# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 13, 2025 8:30 AM



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church Reinholds, Pennsylvania

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**. We believe "Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink." (<u>Small Catechism</u>, 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

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE HIS MATCHLESS WORTH

LLOYD TYGERSON

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 FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION ELW 679

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

Let us pray.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

Children leave for Children's Church

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

READING: Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** 

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

<sup>\*</sup>that is, the true, universal Christian church of all times and places

#### **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 PASS ME NOT, O GENTLE SAVIOUR RODGER MAYWEATHER

**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.



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#### OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;

#### 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.

through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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,

Invitation to Communion

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

now and forever. Amen.

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.

After all have communed, stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

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

## BLESSING

Amen.

**SENDING HYMN** THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE ELW 551

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** JESUS LEADS BESIDE THE WATERS

WALTER SMYTHE

## **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, Karen Laudenslager, 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, Cathy Stine, Connie Malafarina, Ted Heisey(Jenny Weitzel's brother), Regina Reinecker(Roslyn Bansner's sister-in-law) Karen Klingensmith, Debbie Leed, Sue Van Zant, Alex Merionfeld, Wilmer Messner, family of Jere Martin, family of Pauline Wassmer.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in memory of her husband, Michael, and her dear friend, Tim Lorah, by Sue Kreitz.

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

**FLOWERS:** August 10th & 24th is available to sponsor. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for the flowers or candle, please contact Sue Kreitz at 717-283-9444 or John Frantz at 717-606-8994.

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

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

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

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

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

#### LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN

We need volunteers to learn and share in the livestreaming and sound control for Sunday worship. We need additional helpers so that we can create a rotation schedule. If interested or to learn more, contact Pastor Scott.

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

#### School Kits:

- 4 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8"X101/2"
- 1 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side & inches on the other
- 1pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, secure with rubber band
- 5 black or blue pens, secure with rubber band
- 1 box 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 2 1/2" eraser

YOU DO NOT NEED TO INCLUDE THE DRAWSTRING BACKPACK.



Join us at Wonder Junction VBS at Reinholds Carnival Grounds July 13 to 17, 6:30 to 8:30pm! We are looking for volunteers to help make this year's VBS a success; there are different ways to volunteer and get involved. These 5 days are funpacked, you don't want to miss it.

Parents register your children via this link: <a href="https://www.myvbs.org/RC/register/">https://www.myvbs.org/RC/register/</a>

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

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.

# **Greeter Schedule July**

13 Brian & Katie Koehle 20 Sue Ellen Knauer 27 Denise Kidwell

# **Greeter Schedule August**

3 Missy Ragan 10 Alan & Kathy Worley 17 Jan Risser 24 Ray & Jen Weitzel 31 Jane Lesher

# Week in the Parish (July 13 - 20)

July 13-17	6:30-8:30PM	VBS Reinholds Carnival Grounds		
July 20	8:30AM	Worship		
UPCOMING EVENTS				

July 22	11:00AM	Widow & Widowers Lunch at Fox Creamery
July 22	7:00PM	Cocalico Builders of Hope
July 27	8:30AM	Worship
August 15	6:00PM	Widow & Widowers Dutch Apple Dinner Theater
August 24	10:00AM	Church Picnic

# DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday July 14	Psalm 25:11-20 Job 24:1-8 James 2:1-7
Tuesday July 15	Psalm 25:11-20 Proverbs 19:1-17 1 John 3:11-17
Wednesday July 16	Psalm 25:11-20 Ecclesiastes 9:13-18 Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday July 17	Psalm 15 Genesis 12:10-20 Hebrews 5:1-6
Friday July 18	Psalm 15 Genesis 13:1-18 Ephesians 3:14-21
Saturday July 19	Psalm 15 Genesis 14:1-16 Luke 8:4-10

# **UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS**

Sunday July 20 (Lectionary 16) Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42



# 2025 Acts of Love Summer Lunch Program Wednesdays, July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Brought to you by area churches and community organizations!

