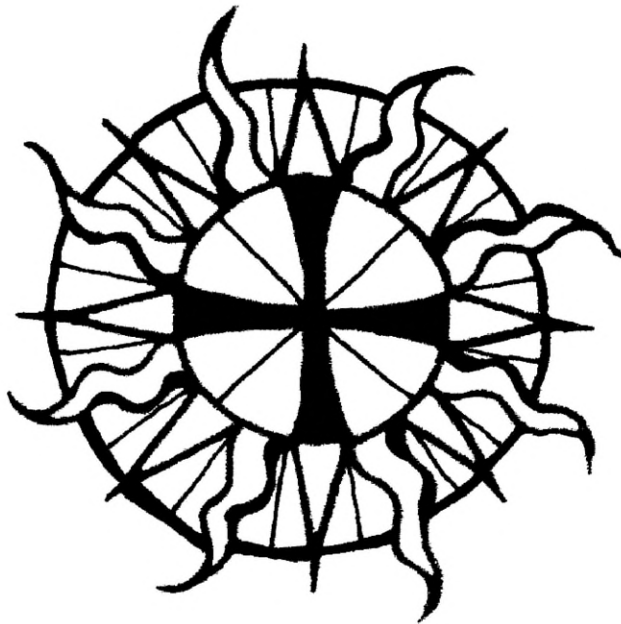


*TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 9, 2025  
8:30 AM*



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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We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** IN THEE IS GLADNESS     ARR. KAREN LAKEY BUCKWALTER

*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** I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES ELW 619 (vs. 1,5,6,7,8)

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

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your  
prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,  
I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav-en to earth  
to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Sit*

**ANTHEM** COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

ARR. JASON KRUG

*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 17:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.

<sup>2</sup> **Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;  
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit | me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.

<sup>4</sup> **I have not regarded what | others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent.**

<sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;  
and my feet | do not slip.

**<sup>6</sup> I call upon you, O God, for you will <sup>1</sup> answer me;  
incline your ear to me and <sup>1</sup> hear my words.**

**<sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous <sup>1</sup> lovingkindness,**

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who <sup>1</sup> rise against them.

**<sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple <sup>1</sup> of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow <sup>1</sup> of your wings,**

**<sup>9</sup> from the wicked <sup>1</sup> who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies <sup>1</sup> who surround me.**

**READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

*This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.*

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

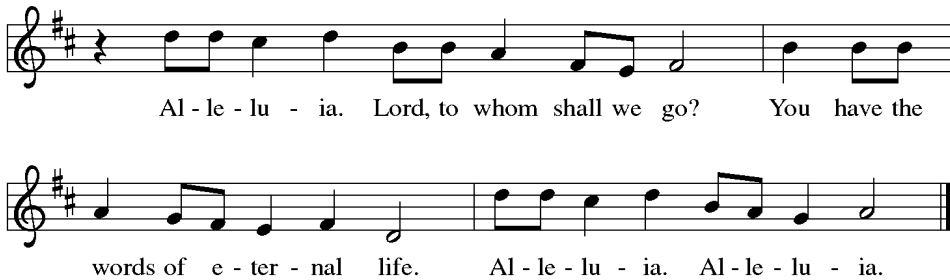
<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## HOLY GOSPEL: **Luke 20:27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.*

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

SERMON

*CHILDREN RETURN FROM CHILDREN'S CHURCH*

**Johnny Appleseed song**

Oh, the Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me the things I need  
The sun and the rain and the apple seed!  
The Lord is good to me.  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen  
HUH!

**"Jesus in the Morning" w/ motions**

Jesus, Jesus, (point to each palm, repeat for second Jesus)  
Jesus in the morning, (circle arms above head)  
Jesus in the noontime; (circle arms in front)  
Jesus, Jesus, (point to each palm, repeat)  
Jesus when the sun goes down! (circle arms above head and circle them low)  
Praise him, praise him, (hands up and shake them)  
praise him in the morning, (circle arms above head)  
praise him in the noontime; (circle arms in front)  
praise him, praise him, (hands up and shake them)  
Jesus when the sun goes down! (circle arms above head and circle them low)  
Serve him, serve him (palms up and push forward, repeat)  
serve him in the morning, (circle arms above head)  
serve him in the noontime; (circle arms in front)  
serve him, serve him, (palms up and push forward, repeat)  
serve him when the sun goes down!  
Jesus, Jesus, (point to each palm, repeat for second Jesus)  
Jesus in the morning, (circle arms above head)  
Jesus in the noontime; (circle arms in front)  
Jesus, Jesus (point to each palm, repeat for second Jesus)  
Jesus when the sun goes down! (circle arms above head and circle them low)

A LITANY FOR VETERANS



On this day, we remember those who have served in our armed forces

*Pause for silent reflection as veterans in the assembly stand*

Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

**We give thanks for our soldiers' courage, for their love of country,  
and for their work to bring peace to our world.**

Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served

**Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.**

Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

**We remember widows and widowers, orphans,  
and all those separated from those they love.**

We pray, Gracious God,

that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

**We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who  
bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and  
righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen.**

## WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Todd, Michelle, Lauren and Tayler Moyer, and James Maloney come to our congregation desiring to become members.

*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.

