



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

April 17, 2016

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

Nancy Flinner

Organist

Jean Brunot

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 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 17, 2016
“Fourth Sunday of Easter”
8:30 & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

“PRELUDE ON ‘ST. COLUMBA”

H. WILLAN

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

God of grace and glory,

You have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus’ resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen

Rejoice with all creation around God’s throne! The light of risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and † frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY; ALLELUIA”

ELW 369

+ 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)



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.



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.



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

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

“TRUMPET TUNE”

SENIOR BELLS

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

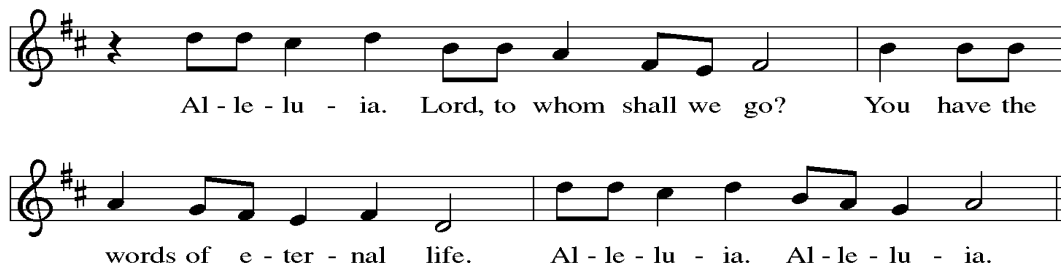
¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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.

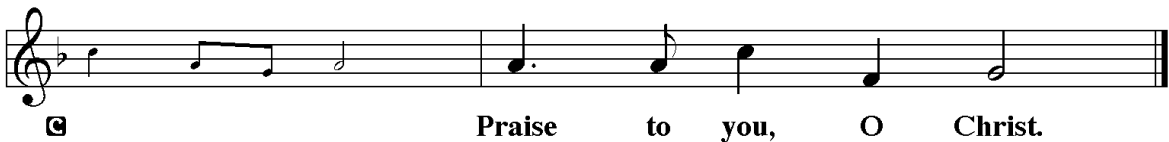
GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

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



²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

The gospel of the Lord



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS”

ELW 502

RECOGNITION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

NICENE CREED

**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

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

A brief silence.

Holy and mighty God, fulfill your saving work on behalf of all who give thanks for your great love for this creation. Make our song strong enough to invite all hurting people into your family. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Make us ever conscious of how we use and consume the gifts you have given us on the earth and in the oceans. Open our eyes to see creation as good, useful, and worthy of care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give your wisdom to people who make decisions that affect others. Fill human institutions with your reconciling justice. When we oppress people, disrupt us and heal our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Respond to the call of people who cry out in grief, in loneliness or despair, or in chronic pain or illness (*especially*). Embrace them with your compassion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With your very presence sustain communities that are formed out of common struggle: among those who are widowed, among children without parents, and among people who have no permanent shelter. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You give strength to the saints by fulfilling your promise of eternal life. Shepherd us in paths of righteousness, that we may know life now and in the age to come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

“BROTHER JAMES AIR”

S. WRIGHT

ANTHEM (10:30)

“BROTHER JAMES AIR”

SENIOR CHOIR

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song



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



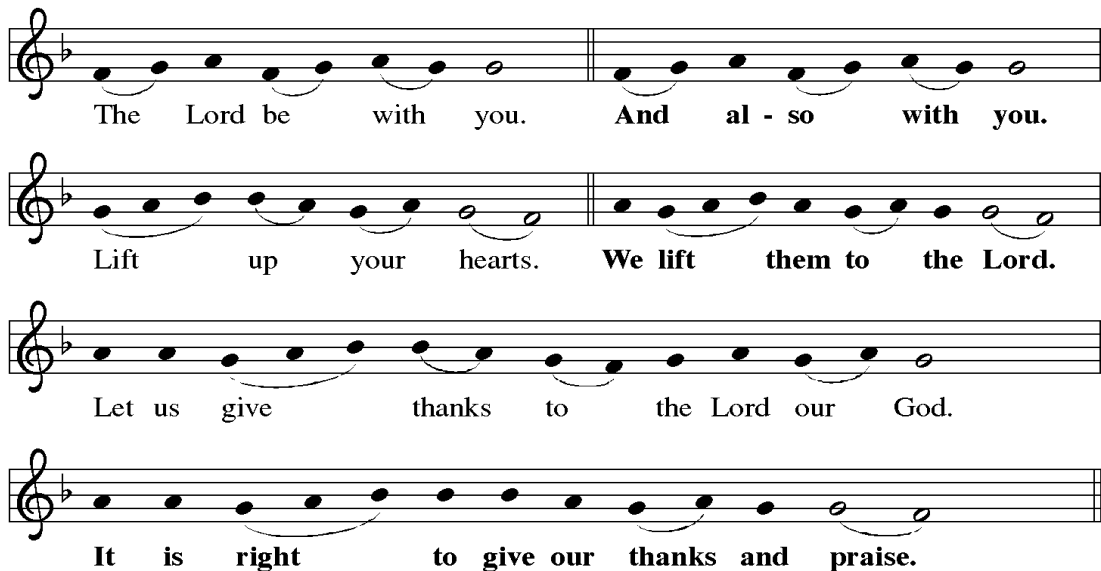
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

