EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 12, 2025 8:30AM



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 <u>www.swamplutheran.org</u> 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

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING ARR. TERRY OSMAN 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 \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD ELW 840

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

Anthem Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Valerie Stephenson

Children leave for Children's Church

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

Psalm 111

- ¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with [|] my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the [|] congregation.
- ² Great are your | works, O LORD, pondered by all who de- | light in them.
- ³ Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- | dures forever.
- ⁴ You cause your wonders to | be remembered; you are gracious and full | of compassion.
- ⁵ You give food to ¹ those who fear you, remembering forev- ¹ er your covenant.
- ⁶ You have shown your people the power [|] of your works in giving them the lands [|] of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of your hands are faithful- I ness and justice; all of your pre- I cepts are sure.
- ⁸They stand fast forev- | er and ever, because they are done in | truth and equity.
- ⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- I nant forever:

holy and awesome I is your name.

The fear of the LORD is the begin- ining of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERTORY

OH SING TO THE LORD

J. WAYNE KERR

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.

OFFERING WE ARE AN OFFERING

WE LIFT OUR VOICES, WE LIFT OUR HANDS, WE LIFT OUR LIVES UP TO YOU, WE ARE AN OFFERING. LORD, USE OUR VOICES, LORD USE OUR HANDS, LORD, USE OUR LIVES, THEY ARE YOURS, WE ARE AN OFFERING.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our 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

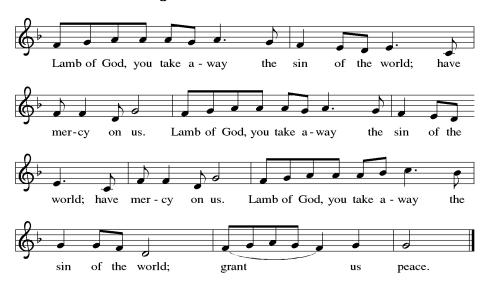
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD remain standing



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.

COMMUNION HYMN

COME AND DINE (CHANCEL CHOIR)

DIANE HANNIBAL

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.

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions

with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,

→ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY ELW 858

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART J. WAYNE KERR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, the family of Karen Krater and the family of Pastor Conrad Youse.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of Dianne Showalter Emes by her family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE is given in memory of loved ones by the congregation.

FLOWERS: November 9th 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.



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 by at church where the shawls/blankets are being collected. We need

in the library at church where the shawls/blankets are being collected. We need more boy colors than girl colors.

The Widow and Widowers Group will meet for lunch on Monday, October 27 at 11:30 at the Udder Choice Restaurant. The speaker, Sue Fisher, will talk about The Cloister in Ephrata, where she is a docent. She was also actor Johnathan Groff's Conestoga Valley Middle School drama teacher, and will share some tidbits of her connection with him.



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.

ACTION FUND – Donations are sought for Swamp Action Fund to help the needy in our community. Write "Action Fund" in the comment line of your check payable to Swamp Lutheran Church.



Swamp Needs Your Help!

Tell Pastor Scott if you can help or want to learn more

Most pressing needs include:

Learning Committee: Connie Malafarina and Connie Taylor are stepping back and only pitching in when needed in a pinch. So, we could use new committee members interested in fostering the faith of our disciples, both young and old.

SLY: Connie Malafarina and Ryan Ranck have stepped back from their leadership roles with the youth group. We need additional leaders to guide this ministry.

Worship Committee: We can always use fresh perspectives on worship. New members on the Worship Committee are always welcome.

Sunday School teachers: We need another teacher for the prekindergarten to 3rd grade class and our high school class.

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.).

Choir: We need singers for Swamp's Chancel Choir to lead our singing in worship.

Bell Choir: Ringers needed for this music ministry.

