



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

April 19, 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

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 19, 2015
“Third Sunday of Easter”
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **“CHORALE PRELUDE ON ‘ABIDE WITH ME’”** **R. PARKS**

+ 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.

Faithful 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

“THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT” **ELW 384**

+ 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

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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 3:12–19

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹ of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and ¹ hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishon- ¹ or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek ¹ after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders ¹ for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me ¹ when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and ¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- ¹ on your bed. R**

⁵Offer the appointed ¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust ¹ in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us ¹ any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon ¹ us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness ¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and ¹ wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie ¹ down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me ¹ rest secure. R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1–7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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: Luke 24;36b-48

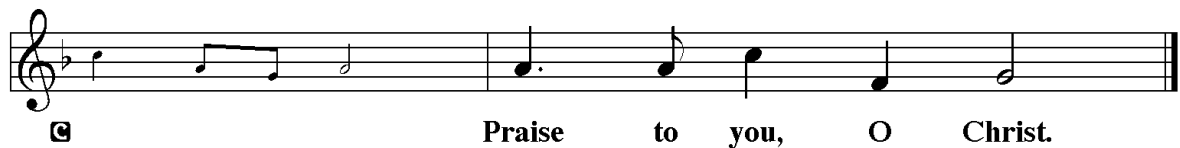
The holy gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.



^{36b}"Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

The gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"LORD, BE GLORIFIED"

ELW 744

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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

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 and its leaders, for those who witness to the risen Christ through speech or action, and for all children of God, that all be led to joy in the resurrection, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For stewards of creation, for farmers planting and ranchers tending to livestock, that the bounty of the earth provide for all who hunger or thirst, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who work to keep us safe: police officers and firefighters, military and international peacekeepers, local and national leaders; that God's peace and compassion come to us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the distressed, rejected, bereaved, sick, and frightened (*especially*), that support for them be close at hand, and that all experience the gift of healing, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For this assembly, where the scriptures have been opened in our midst, that with boldness of heart we proclaim the joy we have in our new life in Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the witnesses of the faith who have died and are now at rest (*especially Olavus and Laurentius Petri, who led the Reformation in Sweden*), that with them we have hope in the promises of the Author of 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)

“A SONNET”

E. GRANADOS

ANTHEM

“ALLELUIA”

SENIOR CHOIR

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



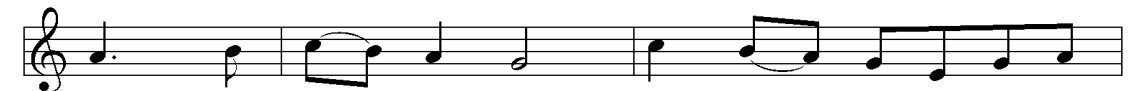
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



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.**

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.

