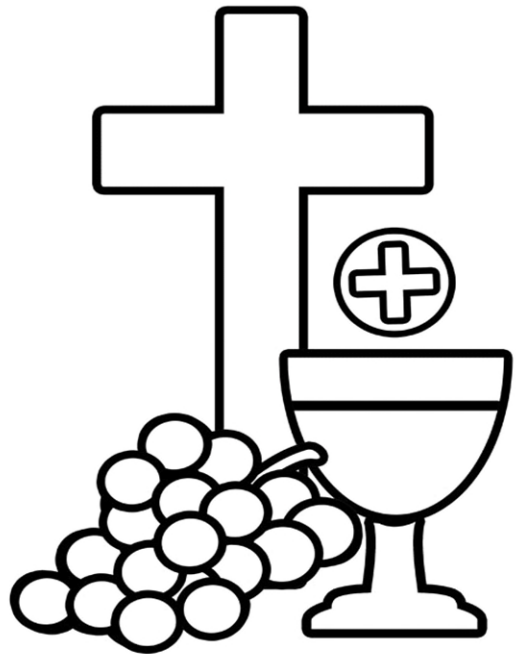


Polka Mass

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Reinholds, PA
November 16, 2025



with the Heidelberg Brass Band

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

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE HELENA POLKA ARR. LOUIS VITAK

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.

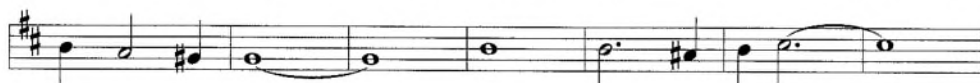
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

COME NOW AND WORSHIP TONE: ROSAMUNDE



1. Come now and wor - ship, _____ come now and
 2. We bring our gifts, _____ gifts of our -
 3. We're here to praise you, _____ praise you for



wor - ship the Lord. _____ Come now and wor - ship, _____
 selves and our lives. _____ Fears, sins, and wor - ship, _____
 this brand new day. _____ You're here to join us, _____



join as we sing and a - dore. _____ Ga - ther to - ge - ther, _____
 all that can cause us such strife. _____ This ce - le - bra - tion _____
 teach us and show us your way. _____ Mold - us and shape us, _____



— give Him the praise that is due. _____ Hear us as we come to
 — draws us all clo - ser to you. _____ Hear us as we come to
 — help us to be more like you. _____ Hear us as we come to



wor - ship, _____ sing - ing praise to you.
 wor - ship, _____ sing - ing praise to you.
 wor - ship, _____ sing - ing praise to you.

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

Glory to God (Tune: *Liechtensteiner Polka*)

Yes!

This is a great day to give glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God!

Glo - ry to God! Yes! This is a great day to give glo - ry to

God! Glo - ry to God, my Lord! For when we see the won - drous

good - ness of his grace and love and peace, oh let us thank and praise him dai - ly for it

all so joy - ful - ly! Oh, yes! This is a great day to give glo - ry to

♠ To Coda

God! Glo - ry to God! My Lord. _____

O God, you are so won - der - full Your bless - ings are so

boun - ti - ful! You gave sal - va - tion thru your Son!

When we were lost and full of sin, your love had set us free! Your love has set us

free! And we are free in - deed! Lord!

D.S. al Coda

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, 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 98 *read responsively*

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- ² **O LORD, you have made | known your victory,**
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.
- ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- ⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;**
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.
- ⁵ Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁶ **With trumpets and the sound | of the horn**
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,**
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to ¹ judge
the earth.

⁹ The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ ples with equity.