Greeter Schedule October

12 John & Sharon Levan

19 Deb Kohl

26 Denise Kidwell

Greeter Schedule November

2 Larry & Sally Hagy

9 Glenn & Linda Beard

16 Kauffman Klan

23 Randy, Lori & Kristin Gockley

30 Jan Risser

Coffee Schedule for October Coffee Schedule November

| 12 Randy Gockley | 02 Deb Sweigert |
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| 19 Randy Gockley | 09 Deb Sweigert |
| 26 Randy Gockley | 16 Ray Weitzel |
| | 23 Denise Kidwell |
| | 30 Denise Kidwell |

Week in the Parish (October 12 - 19)

| October 14 | 6:00PM | Zoom Bible Study |
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| October 15 | 7:00PM | Church Council |
| October 16 | Pre Order Pig S | tomach deadline |
| October 19 | 8:30AM | Worship |
| October 19 | 9:45AM | Sunday School |
| October 19 | 11:00AM | CROP Walk |

UPCOMING EVENTS

| October 20 | 7:00PM | Bell Choir |
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| October 21 | 6:00PM | Zoom Bible Study |
| October 22 | 7:00PM | Choir |
| October 25 | 1-3:00PM | Pig Stomach Takeout |
| October 26 | 8:30AM | Worship |
| October 26 | 9:45AM | Sunday School |
| October 27 | 11:30AM \ | Widow & Widowers Lunch at Udder Choice |
| October 27 | 7:00PM | Bell Choir |

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

| Mon October 13 | Psalm 61 2 Kings 5:15-19a Acts 26:24-29 |
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| Tues October 14 | Psalm 61 2 Kings 5:19b-27 Ephesians 6:10-20 |
| Wed October 15 | Psalm 61 2 Kings 15:1-7 Matthew 10:5-15 |
| Thurs October 16 | Psalm 121 Isaiah 54:11-17 Acts 17:22-34 |
| Fri October 17 | Psalm 121 Genesis 31:43—32:2 2 Timothy 2:14-26 |
| Sat October 18 | Psalm 121 Genesis 32:3-21 Mark 10:46-52 |

UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

| Sun October 19 | Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Luke |
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| 18:1-8 | |

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. Pricing will not be known until sometime later in October. 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 | |



Sunday, October 19 @ 11 AM

Leave from and return to Swamp Lutheran Church 5k route

To participate, tell Jodi Showalter 717-413-7149

If we work together, we can end world hunger. That's why Swamp is participating in the CROP Hunger Walk to support Church World Services hunger ministry and help families who are struggling with hunger. Please join us with your steps and your donations. Together, we will provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them and create greater food security in communities around the world. We will donate 50% of our raised donations to our local Swamp Food Pantry.



OCTOBER 25, 2025 1PM - 3PM

Swamp Lutheran Church 275 Swamp Church Rd, Reinholds, PA 17569

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

Whole Cooked Stomach: \$38

Pre-orders must be placed by October 16th.

Please call the church office at 717-336-2849 to place your preorder

All proceeds will go to benefit Swamp Lutheran's Food Bank and the new air conditioning system for the church.

Other Readings for this Sunday

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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GOSPEL MESSAGE October 12, 2025 LECTIONARY 28 On Common Ground

Ten people are healed by Jesus, but only one returns to thank him. That is the central tension of today's gospel story. But there is also a twist, one we may have missed if we were not listening closely: the one who thanked Jesus was a Samaritan.

The faithful of Jesus' time would have known all about the hostility between Judeans and Samaritans. The conflict between the two groups stretched back generations and generations. It was animosity so entrenched that people probably did not remember the specifics of the fight. They just knew they hated the other side. A Judean would never associate with a Samaritan, much less heal one of them.

But as we see in this story and others throughout the gospels, Jesus did not seem to care about the labels the world assigned to people: scribe or Pharisee, sinner or tax collector. Jesus also did not stop to consider whether the person was from Judea or Samaria. He looked into the eyes of all who came to him and saw directly to their humanity. He brought healing and wholeness to everyone.

Just as Jesus told the Samaritan, he could tell us, too, that our faith makes us well. God gives us faith that overcomes the destructive words of the world, allowing us to transcend barriers and labels and to recognize the humanity in each individual. God is also calling us as a whole community to go and seek out the Samaritans of our own time and place—anyone whom the rest of the world rejects and reviles—and show them the same compassion and mercy we have received.

God's love makes us whole. Words can hurt, but thanks to Jesus, words can heal too. More often than not, we will find common ground through God's power to heal, even among the Samaritans.

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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, socioeconomic circumstances or anything that too often divides us. Together as one in the Spirit, our unity is in Jesus Christ.

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