*Sit*

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God,  
do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?  
**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.*

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*Stand*

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*

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## MEAL

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

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**OFFERTORY**    WONDROUS LOVE    DAVID N. JOHNSON

**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, WE ARE AN OFFERING.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,

**you bless those who are hungry,**

**promising to fill them with good things.**

**Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.**

**Nourish us with the abundance of your feast**

**and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

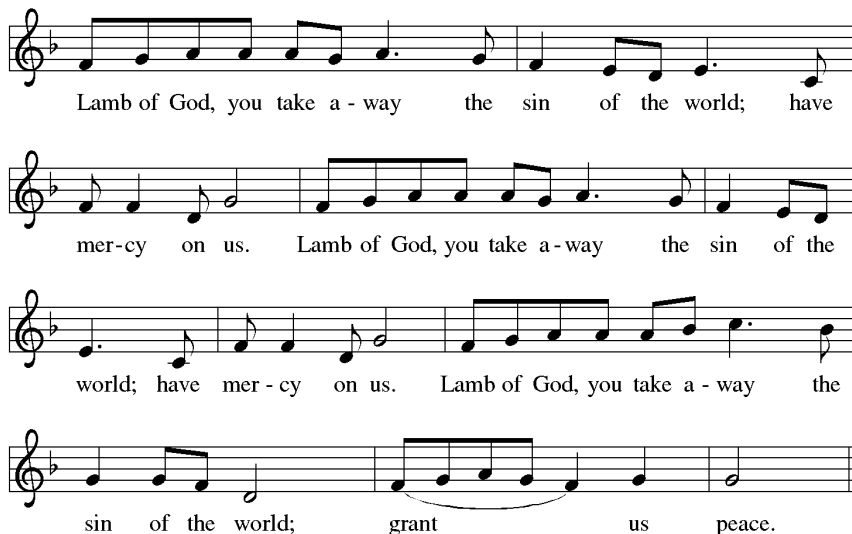
**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

**Thanks be to God.**

#### LAMB OF GOD *REMAIN STANDING*



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.

#### 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 – tell the usher. \*Common cup is also an option.*

*After all have communed, stand*

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

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

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,  
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who

hunger and thirst,  
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

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

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### BLESSING

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

**SENDING HYMN**    **BLESSED ASSURANCE**    **ELW 638**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Christ, the Life of All the Living    C.Winkworth

**TODAY WE WELCOME** Todd, Michelle, Lauren, and Tayler Moyer along with Lauren's fiancé, James Maloney, into membership at Swamp Lutheran. Todd, son of Charlie and Anna Mae, grew up here at Swamp. The Moyer's come to us via transfer from Zion Lutheran, Leola.

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER** - Hunter Leisey, John Frantz, Ed Miller, John Wesner, Jeff Kappenstein, Nettie Kreiner, Clair Sweigart, Faith Moyer, Michael A. Crowther, Reba Ranck, Grace Ranck, Ray Fox, Gene Miller, Jean Wolf, Bobby Hershey, Marilyn Gelsinger, Edith Snyder, Teresa Sweigart, Mel and Troy Ulrich, Earl Myers, Elizabeth Sherman, Judy Habecker, Anna Rose Schannauer, Jerry Landis, Mary Beth Jenkins, Evelyn Gehman, Joan Leed, Ron Adams, Kevin Williams, Susan Levan, Larry Eberly, Janet Bingaman, Dwayne Dimitris, Gladys Eckenroad, Bonnie Koehle-Koon, Ross Houck, Chris Zander, Kathleen Troutman, Sally Bergman, Keith Reimert, Pam Heisey, Connie Malafarina, Ted Heisey, Regina Reinecker, Karen Klingensmith, Debbie Leed, Sue Van Zant, Alex Merionfeld, Susan Kreitz, Helen Werner, Sandy Clouser, Cody Leisey, Lou Smith, Lowell Haws, Steve Kauffman, Lindsey Sauder, Anson Kauffman, Randy Krater, Michelle Moyer and Tayler Moyer.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in honor of grandchildren Nate, Kendra, Ian and Kaylie by David and Laraine Kramer.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** is given in memory of loved ones by Larry and Sue Ellen Knauer.

### **Other Readings for this Sunday**

#### **Job 19:23-27a**

*Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.*

<sup>23</sup> “O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!

<sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,

<sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

### **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**November 9, 2025**

**LECTIONARY 32**

**Something Different**

Sometimes the gospels give us the impression that Jesus would make a great lawyer. The Sadducees seem to ask him a pretty straightforward question, but Jesus answers it as though he is deliberately sidestepping the point. Indeed, he answers a lot of questions this way, apparently talking about something totally unrelated to the conversation at hand. If we pay close attention, though, we see that Jesus is directing us to an important point, even if it seems altogether different from the original track.

The Sadducees are challenging the validity of the resurrection with a hyperbolic question about ancient Hebrew marriage customs. But Jesus basically says, “Look, God came to Moses in the burning bush and said, ‘I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob here and now, in the present. And I am the God of

the living, not the dead.’ Therefore, God’s chosen ones are alive and well after death!”

Jesus knows that the reality of the resurrection is too hard for them to understand. It’s too hard for *any* of us to understand. So instead of responding to their literal question, he offers some comfort. He says, “Listen, Moses already showed us that these saints are alive and well with God. It’s okay. Don’t worry about what comes next. God’s got this.”

Death is scary, so Jesus is giving us a word of assurance to help us face it. That word is this: “You will be resurrected. It’s okay to be afraid. It’s okay to not know what the resurrection will look like or who is going to be sitting where. Just remember that you are a beloved child of God and will be made alive together with all the saints.”

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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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