READING: **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

(Tune: Im Himmel Gibt's Kein Bier)



HOLY GOSPEL: **Luke 21:5-19**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings

and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

CHILDREN RETURN FROM CHILDREN’S CHURCH

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Teach Us How to Love

Tune: Baruska - Bohemian Polka

1. Our — Fa - ther up in hea - ven,
 2. Je - sus Christ our Lord and Sa - vior,
 3. God of love, O Ho - ly Spi - rit,

hear us as we pray. Take our sins a - way; help us live each day. Thank you for the
 you came down to us. Died up - on the cross to re - deem our loss. Teach us how to
 full of power and might. Keep us in your sight. Teach us wrong from right. Thank you for your
 gifts you give us. You care for our needs. When you sent your Son to save us, you showed us you
 love each oth - er as you love us all. Help us fol - low your ex - am - ple, car - ing for each
 love and gra - ces, make us pure and strong. Be our hope and con - so - la - tion. Guide our wea - ry
 loved us true. Hear us as we sing your prais - es; help us live our lives for you. Lord,
 oth - ers needs. Show - ing that we all are bro - thers by our ve - ry words and deeds.
 steps to thee. Through your gui - dance we all hope to live with you e - ter - nal - ly!
 teach us how to love as we fol - low in your way. Oh, — Lord, teach us how to love
 as we fol - low in your way.

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERTORY IN THE GREEN GROVE POLKA A. GRILL

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.

(Tune: Aunt Ella's Polka)



1. We bring our gifts to place u - pon your ta - ble. We give our - selves, re -
play, our joys - and our sor - rows. We give our best be -



spond - ing to your call. We give our time, our ta - lents, and our trea - sures. Please help us
cause you call us to. Oh may our hearts be rea - dy for your ser - vice, to share your



use them for the sake of all. 2. Our work and

love with ev - ry one we _____ meet. _____ Make us your own. _____ Help us be
word _____ and lead us



one. _____ In - spire _____ all we do and say ev - er more. In crease our faith. _____ Help us to
on _____ to all the peo - ple who need our love and care. We're here to serve _____ at your com -



stand _____ for all that's good and right and true. _____ Just say the
mand. _____ It's what you've called us all to do! _____

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Tune: Blue Skirt Waltz)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are

filled, filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bles - sed is He who comes, comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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:

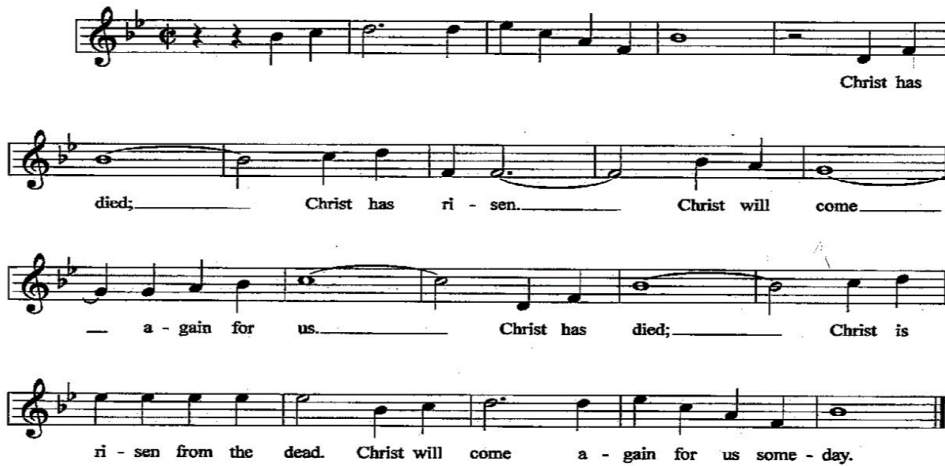
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Eucharistic Acclamation

(Tune: Pearly Shells)



Christ has
died; _____ Christ has ri - sen. _____ Christ will come _____
— a - gain for us. _____ Christ has died; _____ Christ is
ri - sen from the dead. Christ will come a - gain for us some - day.

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

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD *REMAIN STANDING*

TUNE: SCHNEEWALZER



Sit

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.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

(CONGREGATION ENCOURAGED TO SING)

I LOVE TO GO A' WANDERING

TUNE: HAPPY WANDERER



1. I love to
2. stroll thru
3. moun - tains
4. when at



go mea - a' - wan - der - ing, my Sav - ior's hand in mine, a -
tall - dows green and lush, the splash thru wa - ter falls. The
night be - fore us doth set, there is yet more to be - low. The
stars, the sun doth set, there is yet more to be - low. The



midst the trees and ho - ney bees and flow'rs of ev' - ry kind.
birds they sing and flap their wings; we hear their va - ried calls.
grand - eur takes my breath a - way; the Lord God made it so.
stars, they span - gle o're the sky, who made all this, tis He.