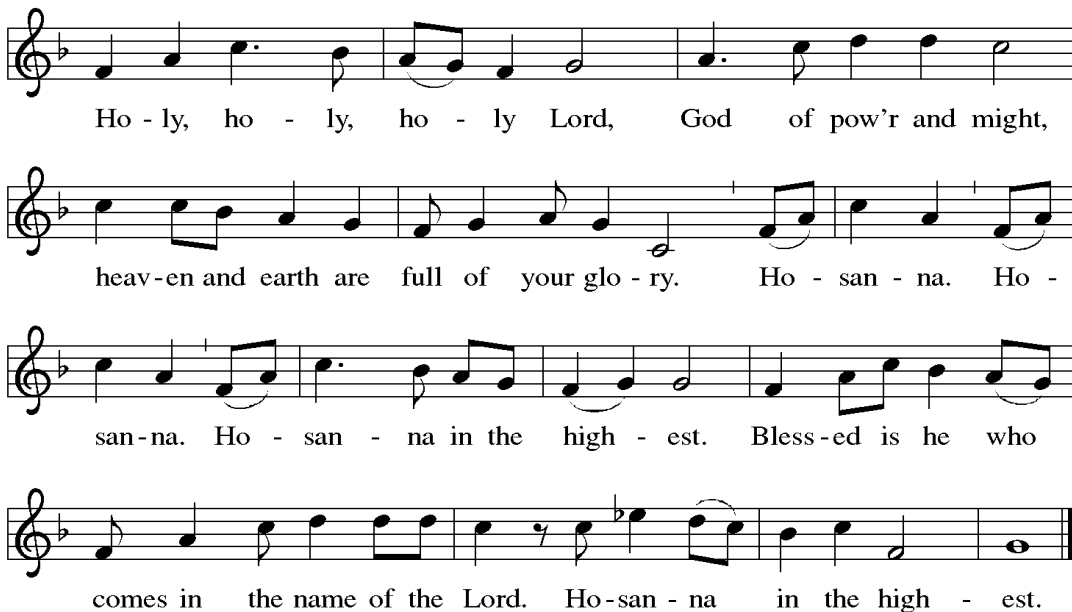
C **Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.**

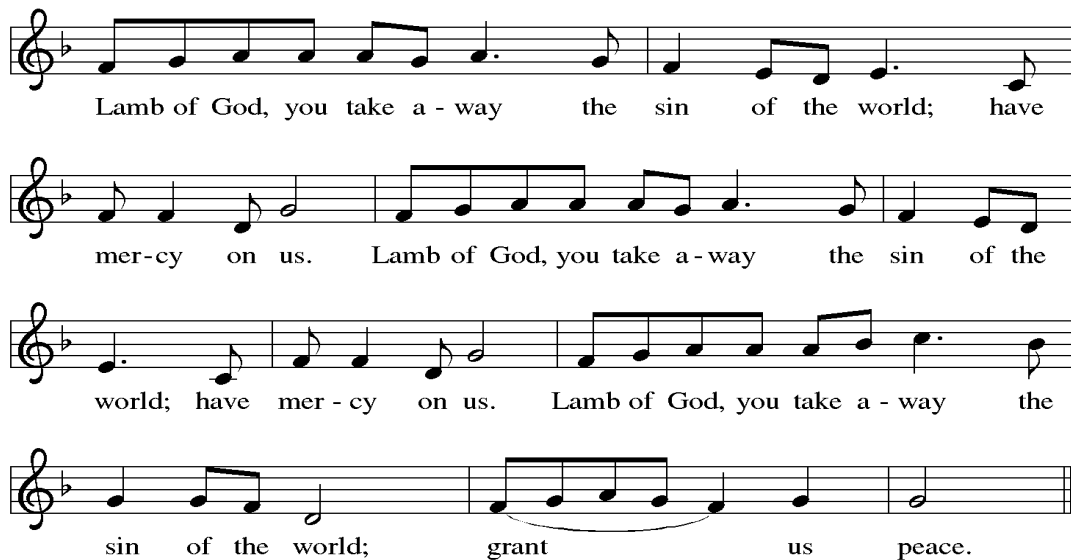
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

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 778, 782

+ 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.

