



*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
Of the Good Shepherd
501 Fairfield Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601*

April 12, 2015

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
A congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

"We are a caring family of God nourished by the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit to share the love of Jesus Christ."

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Music Director

Organist

Piano

Trumpet

Nancy Flinner

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Helen Bell

Greg Bittner

We welcome all visitors with us and ask that you sign our guest register. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider the Good Shepherd family.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children may come forward for a blessing. During communion, we offer wine and grape juice, if you would like to receive grape juice do not bring a cup, it will be provided by the Worship Assistant.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips gifted lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian Care to individuals in our congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and extends the care that Pastor Frank continues to provide. If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister, please speak to Pastor Frank or Kathy Howells. Or you may refer to the Stephen Ministry flyers and cards available in the pew racks.

Please take a moment to fill out a yellow RCR card located in the pews. Please place completed cards in the offering plate.

When you see the following symbol "+", please stand.

Service of the Word and Sacrament
April 12, 2015
“Second Sunday of Easter”
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **“LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER”** **D. HEGARTY**

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who call us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Faithfull and just God,

We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen

In this love,
not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of +Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**

+ GATHERING HYMN

“COME, YOU FAITHFUL RAISE THE STRAIN” **ELW 363**

+ APOSTOLIC 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.

+ HYMN OF PRAISE (WOMEN VERSES 1 & 3, MEN VERSES 2 & 4)

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32–35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleas- | ant it is,
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
flowing down upon the collar | of his robe. R**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing:
life for- | evermore. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1—2:2

Chapter 1

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Chapter 2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.



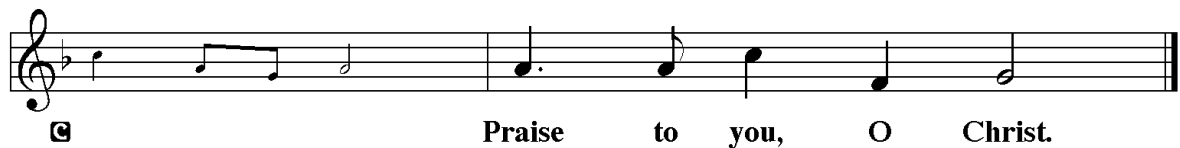
¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"

ELW 631

RECOGNITION AND PRAYER FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus give life to all people, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For sun and moon, land and sea, and all living creatures, that the beauty of creation reveal God's good pleasure, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the leaders of the world and those who work for peace, that all live together in unity and work for the common good, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who doubt, the sick, the poor, the imprisoned, and those who are in any need (*especially*), that advocates be raised up in their midst to provide healing and wholeness, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who join in community here, and for those who are absent from our gathering, that all proclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and my God," let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith (*especially*), and for the faith they have made possible in our midst: that Christ has destroyed death and brought eternal life, let us pray..

Have mercy, O God.

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

"DOVE OF PEACE"

K. NORRIS

ANTHEM

"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU"

SENIOR CHOIR

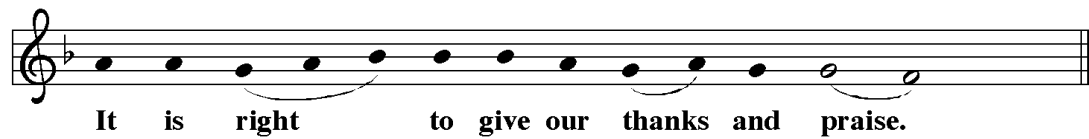
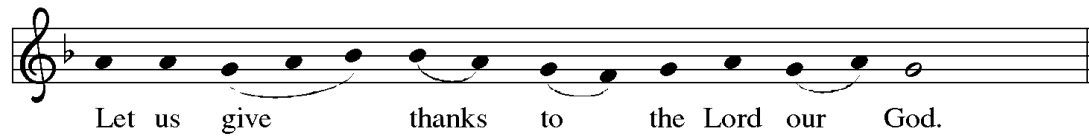
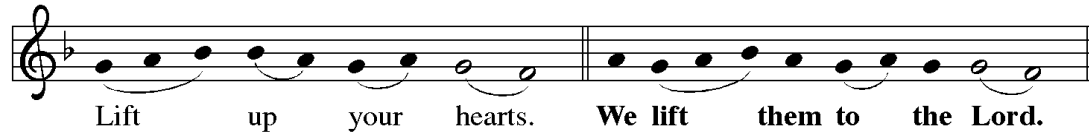
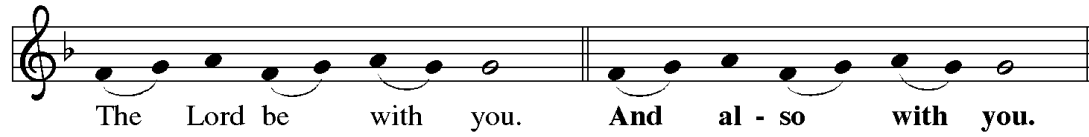
OFFERTORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
C **Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With [name/s and] your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