God of pow'r God of might, God of life, God of



glo - ry, God of joy and de - light, He's ev - er



by my side. We
The
And

BAPTIZED IN WATER

(TUNE: JULIDA POLKA)



(Musical interlude between verses 2 & 3)

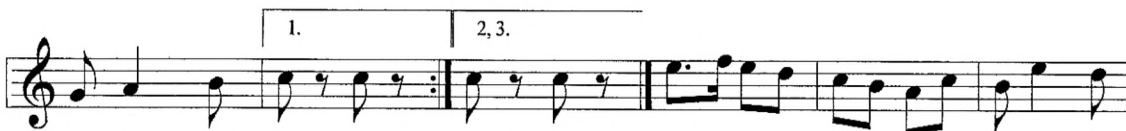
1. Bap-tized in wat - er,
2. Fed at your ta - ble,
3. Bap-tized in wat - er,



you call us child - ren, your grace ex - tend - ed we are for - giv - en.
pre - pared for mis - sion. Your pre - cious blood and bo - dy are giv - en.
we are your chil - dren. Fed at your ta - ble, we are co - mis - sioned.



No long - er lost in sin, you grant us free - dom, to live as sons and daugh - ters
We're strength - ened to serve all peo - ple a - round us! Your feast from hea - ven _____
You send us forth to care for all cre - a - tion, all that you've made and love _____



1. in your vast king - dom.
tru - ly a - sounds us!
in ev - 'ry na tion!



YOU GIVE US SUNSHINE

TUNE: YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE



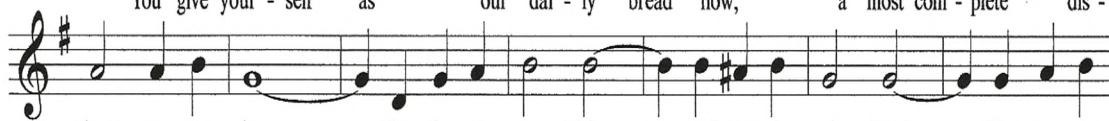
1. The warmth of sum - mer,
ma - ker
bread and



the au - tumn bree - zes, the win - ter frost, the green of spring.
of earth and hea - ven, and stars and pla - nets sing your praise;
you give us wine, Lord, the bless - ed fruit of heav'n a - bove.



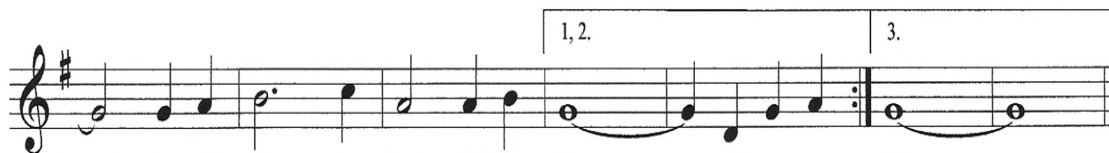
The sea - sons' chan - ges de - clare your prai - ses, and we join with
we lift our voi - ces to join the cho - rus as we bless your
You give your - self as our dai - ly bread now; a most com - plete dis -



them as we sing. You give us sun - shine and gen - tle rain, Lord. The snow in
won - der - ful ways.
play of your love.



win - ter, morn - ing dew. All that we have Lord, we have been giv - en,



so we give our lives now to you

you.

