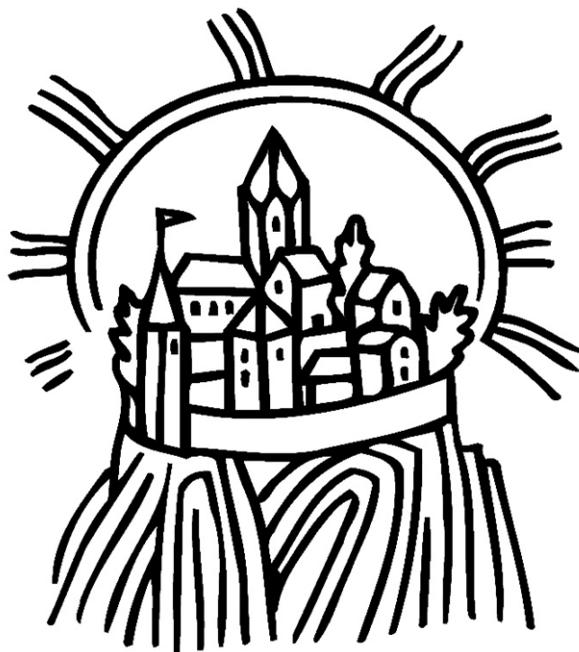


*FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*  
*FEBRUARY 8, 2026*  
*8:30 AM*



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Reinholds, Pennsylvania

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Guests** are welcome and invited to make themselves at home. If you're interested in learning more about Swamp Lutheran, have questions, or are looking for a church home, speak with Pastor Scott or church members. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the offering plate or sign guest register in narthex.

**Restrooms** are located off the narthex (lobby) by the coat rack.

The worship service is printed in this bulletin. **Hymns** are found in the red hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship. **Children's** active presence is welcomed in our worship. There are special kids bulletins available in the narthex and at the side entrance.

**Offering plates** are passed. Additionally, there is an offering drop box in the narthex. Online giving via cell phone is easy and secure. Just use this QR code from your phone's camera app.



**Our worship** is rooted in the ancient pattern of the church—gathering, word, meal, sending. The shape of this liturgy and much of the actual words/prayers come directly from scripture. Though we make seasonal shifts, the constancy of our worship reflects God's constant love and promises through forgiveness, scripture, and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following this liturgical pattern, as well as the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of scripture readings, connects us through our worship with Christians around the world and throughout time.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**. We believe "Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink." (Small Catechism, Martin Luther) Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

**Website** – Be sure and check our website [www.swamplutheran.org](http://www.swamplutheran.org) regularly for updates and schedules of ongoing activities of the church. Full prayer list is in the newsletter each month.

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## GATHERING

### *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**

GOD WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

VICTOR C. JOHNSON

*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**

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

ELW 677

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

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

ARR. G.D.ELDERKIN

*Sit*

*Children leave for Children's Church*

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## WORD

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

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### **Psalm 112:1-9 [10]**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD  
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast  
forever;

they will hold up their | head with honor.

[ <sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth  
and | pine away;**

**the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.**

READING: **1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]**

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us

by God. [13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

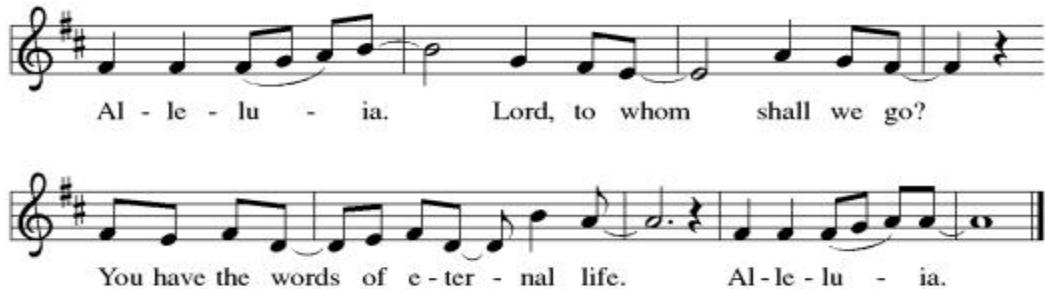
But we have the mind of Christ.]