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

Adamstown Grove 339 W. Main St., Reinholds, PA 17569

Denver Park 801 W. Main St., Denver PA 17517

Reamstown Park E. Church St., Stevens, PA 17578

Reinholds Park 5 E. Main St., Reinholds, PA 17569



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

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

Feeding our Children in The Cocalico Community!!

- **ACTS OF LOVE Lunch Program:** Local churches work together to make meals and serve lunch to local families within the Cocalico School District. Lunches are prepared and served each Wednesday during the summer months. We are looking for people who are willing to support this program. Please consider helping with the ACTS OF LOVE lunch program. There are two ways in which to help.
- 1 Volunteers are needed to help prepare, deliver and serve the lunches at various parks throughout the Cocalico Community. (Lunch is served at the Reamstown Park, Denver Park, Adamstown Grove, and Reinholds Park on Main Street)
- 2- Donate snacks for a snack box that will be provided the day of the meal. We are looking to have individually wrapped snacks that children and adults are able to take along with them when they pick up their meals. Items could include: Single servings of apple sauce, crackers, pretzels, animal crackers, juice boxes, etc. Please contact Denise Kidwell (717-725-8795 or <a href="mailto:denisekidwell321@yahoo.com">denisekidwell321@yahoo.com</a>) with any questions. Thanks for your consideration!

**SAVE THE DATE:** August 24, 10AM Church Picnic with food, music, games, fun and "Sponge the Pastor."

# Other Readings for this Sunday

## Deuteronomy 30:9-14

<sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

#### Psalm 25:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> To <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD, I lift <sup>|</sup> up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup> My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
- <sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be | put to shame; rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup> Show me your | ways, O LORD, and teach | me your paths.
- <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your <sup>|</sup> truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all <sup>|</sup> the day long.
- <sup>6</sup> Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.
- <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and <sup>I</sup> my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good-<sup>I</sup> ness, O LORD.
  - 8 You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.
  - <sup>9</sup> You lead the low- <sup>|</sup> ly in justice and teach the low- <sup>|</sup> ly your way.
  - <sup>10</sup> All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

#### **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

July 13, 2025 LECTIONARY 15 Who Is the Good Samaritan?

The story of the good Samaritan is well known, even outside Christian communities. Some ministries are even named after it. However, showing love and care to others, especially strangers, can be complex. Like the lawyer who comes to Jesus in today's gospel, many seek to learn how to live a life of integrity. Answering the call to love God with all one's heart, mind, and soul, however, often leads to questions about what that means in the real world. This parable calls listeners to generosity in extending care beyond charitability and helps expand the definition of *neighbor*. There continues to be a steady increase in homelessness and poverty in our country, and loving a neighbor as a "good Samaritan" can often feel impossible. Nevertheless, we are still called to care for the most vulnerable.

Alongside care, another dynamic emerges from this encounter between Jesus and the lawyer. This is also a story about Jesus expanding the notion of who is capable and "good." By highlighting an unlikely character who does the good thing, Jesus' answer to the lawyer's question, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29), gives the lawyer a chance to think about the stranger as just as capable of love as he is. Loving is not exclusive to a specific type of person; we are all capable of it.

The invitation, then, is not just to love the stranger who walks through the church doors, but to see them as just as capable of bringing love with them. Loving God with one's entire being also means trusting that everything God has made, especially our neighbor, has the potential to be an extension of divine love. Seeing others as just as capable of being the good Samaritan as we are diminishes the societal hierarchies and judgments that keep us from sharing in the splendor of God's love with one another. So, like the lawyer, may we be surprised by the generous care of a stranger as we seek to do the same.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30AM

#### You are Welcome Here!

At Swamp Lutheran Church, *Grace is Spoken Here!* We welcome with full participation and inclusion all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, imprisonment, physical or mental health, 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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