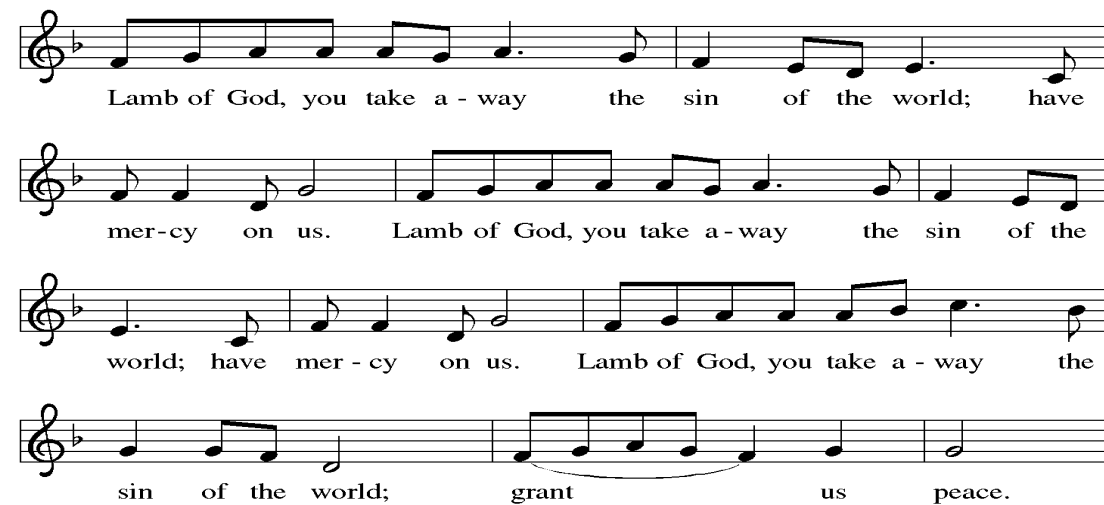
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, Abide in me as I abide in you."

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing **Lamb of God***



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.

Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 364, 753, 362.

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF April 12 - 19, 2015

Today is "Meals on Wheels Cookie" Sunday

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	5:30 pm.	Troop 416 Patrol Meeting
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416 Committee Meeting
Monday	6:30 pm.	Webelos I
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	1:00 pm.	Parkinson's Support Group
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
	7:00 pm.	Books, Games & Scriptures
	7:00 pm.	Mutual Ministry
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	6:45 pm.	Troop 416
	7:00 pm.	NO Bible Study
Friday	10:00 – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
	6:00 pm.	Brownies
Saturday	4:30 pm. – 7:30 pm.	Spaghetti Dinner
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Meeting
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	2:00 pm.	Pack 416 Graduation
	3:00 pm.	Mandatory Youth Gathering Meeting at First Lutheran
	5:00 pm.	Stynchula
	5:30 pm.	6 th Grade Pre-Confirmation
	6:30 pm.	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation

There are still some Easter flowers to be picked up. Lilies are \$7.50 each and Hyacinths are \$5.50 each. Your payment may be placed in the offering plate or left in the office. Please clearly label the check and/or envelope to designate this as an Easter flower payment. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be considerate to those around you and observe silence during the prelude and service. This time is designed for personal meditation.

Pastor Frank will be away April 12th – 17th. If you need assistance, please call the church office (724)834-1940.

ATTENTION BIBLE STUDY CLASS: Classes switched back to Wednesday nights. There is NO Bible Study this Wednesday, April 15th.

If you are willing to donate baked goods for the spaghetti dinner, please sign the sheet in the commons area.

SPAGHETTI DINNER SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015

4:30 pm. – 7:30 pm.

Meal includes Spaghetti & meatballs, tossed salad, roll/bread and beverage.

Cost: \$6.00

Baked goods will also be available to purchase.

Eat in or take out!

724-834-1940

Tickets are available in the church office during office hours. (Monday-Thursday, 9am. – 2pm.) You may also leave your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your name and number of tickets or call and order your tickets to be picked up at the door the day of the dinner.

All orders must be placed by April 16, 2015

Baked good donations are needed. Watch for sign-up sheet in the commons area.

Proceeds benefit the Youth Group and the 2015 Youth Gathering.

Important Dates

April 18

4:30 – 7:30 pm. Spaghetti Dinner

April 20

Glade Run Fundraiser

May 3

Dryridge Plant Sale

May 12

WELCA May Women's Dinner