

PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
JUNE 29, 2025
8:30 AM



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church
Reinholds, Pennsylvania

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

Visitors 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

Today we celebrate two great figures of the early church, Peter and Paul, who represent the spread of the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles and, according to tradition, were martyred on this date. The witness of Peter and Paul inspires us as we seek ways to faithfully proclaim the gospel in our contemporary context.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES G. YOUNG

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 **LIFT HIGH THE CROSS** **ELW 660**

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

Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

Children leave for Children's Church

WORD

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

READING: **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**

Paul has faithfully persevered in the mission the Lord had given to him. Near life's end he rests in the promise of eternal life, confident that the Lord who has rescued him in the past will bring him into the heavenly kingdom.

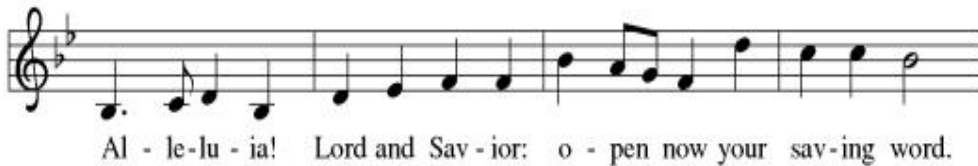
⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: **John 21:15-19**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus invites Simon Peter to declare his love for him three times, in a manner reminiscent of the three times that Peter earlier denied Christ. Jesus commissions him to feed his sheep and predicts that he will die as a martyr for God.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERTORY FAITH OF OUR FATHERS ARR. CINDY BERRY

OFFERING *In addition to the plate, online giving via cell phone is safe and secure. See QR code on the inside cover of this bulletin.*

Last Sunday of the month special offering. The plate will be passed a second time to collect funds to benefit Lutheran Disaster Response. As the offering is brought to the table, the congregation stands and sings.

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.**
**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,**
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

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.

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN FOR ALL YOUR SAINTS, O LORD ELW 427

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Scott will be away for continuing education and vacation from June 30 through July 12. Pastoral care emergencies will be covered by Pastor Jim Goodyear, Bergstrasse, Ephrata. Call the office (717-336-2849) or Council President Lori Gockley (717-203-8551) should a need for pastoral care arise.

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, Karen Laudenslager, Susan Levan, Larry Eberly, Anson Kauffman, Janet Bingaman, Dwayne Dimitris, Gladys Eckenroad, Bonnie Koehle-Koon, Ross Houck, Chris Zander, Kathleen Troutman, Sally Bergman, Keith Reimert, Pam Heisey, Cathy Stine, Connie Malafarina, Ted Heisey(Jenny Weitzel's brother), Regina Reinecker(Roslyn Bansner's sister-in-law) Karen Klingensmith, Debbie Leed, Sue Van Zant, Alex Merionfeld, Wilmer Messner, family of Jere Martin, family of Pauline Wassmer.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of her mother, Mrs. Ruth Mummah, by Mr. and Mrs. John Chmielewski.

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

ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Altar Flower and Sanctuary Candle ministry. The 2025 Flower Calendar is posted in the Narthex. The Sanctuary Candle cost will remain at \$5.00 and the cost of the Altar Flowers remains at \$40.00 (subject to change).

FLOWERS: August 10th & 24th 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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – If you give via the online option, let us know by email (secretary@swamplutheran.org) or by phone to the office so that you will no longer receive offering envelopes for 2025.

FOOD BANK – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. There is a need for canned chicken, tuna, vegetables and fruit. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wednesday each month. Please check for a current expiration date.

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.



Gently Used Sneakers Needed. SLY is collecting sneakers as a fundraiser. Used sneakers (pairs only; athletic shoes only) may be deposited in the bins located in the Narthex and the social hall lobby. SLY is **not** able to accept any non-athletic footwear including but not limited to dress shoes, heels, rain boots, sandals, slip-ons, water socks, wedges, and work boots of any kind. Questions may be addressed to Pastor Scott Brubaker at 717-336-2849 or email pastor@swamplutheran.org



US FLAGS When a US flag becomes worn, faded, torn or soiled, it should be retired and replaced with a new flag. For those of you interested in retiring your worn US flags, please bring them to the church. We will collect them in the church library and deliver them to the Reinholds VFW who will arrange for them to be retired in proper fashion. Thank you for your consideration.