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 5:13-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

[Jesus said:] 13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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** CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES 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.*

*As the offering is brought to the table, the congregation stands and sings.*

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath - ered to - day.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,  
**no eye has seen, no ear has heard**  
**what you have prepared for those who love you,**  
**yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.**  
**Use what we have gathered**  
**to feed us with the reign of God come near,**  
**Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

**Thanks be to God.**

## LAMB OF GOD *REMAIN STANDING*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## 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.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**      LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE      ELW 712

*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.**

Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

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## SENDING

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

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## BLESSING

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD      ELW 669

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      THY STRONG WORD      JERRY VAN DER POL

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER** - Hunter Leisey, John Frantz, Ed Miller, John Wesner, Jeff Kappenstein, Nettie Kreiner, Clair Sweigart, Faith Moyer, Michael A. Crowther, Reba Ranck, Grace Ranck, Ray Fox, Gene Miller, Jean Wolf, Bobby Hershey, Marilyn Gelsing, Edith Snyder, Teresa Sweigart, Mel and Troy Ulrich, Earl Myers, Elizabeth Sherman, Judy Habecker, Anna Rose Schannauer, Jerry Landis, Mary Beth Jenkins, Evelyn Gehman, Joan Leed, Ron Adams, Kevin Williams, Susan Levan, Larry Eberly, Janet Bingaman, Gladys Eckenroad, Bonnie Koehle-Koon, 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, Cody Leisey, Michelle Moyer, Janet Craley, Scott Zook, Clarice Haws, Lisa Evans (Co-worker of Katie Krater), and Dianna Becker (Gockley's neighbor), Laurie Sauder, Sue Templin, Clyde Showalter, Ashley Milosek (friend of Cody and Aubrey Leisey) Dave Brown, Pat Miller, Brian Gress, Janelle Zimmerman (Chris Zander's neighbor), Lucille Lorah, Casey Coble, Leah Showalter (Louetta Franck's great niece) the family of Dwayne Dimitris, the family of Mike Ulrich, the family of Clarence Long and the family of Lowell Haws.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by, John and Carol Chmielewski.

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

**2026 Cluster Lenten Services**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 12:12**

Date	Location	Preacher
Wed. Feb. 25, 7 pm	Faith United, Denver	Pastor Marissa Becklin
Wed. Mar. 4, 7 pm	Bergstrasse, Ephrata	Pastor Jim Goodyear
Wed. Mar. 11, 7 pm	St. Paul's, Adamstown	Pastor Sandy Gideon
Wed. Mar 18, NOON	Muddy Creek, Denver	Pastor Stacy Chavis
Wed. Mar. 25, 7 pm	Mellingers, Schoeneck	Pastor Tim Craven
Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:30 pm	Swamp, Reinholds	Pastor Scott Brubaker
Good Friday, April 3, 8 pm	Swamp, Reinholds	Pastor Scott Brubaker
Ascension Thurs, May 14, 7 pm	Swamp, Reinholds	Pastor Scott Brubaker

## Other Readings for this Sunday

### Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

<sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments;  
they want God on their side.

<sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

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<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**February 8, 2026**

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**The Lamp Is Already Lit**

“This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine” (ELW 677). There’s nothing quite like the joyous call and response of a whole congregation singing together the words of this beloved African American spiritual. The text and tune make it very hard to keep any lamps under a bushel basket!

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls us to “let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). Many congregations use these words during the rite of Holy Baptism. But “Let *your* light shine” doesn’t imply that the light belongs only to us or to the church. The first chapter of Genesis clarifies this. At the beginning of creation, God speaks light into existence, making light God’s first gift to the whole world. In that light, God creates everything, including humankind, which is made in the divine image, according to God’s likeness.

Living in harmony with God’s word, letting our light shine with “good works” that glorify God, is not about striving for perfection. Because God’s light has existed from the beginning, it is not something we earn or achieve for ourselves. We don’t provide the spark that lights the lamp—it is already lit by God. Our job is to let the light shine. To be light for the world, then, is to be none other than who we have been from the beginning. Therein lies not only the fulfillment of God’s word, but also our own fulfillment as God’s children and light-bearers in the world.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM

**You are**

**Here!**

**Welcome**

At Swamp Lutheran Church, *Grace is Spoken Here!* We welcome with full participation and inclusion all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, imprisonment, physical or mental health, socio-economic circumstances or anything that too often divides us. Together as one in the Spirit, our unity is in Jesus Christ.