2. You are the
3. You give us

LET US SING

TUNE: MUSS I DENN



1. Let us sing! Let us sing! Let us sing to Christ, our
2. pray. Let us pray. Let us pray to God a -
3. go. Let us go. Let us go and spread God's



King! Sing to Christ, our King, as we thank him for this day. _____ God is
 bove. Pray to God a - bove, as we strive to do His will. _____ He will
 love. Go and spread God's love, as He first showed love to us. _____ To both



good! God is kind! God will give us peace of mind. Give us peace of mind, if we fol low
 hear ev - 'ry prayer and will ans - wer ev - 'ry care. Ans - wer ev - 'ry care, if we lis - ten
 neigh - bors and strang - ers and all who cross our path, all who cross our path, to ful - fill God's



in his way! _____ No-thing we can do can change his grace. His love for us
 to Him still. _____ He is stand - ing here with op - en arms. Oh, how won-drous
 great com mand. _____ As our hearts are filled to o - ver flow - ing, the love of



will nev - er end! _____ Ev - 'ry day, all life long, let us praise his love in song,
 is our God! _____ Ev - 'ry mo - ment He's rea - dy to lis - ten to our hearts.
 Christ will a - bound! _____ We will go and we'll know that with God's e - ter - nal grace,



pass his love a - long, trust - ing God to lead our way. _____ Let us
 Lis ten to our hearts, if we take the time to pray. _____ Let us
 all may see his face, when we love them in His name. _____

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.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✚
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

RISE UP, DISCIPLES



1. Rise up, dis - ci - ples, go tell the good news ____
3. Go now, my chil - dren, there's much to be done, ____



that God the Son is ri - sen. ____ Go out, be joy - ful; the King of the Jews ____
for ma - ny still don't know me. ____ Be bold and tell ev' - ry daugh - ter and son ____



has van - quished death's dark pri - son. ____ He came down from hea - ven; he's now ev' - ry - where ____
the won - drous old, old sto - ry. ____ We know it, we feel it, we can't hold it in; ____



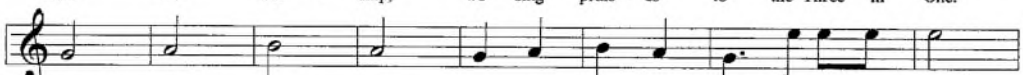
as God the Ho - ly Spi - rit, ____ bring - ing hope to all who hear it, and as for
God's love is so e - nor - mous, ____ mov - ing us to raise the cho - rus: Re - joice ye



death, we no long - er fear it.
all for He so a - dores us!



2. As we wor - ship, we sing prais - es to the Three in One.



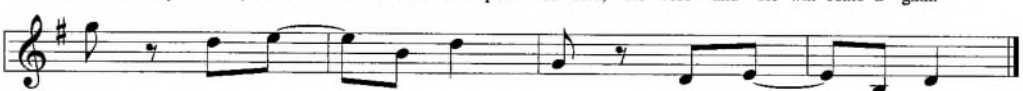
We give thanks to God a - bove for send - ing us His son.



We're so joy - ful, filled with joy be - cause He set us free. Be -



lieve in what you hear; He un - did the nails and spear. He died, He rose and He will come a - gain.



D.S. al Fine

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY POLKA

A. HOFNER

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, Anson Kauffman, Randy Krater, Michelle Moyer, Tayler Moyer and Janet Craley.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of the Heidelberg Brass Band.

SANCTUARY CANDLE is given in memory of loved by a friend.

Other Readings for this Sunday

Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

November 16, 2025

LECTIONARY 33

Honoring Creators of Justice

This week's gospel reading is a part of an apocalyptic speech Jesus gives in the temple. Jesus' talk of war can be alarming to our ears. We want to hear him speak about peace and love and mercy. However, there is much in this world that is scary and violent. Jesus would not be doing his pastoral due diligence if he did not talk about these things. Jesus reminds us that, yes, things are going to get bad. But he calls us to cling to our faith and respond to God's charge that we love and serve our neighbor. And by this, he assures us, we bring about the kingdom.

November 11 is honored as Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Canada. Originally it was called Armistice Day to commemorate the ending of World War I and the signing of a ceasefire. It signaled the end of the violence.

An "armistice" is an agreement to stop fighting, to bring about peace. But as Martin Luther King Jr. famously observed, "Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of justice." Jesus tells us that violence will happen, but our calling as baptized Christians is to live in the promise of his grace and to go out into the world to be creators of justice and peace.

This week, as we honor and remember those who have served and experienced the violence Jesus speaks of, we must heed Jesus' pastoral words of hope: "Do not be afraid." In the midst of chaos and fear, Jesus gives us his strength and the wisdom to follow him. Blessed are all who work toward armistice in service of peace and justice.