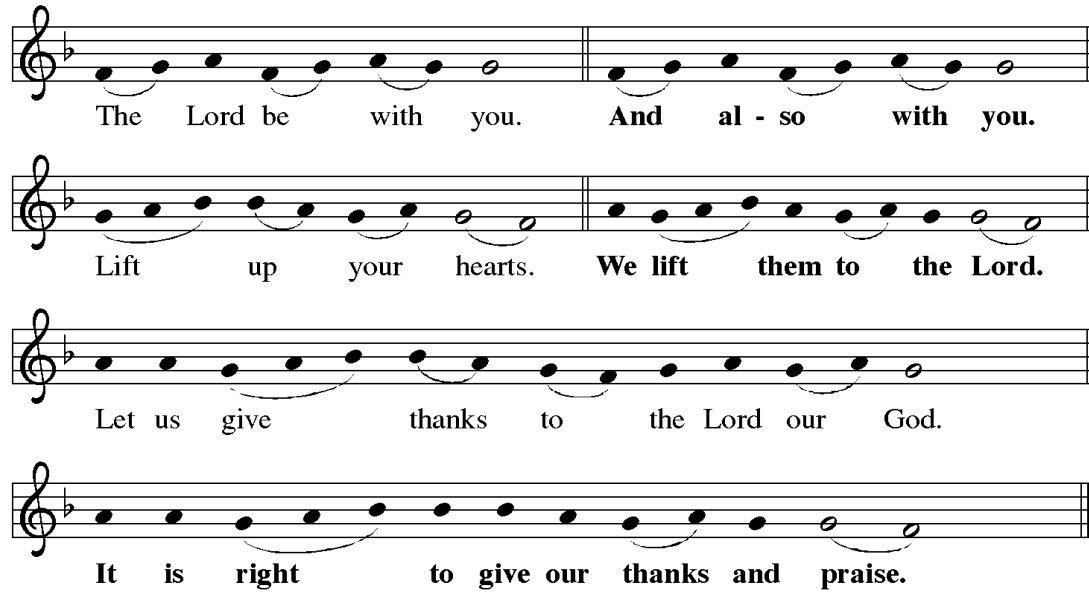
LORD'S PRAYER

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

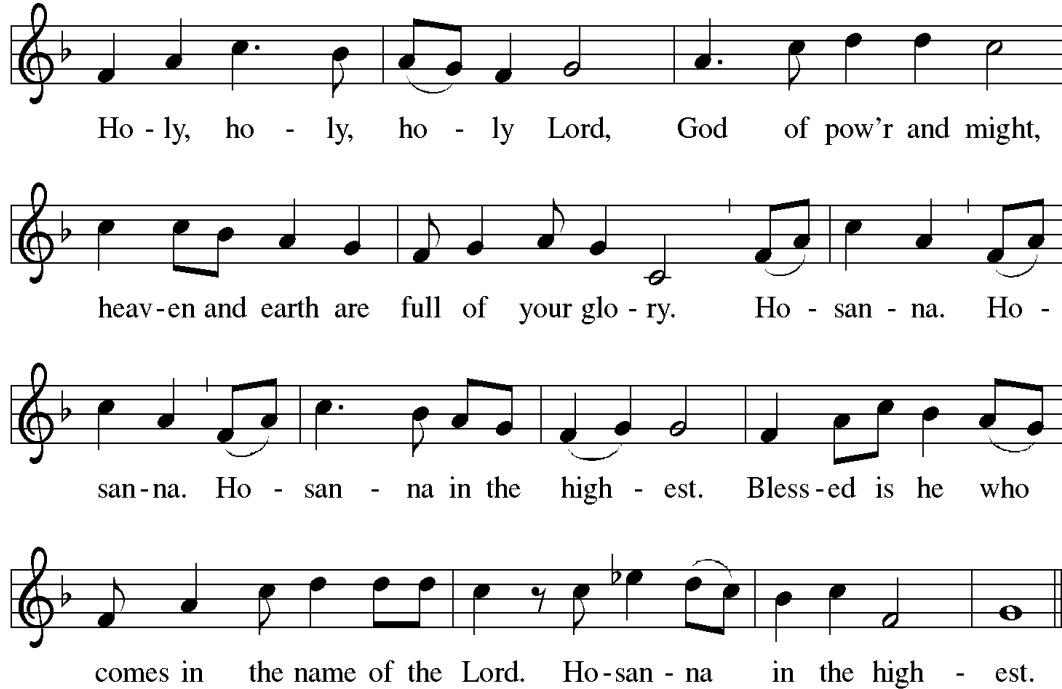
Jesus said, "I am the true vine, Abide in me as I abide in you."

+ 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.

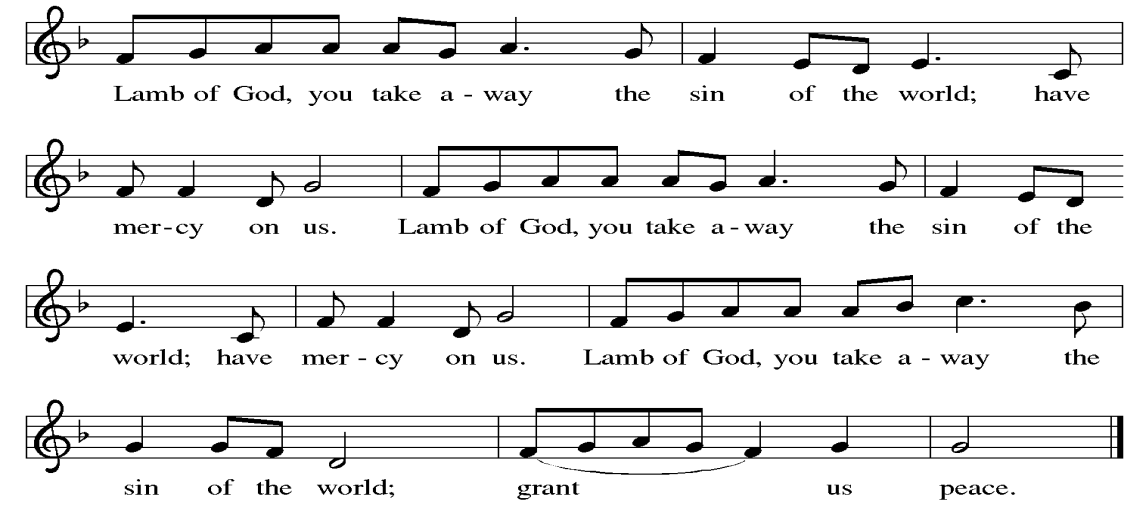
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