Worship Study follow up survey. With months having passed since we transitioned to our current worship schedule and format, we want to take time to solicit the input of our members. We want to make sure that our services allow us to grow together in our faith and reflect the congregation's thoughts. In an effort to gain further insight, we are asking you to take a few minutes to complete a short survey. Hard copies of the survey are available for those that want to complete the form in writing. For those that wish to submit responses electronically, please use the link below to access a Google Form. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and will guide us as we assess our worship experience.

<https://forms.gle/1QqdshhALVtcyrcq7>

Please complete the survey by the end of June. All responses will remain confidential. Your thoughts are welcomed and appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Worship Study Committee Chair Cody Leisey or Pastor Brubaker. We look forward to hearing from you!

Greeter Schedule June
29 Lowell & Sandy Haws

Greeter Schedule July
6 Ken & Sam Reimert
13 Brian & Katie Koehle
20 Sue Ellen Knauer
27 Denise Kidwell

Week in the Parish (July 1 - 7)

July 1	7:00PM	Welcome Cmte
July 4	Independence Day	OFFICE CLOSED
July 6	8:30AM	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8	12-7:00pm	Wreaths Across America exhibit @ Weaver's Market
July 9	10-5:00pm	Wreaths Across America exhibit @ Weaver's Market
July 9	1-4:00PM	EASS Food Distribution
July 13	8:30AM	Worship
July 13-17	6:30-8:30PM	VBS Reinholds Carnival Grounds
July 20	8:30AM	Worship
July 22	11:00AM	Widow & Widowers Lunch at Fox Creamery
July 22	7:00PM	Cocalico Builders of Hope



Join us at Wonder Junction VBS at Reinholds Carnival Grounds July 13 to 17, 6:30 to 8:30pm! We are looking for **volunteers** to help make this year's VBS a success; there are different ways to volunteer and get involved. These 5 days are fun-packed, you don't want to miss it. Parents register your children via this link: <https://www.myvbs.org/RC/register/>

- **Volunteers** are needed to serve as Crew Leaders to help move grade levels between activities. Prayer Teams are also needed.
- **Donations** of water, hamburger, and hot dog rolls are needed.
- **Meals** - volunteers and families are invited to share in the community meal each night. Families will have the option to sign-up separately. Please contact Abbey Rineer (717-278-6575) with questions or to volunteer.

Service Committee will be collecting articles for **Lutheran World Relief school kits** during July & August. Most needed items are crayons and pens. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

School Kits:

- 4 - 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8"X10 1/2"
- 1 - 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side & inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, secure with rubber band
- 5 black or blue pens, secure with rubber band
- 1 box 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 - 2 1/2" eraser

YOU DO NOT NEED TO INCLUDE THE DRAWSTRING BACKPACK.

Widow & Widowers: Fox Meadow Creamery Tue July 22, 11:00am. Join us for lunch and ice cream. Please RSVP at bmiz13@hotmail.com or call Terri at the Church office 717-366-2849.

Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, Buddy Holly Story Friday August 15, 6:00pm dinner, 7:30pm show. Cost is \$80.00. Please RSVP at bmiz13@hotmail.com or call Terri at the Church office 717-366-2849.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

<i>Monday</i> June 30	Psalm 140 Genesis 24:34-41, 50-67 1 John 2:7-11
<i>Tuesday</i> July 1	Psalm 140 Jeremiah 3:15-18 Ephesians 5:6-20
<i>Wednesday</i> July 2	Psalm 140 Jeremiah 23:16-22 Matthew 10:16-25
<i>Thursday</i> July 3	Psalm 66:1-9 2 Kings 21:1-15 Romans 7:14-25
<i>Friday</i> July 4	Psalm 66:1-9 Jeremiah 51:47-58 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
<i>Saturday</i> July 5	Psalm 66:1-9 Zechariah 14:10-21 Luke 9:1-6

UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

<i>Sunday</i> July 6	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9 Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
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ACTS OF LOVE Lunch Program: Local churches work together to make meals and serve lunch to local families within the Cocalico School District. Lunches are prepared and served each Wednesday during the summer months. We are looking for people who are willing to support this program. Please consider helping with the ACTS OF LOVE lunch program. There are two ways in which to help.

