 John 9-12
Fri Oct 16 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] Deuteronomy 17:14-20 1 Peter 5:1-5
Sat Oct 17 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] Isaiah 14:3-11 Matthew 14:1-12

UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

Sun Oct 18 Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 22:15-22

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 November 29th.

NAME _____ Phone Number _____

Poinsettias RED _____ WHITE _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

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 groups 27th trip and the third trip to Asheville. See Missy Ragan, Nancy McQuate, or Denise Kidwell with any questions! Thank you for your support!

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.

Swamp Lutheran Gift Cards for Christmas. Checks payable to Swamp Lutheran Church. Orders due November 22 and delivered November 29.

Place order sheet with payment in the collection plate, in Secretary’s mailbox by the office, or give it to Missy Ragan. Questions Missy Ragan 717-314-5658.



Wreaths Across America Honor deceased US veterans on December 19th at 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.

Widow & Widowers Hike Sat. Oct 17th at 9:00am meet at Weavers parking lot to carpool to French Creek State Park in Berks Co. We are hiking the mostly level, 2.2 miles around the Lake. Lunch at 12:30pm at Stampede Barbecue, Mohnton. You are welcome to meet us for lunch. Please RSVP by Oct 12th to bmiz13@hotmail.com or church office at 717-336-2849.



**Join us for Swamp Lutheran Church's
Annual Pig Stomach Takeouts!**

Whole Cooked Stomach: \$39

Pre-orders must be placed by October 17th.
Please call the church office at 717-336-2849 to place your preorder

**All proceeds will go to benefit Swamp Lutheran's kitchen
repairs and upkeep.**