

*TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD*  
*FEBRUARY 15, 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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Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

FRED WERT

*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**

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

ELW 853

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

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sit*

**ANTHEM**

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

ARR. ROBERT HOBBY

ANYA GILBERT, FLUTE

*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 2**

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations | in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together,  
against the LORD and against the | LORD's anointed?**

<sup>3</sup> "Let us break their | yoke," they say;  
"let us cast off their | bonds from us."

**4 God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;  
the LORD holds them | in derision.**

**5 Then in wrath God | speaks to them,  
and in rage fills | them with terror.**

**6 “As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king  
upon Zion, my | holy mountain.”**

**7 Let me announce the decree | of the LORD,  
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.**

**8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for | your possession.**

**9 You shall crush them with an | iron rod  
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”**

**10 And now, you | kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**

**11 Submit to the | LORD with fear,  
and with trembling | bow in worship;**

**12 lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God!**

READING: **2 Peter 1:16-21**

*At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

<sup>16</sup> We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 17:1-9**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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.

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## MEAL

### God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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**OFFERTORY**    LOOK YE SAINTS, THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS                    C.W. SMITH

**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.

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## 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

HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

ELW 315

*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

ALLELUIA, SONG OF GLADNESS

ELW 318

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

RALPH ADAMS

**TODAY WE WELCOME** Anya Gilbert. Anya is from Ephrata Pennsylvania, and is currently a freshman at Elizabethtown College, where she is majoring in occupational therapy with a minor in psychology. She has been playing the flute for ten years and takes private lessons while performing with the Elizabethtown College band and flute choir.

**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) Michael Miller, 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 in memory of three special ladies, Ruth Guise, Ginny Guise and Mary Guise Heisey by Jenny Weitzel.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** is given in memory of the birthday of Kathryn Hileman and Michael Wargo by Connie Taylor.

**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



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.

## Other Readings for this Sunday

### Exodus 24:12-18

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**February 15, 2026**

### **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

#### **What Goes Up**

The law of gravity dictates that whatever goes up must come down. Even with its dazzling mountaintop revelation, the transfiguration story quickly reminds us that if Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, then not even God's beloved can escape death's inevitable pull. Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up the mountain, but very soon they will be on their way down again. Suddenly, Jesus is gloriously transformed before the three disciples; then, just as suddenly, Jesus speaks of his impending death.

The transfiguration is a story of both fulfillment and foretaste. The appearance of Moses and Elijah reminds us of Jesus' promise to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, during his sermon on another mountain (Matthew 5:17). The startling turn toward talk of his suffering and death gives us a foretaste of the "mountain" at Golgotha he has yet to climb.

For the church, coming down the Mount of Transfiguration leads directly into the season of Lent and a journey that draws out more fully for us the implications of baptism. For Jesus, his baptism by John at the Jordan was just the start of a journey to be fulfilled in all the ups and downs to come. This is how transformation tends to happen—not when we insist on playing it safe, but when

we dare to enter more fully into life as it is. So, too, our baptism can be fulfilled only in the light of our mortality. God's voice on the mountaintop calls us not simply to behold God's beloved Son but also to follow where Jesus leads.

All this, however, is not meant to bring us down. Jesus' transfiguration offers a glimpse of an even bigger picture that includes both gravity and grace. It foreshadows what is to come: death—and resurrection. This promise of new life is a bright cloud that leads the church now, as it did the ancient Israelites, through the wilderness ahead.

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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** *FEBRUARY 15, 2026*

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### **Week in the Parish (February 16 - 22 )**

February 16            PRESIDENTS DAY  
February 16            OFFICE CLOSED  
February 17            6:00PM      Zoom Bible Study  
February 17            7:00PM      Church Council  
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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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 Practice  
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 -12:15PM    Swamp Game Day  
March 3                6:00PM      Zoom Bible Study  
March 3                7:00PM      Welcome Cmte  
March 4                6:15PM      Choir  
March 4                7:00PM      Lenten Worship at Bergstrasse Ephrata  
March 8                DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME SPRING AHEAD  
March 8                8:30AM      Worship  
March 8                9:45AM      Intergenerational Sunday School  
March 9                7:00PM      Bell Choir  
March 10               6:00PM      Zoom Bible Study  
March 11               1-4:00PM    EASS Food Distribution  
March 11               6:15PM      Choir  
March 11               7:00PM      Lenten Worship at St. Paul's Adamstown

**Greeter Schedule for February**

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**

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**

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**

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 16* Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55 Exodus 33:7-23 Acts 7:30-34  
*Tue February 17* Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55 1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 11:1-6  
*Ash Wednesday February 18* Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2  
Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21  
*Thur February 19* Psalm 51 Jonah 3:1-10 Romans 1:1-7  
*Fri February 20* Psalm 51 Jonah 4:1-11 Romans 1:8-17  
*Sat February 21* Psalm 51 Isaiah 58:1-12 Matthew 18:1-7

**UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS**

*Sun February 22 First Sunday in Lent* Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

**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 altar 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 cereal, canned chicken, tuna, spam, soup, toilet paper and paper towels. Please check for a current expiration date. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wed each month.

**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.

### **2026 Pick Six Lenten Offering**

For the six weeks of Lent, we are encouraging you to give a special, weekly offering *in addition* to your regular giving. The benevolence giving options listed below are opportunities to give to ministries operating in or through our church.

Envelopes with these options listed on them are available on the table in the narthex or rear lobby. Please grab a pack of six envelopes (one for each week of Lent). Call the office if you need them mailed to you. Online Giving is an option too via our website. Giving to multiple options each week is encouraged.

**ELCA Youth Gathering**

**Ephrata Area Social Services**

**Swamp Lutheran TLC**

**Swamp Food Pantry**

**Non-designated Gift**

**ELCA Hunger Appeal**

**Community Meal**

**Jan's Circle of Friends**

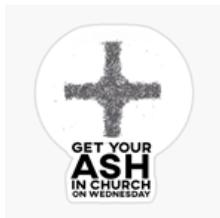
**Luth. Disaster Response**

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**2026 Cluster Lenten Services**  
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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

**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.