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

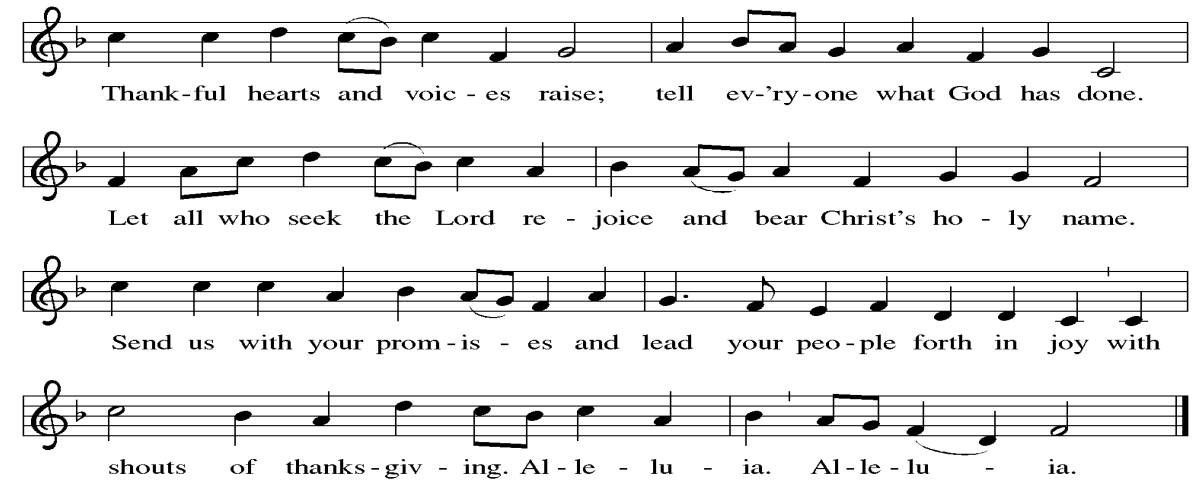


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 364, 870, 879.

+ 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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+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
Whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick/homebound/imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

Almighty God, who raised our Lord from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

Amen.

Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“ABIDE WITH ME”

ELW 629

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“POSTLUDE IN D”

F. COUPERIN

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Chris and Dave Loughran in honor of Stella Poerio.

LIVING GIFTS have been designated by:

Barbara Henderson, Jodi, Tom, Aidan, Ryan, Shelby and Lorelai to the Martha Committee in loving memory of Alan Henderson and Catherine Myers.

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

SERVING TODAY:

8:30

10:30

Worship Assistant

Open

Open

Lector

Rich Welsh

Danielle Smith

Acolyte

Taylor Dunn

Ben Podolinski

Crucifer

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Abigail Podolinski

Torchbearers

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Greeters

Open

Chuck & Jenny Luffy

Ushers

Open

Don Bridges & Ken

Hill

Open

Altar Guild

Sue Strasser

Counters

Shelley Cottrill &

Janet Ambrose

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF April 19 - 26, 2015

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| 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 |
| Monday | 9:00 am. | Stynchula |
| | 6:00 pm. | VBS Chair Mtg. |
| | 6:15 pm. | Glade Run Fundaiser |
| | 7:00 pm. | Council Meeting |
| Tuesday | 9:00 am. | Brunot - Sanctuary |
| | 10:00 am. – 1:30 pm. | Chat-n-Sew |
| | 3:00 pm. | Kindermusik |
| Wednesday | 9:30 am. | Kindermusik |
| | 6:30 pm. | Brownies |
| | 6:45 pm. | Troop 416 |
| | 7:00 pm. | Bible Study |
| Thursday | 7:00 pm. | Dryridge |
| Friday | 10:00 – 3:00 pm. | Bridge Club |
| | 3:00 pm. | VBS Chair Mtg. |
| Saturday | 9:00 am. | King |
| | 5:30 pm. | Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 8:30 am. | Holy Communion |
| | 9:30 am. | Sunday School |
| | 9:30 am. | Fellowship Coffee |
| | 10:30 am. | Holy Communion |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Just a reminder that there is a Mandatory meeting for Youth Gathering participants and parents today, April 19th at 3:00 pm. at First Lutheran, Greensburg.

We are in need of two people willing to change the sign on an as needed basis. The office will let you know when updates are needed. This is a two person job.

BLANKET SUNDAY - MAY 10, 2015

Mothers' Day weekend this year is May 9th and May 10th, and once again Good Shepherd Church members are invited to share our blessings with our less fortunate brothers and sisters who are suffering from disasters. You can help victims of earthquakes, storms, fires, or the ravages of war by your gift of blankets. These simple pieces of cloth that we take for granted in the comfort of our homes can serve as protection from the hot sun or from wind-blown dust and sand in arid climates, and also provide warmth during cold weather. Families forced to evacuate their home areas can wrap their belongings in a blanket to more easily carry them as they seek refuge. For the small sum of \$5.00 you can make a gift of comfort to God's children who need assistance. In honor of our mothers, who have given generously of themselves to make our lives better, let us also give generously to help our brothers and sisters across the nation and around the world. Please use the Blanket Sunday envelopes provided with your weekly bulletin or in the commons area to make your donation in honor of or in memory of a mother, grandmother or other special woman this Mothers' Day.

We love singers! Women of all ages are invited to join us for "Guest Night" on Thursday, April 30th at 7:30-9:30 pm. at Trinity United Church of Christ, 139 N. Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. If you love to sing, we have place for you. Come and see what we are all about. Bring a friend! LAUREL HARMONY CHORUS. Questions or for information, call Sandy at 724-610-5766.

Important Dates

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| April 20 | Glade Run Fundraiser |
| May 3 | Dryridge Plant Sale |
| May 12 | WELCA May Women's Dinner |
| June 6 | Chicken BBQ |
| June 10 | Blood Drive |
| June 15 – 19 | Vacation Bible School |