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### **Week in the Parish (February 8 - 15)**

February 9	7:00PM	Bell Choir
February 10	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
February 11	1-4:00PM	EASS FOOD DISTRIBUTION
February 11	7:00PM	Choir
February 12	6:30PM	Learning Cmte
February 14		VALENTINES DAY
February 15	8:30AM	Worship
February 15	9:45AM	Sunday School

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 16		PRESIDENTS DAY
February 16		OFFICE CLOSED
February 17	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
February 17	7:00PM	Church Council Mtg
February 18		ASH WEDNESDAY
February 18	5-6:00PM	Ash Wednesday Supper
February 18	7:00PM	Ash Wednesday Services
February 22	8:30AM	Worship
February 22	9:45AM	Sunday School
February 23	7:00PM	Bell Choir
February 24	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
February 24	7:00PM	Cocalico Builders of Hope
February 25	6:15PM	Choir
February 25	7:00PM	Lenten Worship at Faith United Denver
February 28	12:00PM	Widow & Widowers lunch Olde Lincoln House Ephrata
March 1	8:30AM	Worship
March 1	9:45AM	Sunday School
March 1	9:45AM -12:15PM	Swamp Game Day
March 3	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
March 3	7:00PM	Welcome Cmte

**Greeter Schedule for February**

08 Steve & Karen Laudenslager  
 15 John & Sharon Levan  
 22 Denise Kidwell

**Greeter Schedule for March**

01 Glenn & Linda Beard  
 08 Laura Vedder  
 15 Pat Wenzel & Bill Knauer  
 22 Bob & Linda Preston  
 29 Gene & Heather Ferrari

**Sound Schedule for February**

08 Steve Laudenslager  
 15 Steve Laudenslager  
 18 Steve Laudenslager  
 22 Steve Laudenslager

**Sound Schedule for March**

01 Steve Laudenslager  
 08 Steve Laudenslager  
 15 Steve Laudenslager  
 22 Steve Laudenslager  
 29 Steve Laudenslager

**Coffee Schedule for February**

08 Pam Leisey  
 15 Deb Sweigert  
 22 John Frantz

**Coffee Schedule for March**

01 Randy Gockley  
 08 Pam Leisey  
 15 Deb Sweigert  
 22 Ray Weitzel  
 29 Randy Gockley

**Video Schedule for February**

08 John Frantz  
 15 Josh Garrison  
 18 John Frantz  
 22 Alan Worley

**Video Schedule for March**

01 John Frantz  
 08 Josh Garrison  
 15 Alan Worley  
 22 John Frantz  
 29 Josh Garrison

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

*Mon February 9* Psalm 104 Deuteronomy 32:1-14 Hebrews 10:32-39  
*Tue February 10* Psalm 104 1 Kings 17:1-16 1 Corinthians 4:6-21  
*Wed February 11* Psalm 104 Isaiah 66:7-13 Luke 12:22-31  
*Thur February 12* Psalm 2 Exodus 6:2-9 Hebrews 8:1-7  
*Fri February 13* Psalm 2 Exodus 19:9b-25 Hebrews 11:23-28  
*Sat February 14* Psalm 2 1 Kings 21:20-29 Mark 9:9-133

**UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS**

*Sun February 15* Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21  
 Matthew 17:1-9

**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.

**Grumbine's Flowers** will now continue delivery of fresh alter flower arrangements through June 2026. Please sign up for flower sponsorships via Sue, John, or the flower calendar.

**FOOD BANK** – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. There is a need for canned chicken, tuna, spam, soup (not tomato), 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.



**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.



## IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

**What:** The *Souper Bowl of Caring* is a national movement across the nation working together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

**When:** Until TODAY, Super Bowl Sunday.

**Where:** Bring canned soup and other nonperishable food items and place them beneath the goal post in the Narthex.

**Who:** Benefits Swamp Food Pantry

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

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

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

**Bell Choir:** Ringers needed for this music ministry.

**Learning Committee:** We could use new committee members interested in fostering the faith of our disciples, both young and old.

**SLY:** We need additional leaders on our team to guide this ministry.

**Sunday School teachers:** Helpers and teachers needed.

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

**Generosity Committee:** We need additional disciples to help promote generosity to God's work at Swamp.

**Property Committee:** We need help attending to the property needs of Swamp. Consider adopting a flower bed to maintain or giving of a skill (electrician, plumbing, carpentry, painting, etc.).

**Attention Thrivent Financial Members.** The Thrivent "Action Teams" program is an opportunity for Thrivent members to lead projects that provide service and outreach to the community. Thrivent Financial will provide funds of \$250 for each project to get started and pay for associated expenses. You may request two grants per year. Swamp Lutheran has many needs, like the monthly food pantry, events, etc. that qualify under this program. If you wish to direct your grant request to help with Swamp Lutheran's activities, please reach out to Lori Gockley who will assist you with the process. Email: [lgockley2@gmail.com](mailto:lgockley2@gmail.com) or call 717-203-8551



Ash Wednesday Service February 18 at 7:00pm.

Joint service with Mellingers Lutheran including imposition of ashes.

Pastor Tim Craven preaching; Pastor Scott Brubaker presiding.  
Supper by the Kitchen Krew 5:00-6:00pm.