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of † Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK”

ELW 764

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

“O HELP ME, LORD, TO PRAISE THEE”

J.S. BACH

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A LIVING GIFT has been designated by:

Donna Sheridan to Camp Lutherlyn in loving memory of son, Scott.

ONE OF THE PLANTS ON THE ALTAR was purchased by Barbara Henderson in loving memory of her husband, Ralph on the 5th anniversary of his passing and their son, Alan and her Mother, Catherine Myers.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Jim Stewart
Lector	Rich/Tammy Welsh	Debbie Sullenberger
Acolyte	David Welsh	Tyler Fauth
Crucifer	XXX	Thomas Meyers
Torchbearer	XXX	XXX
Greeters	Open	JoAnne McMahan
Ushers	Open	Chuck & Brady Luffy
Altar Guild	Open	Open
Counters		Kathy Wolfe & Chuck Luffy

We welcome to the Lord's Table today the following First Holy Communion students:

Cody Barnard

Jaelynn Fait

Kelsey Coppetti

Nicholas Reinhart

Allison DeMatt

Cole Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

If you would like to include something in the bulletin, please have it to the church office by Wednesday before 12:00 pm. The bulletin is run Wednesday afternoons and folded first thing Thursday Morning. Thank you.

We are in need of a Coordinator and Committee to plan Family Fun Night. If you are interested, please contact the office.

The Third Annual Good Shepherd Art Show has been rescheduled for April 23rd from 6:30 till 8:00 after Saturday service, with an encore show April 24th between Sunday services. Hopefully we will not get any snow! Everybody is invited to attend! We are asking members to display their artwork, craftwork, photography, woodwork, sculpture, design, construction, stitchwork, design coloring books... All ages! Last year we had 88 submissions from 9 youth and 20 adults! This year we had 16 youth and 21 adults sign up for the canceled show in January and we have promises from several others for this show including the results of the Ladies' Art Social. Parents, feel free to submit your child's art projects, or your parent's art, as well as your own! We will mix Easter Art with Christmas Art and any other holiday as well. Any questions contact Jack Gesalman, 724-837-7556! Registration forms are available on the Greeter's Table; if you previously signed up you do not need to reregister, just note any changes on the posted master list. A new sign-up sheet if you wish to bring desserts and hors-d'oeuvres to the reception is posted by the fountain. **THIS IS NOT A SALE! SEE YOU THERE!**

ATTENTION PAINTING WITH A TWIST LADIES! We all have a painting to display at the Art Show. Jack is going to set up a special display for us so don't forget to bring your painting.

The first Blood Drive of 2016 is June 8th. Do not donate after April 13th to be eligible to give on the 8th. Thank you.

Attention All Mothers: The Fellowship Committee and WELCA are celebrating Mother's Day a week early with a Tea just for you on Sunday, May 1st at 2 pm. The Tea will feature scones, sandwiches, fresh fruit and desserts. At 3pm there will be special entertainment by the WinWin musical duet featuring songs from Broadway and Hollywood musicals. A sign up sheet is in the Commons. WELCA will not be doing its traditional May dinner this year, so come on out and enjoy this special event. There is no charge, but you must sign up in advance. Questions? See Megan or Lillian.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF April 17 – April 24, 2016

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	8 th Grade Confirmation
	9:30 am.	Coffee Hour
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	6:45 pm.	7 th Grade Confirmation
Monday		Newsletter Deadline
	7:00 pm.	Council Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot – Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	4:00 pm.	Kindermusik
	6:00 pm.	Brownies
	7:00 pm.	Bears
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416
	7:00 pm.	Mutual Ministry
Thursday		LIFELINE SCREENING
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
		Youth Trip to Williamsburg
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
	6:30 pm. – 8:00 pm.	Art Show
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Coffee Hour
	Between services	Art Show
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion

ADAPTIVE BASEBALL – Now is the time to register for West Point Little League’s Challenger Baseball Season. Games are on Sunday afternoon starting April 24, 2016. The program is free and all children (ages 5-18) with disabilities in the Westmoreland area are invited to attend. Equipment, uniforms and snacks are provided. For more information go to www.wpll.org and click the Challenger Series Link. If you have any questions please contact the Director at wpllchallenger@yahoo.com.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – The West Point Little League Challenger Division needs youth volunteers ages 12-24 to assist the players providing physical and social support during the Adaptive Baseball games. Games are Sundays at 1:00 beginning April 24, 2016. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer buddy please contact the Director at wpllchallenger@yahoo.com.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd on 4/21/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**