1 - Volunteers are needed to help prepare, deliver and serve the lunches at various parks throughout the Cocalico Community. (Lunch is served at the Reamstown Park, Denver Park, Adamstown Grove, and Reinholds Park on Main Street)

2- Donate snacks for a snack box that will be provided the day of the meal. We are looking to have individually wrapped snacks that children and adults are able to take along with them when they pick up their meals. Items could include: Single servings of apple sauce, crackers, pretzels, animal crackers, juice boxes, etc. Please contact Denise Kidwell (717-725-8795 or denisekidwell321@yahoo.com) with any questions. Thanks for your consideration!



Brought to you by area churches
and community organizations!

2025 Acts of Love Summer Lunch Program

Wednesdays, July 2,
9, 16, 23, 30, August
6, 13

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Meals will be available at the 4 parks listed below. Meals will vary each week depending on the group providing the food. If you have any questions, please reach out to Real Life Community Services at 717-336-7797 option 1.

Adamstown Grove
Denver Park
Reamstown Park
Reinholds Park

339 W. Main St., Reinholds, PA 17569
801 W. Main St., Denver PA 17517
E. Church St., Stevens, PA 17578
5 E. Main St., Reinholds, PA 17569



*Come and get a Wednesday Welcome
and a delicious meal this summer!*

If you are in need of additional food help this summer, please reach out to Real Life Community Services in Denver at 717-336-7797 or Ephrata Area Social Services in Ephrata at 717-733-0345.

Feeding our Children in The Cocalico Community !!

JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE



TUESDAY,
JULY 8, 2025
12 P.M. - 7 P.M.

WEDNESDAY,
JULY 9, 2025
10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

WEAVER'S MARKET
2610 N READING RD
DENVER, PA



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

The Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit is a rolling exhibition that brings the local community, veterans, active-duty military and their families together through interactive exhibits, short films, and shared stories. The exhibit serves as a mobile museum, educating visitors about the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes as well as to serve as an official 'welcome home' station for our nation's Vietnam Veterans. All veterans, active-duty military, their families, and the local community members are invited and encouraged to visit, take a tour and speak with WAA representatives and volunteers. They can also share more about the national nonprofit, and the work its volunteers do to support our heroes and their communities year-round.

WWW.WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG



Community Picnic

Saturday July 5, 2025 3:30-8:00 p.m.



Honoring our Veterans and Active Military



Join Us - All are Welcome!



Brickerville United Lutheran Church
340 East 28th Division Highway
Lititz (Brickerville), PA 17543
www.brickervillelutheran.org

In the shaded Picnic Grove along Rt. 322 across from the church

Entertainment featuring the Ringgold Band 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Food Available for Purchase

Homemade Chicken Corn Soup
Hot Dogs and Hamburgers
Hamburger BBQ
Dinner Salads
Fresh Fruit Cup
Homemade Pies and Cakes
Brownie Sundaes
Utter Choice Ice Cream

Bring a chair or blanket to sit in the grove. Donations accepted.

Other Readings for this Sunday

Acts 12:1-11

King Herod had James killed and had Peter put in prison, under heavy guard. In what Peter first believes is only a vision, an angel leads him past unseeing guards, out of the prison, and to freedom.

¹ About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹ Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

GOSPEL MESSAGE

June 29, 2025

PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Deep Love of Discipleship

Being a disciple of Christ can be overwhelming when we are navigating the terrain of our changing world. With examples like Peter and Paul, both martyred for the sake of the gospel, what is the role of a disciple in the current context of Western Christianity? This question might be challenging to answer, especially as we face the harm the church has caused many of our siblings.

In today's gospel reading, Jesus' interaction with Peter is worth considering on our journeys as followers and students of Christ. When the resurrected Jesus meets the disciples by the sea on their fishing excursion (John 21:1-4), Peter has already done what he said he would never do: three times he has denied being Jesus' disciple (John 18:17, 25-27). In this moment of redemption, Jesus pours abundant grace on Peter as he steps into discipleship on this side of the resurrection. Jesus wants Peter to know that to love him will mean to embody that love in a volatile world that does not fully understand it.

Being a Christian in North America today will not likely lead to persecution or death. However, what does it mean to embody the love of Jesus in a world full of violence? Even as we seek abundant grace and forgiveness, we learn that to love Jesus is to be tenderly attuned to the effects of violence on the most vulnerable people among us.

Perhaps the role of the disciple is to sit close to Jesus in the warmth of a coal fire, pondering the questions of deep love and compassion and, in response, to stand in solidarity with those seeking that same deep love.

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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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