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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 NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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Week in the Parish (November 16 - 23)

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 21	1:00PM	Widow & Widowers Reading Museum
November 23	8:30AM	Worship
November 23	9:45AM	Sunday School
November 23	11-2:00PM	SLY Thanksgiving Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 24	7:00PM	Bell Choir
November 25	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
November 26	7:00PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Mellingers Lutheran Church
November 27	THANKSGIVING - OFFICE CLOSED	
November 28	OFFICE CLOSED	
November 30	8:30AM	"Blue Day" to Worship- Celebrate Advent
November 30	9:45AM	Sunday School
November 30	9:45AM	Hanging of the Greens
December 1	7:00PM	Bell Choir
December 2	6:00PM	Welcome Cmte Shopping @ Walmart
December 3	7:00PM	Choir
December 6	2:00PM	Bell Choir Reinholds Station Trinity Chapel Concert
December 7	8:30AM	Worship
December 7	9:45AM	Sunday School
December 7	3:00PM	Widow & Widowers AMT Christmas Show
December 8	7:00PM	Bell Choir



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

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

Breakfast Reception Follows Worship

Greeter Schedule November

16 Kauffman Klan
 23 Randy, Lori & Kristin Gockley
 30 Jan Risser

Greeter Schedule December

7 Barb Mizdail
 14 Sue Ellen Knauer
 21 Tom & Deb Henly
 28 Lee & Jodi Showalter

Coffee Schedule for November

16 Ray Weitzel
 23 Denise Kidwell
 30 Denise Kidwell

Coffee Schedule for December

7 John Frantz
 14 Ray Weitzel
 21 Deb Sweigert
 28 John Frantz

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Mon November 17 Psalm 141 Ezekiel 11:14-25 Ephesians 4:25—5:2
Tue November 18 Psalm 141 Ezekiel 39:21—40:4 1 Corinthians 10:23—11:1
Wed November 19 Psalm 141 Ezekiel 43:1-12 Matthew 23:37—24:14
Thurs November 20 Psalm 46 2 Chronicles 18:12-22 Hebrews 9:23-28
Fri November 21 Psalm 46 Zechariah 11:1-17 1 Peter 1:3-9
Sat November 22 Psalm 46 Jeremiah 22:18-30 Luke 18:15-17

UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

Sun November 23 Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

FLOWERS: December 28th is available to sponsor. 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.

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

Robert Hershey Jr.

Ephrata Manor

99 Bethany Rd. Rm 227B

Ephrata PA 17522

During November, the **Welcome Committee is collecting clothing items for homeless veterans**. Please place your donations of sweatshirts, sweatpants – all adult sizes—hats, socks, and gloves on the table in the library through November 30. Questions: Jenny Weitzel.



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.

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 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.).

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 _____



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 - We will be putting together hospitality baskets for our sick and shut-ins on December 7th during Sunday School. **The donated items from the list below are being collected and should be placed at either entrance to the church.** Thanks for helping to make the

holidays brighter for our sick and shut-ins. NOTE the following items are being requested with the sizes noted in order to fit into the baskets:

- *Individually wrapped packages of crackers or cookies*
- *Individually sized canned fruit or pudding packages*
- *Pocket tissue packs (please do not bring boxes of tissues)*
- *Individual hand sanitizers (the small size)*
- *Individual tubes of toothpaste and individually wrapped toothbrushes*



Please join us for our

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 23

**Luther Acres Towne Center
250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz, PA**

Holiday Bazaar | 8 AM - 2 PM

Handmade Crafts / Jewelry
Unique Items by Local Artisans
Knitted & Crocheted Items / Baked Goods
Christmas Gifts / Quilt Raffles

Pancake Breakfast | 8-10 AM

Fuel up before you shop!

2 Pancakes, 2 Sausage Links, Juice, Coffee & Tea
\$8.00 (cash only)



All proceeds benefit the Luthercare Caring Fund.
Event sponsored by the Luther Acres Residents' Council.
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