



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

*April 24, 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 24, 2016  
“Fifth Sunday of Easter”  
8:30 & 10:30 am.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***PRELUDE*** (Silent Meditation Time)

***“MEDITATION”***

***C. FRANCK***

**+ 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”***

**ELW 373**

**+ 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

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they | were created,  
<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R**  
<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD| from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, | snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**  
<sup>9</sup>mountains | and all hills,  
fruit trees | and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts | and all cattle,  
creeping things and | flying birds;**  
<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers | of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>**young | men and maidens,  
old and | young together. R**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful  
servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah! R**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me,

“It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord



Praise to you, O Christ.



## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN”*

ELW 377

## 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.

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\*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 God, by your Holy Spirit reveal to us the saving work of Christ. Strengthen your church with the good news that leads to limitless life for all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send us to places far and near, and join our voices in chorus with all creation. Use us to show others your abundant goodness in the created world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

End war and the human desire to hold on to power. Free all people to love both neighbor and enemy, and make your church an example of such love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Surround people who are hurting with agents of your healing and messengers of your peace. Provide safe communities for all who are in any need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Strengthen the bonds of shared service between congregations and social ministry organizations (*here specific social ministry organizations may be named*). Guide us in doing your work together. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In Christ's death and resurrection you have fulfilled your work for the sake of your saints. Come swiftly to dwell among us and to make all things new. 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) *“ADAGIO FROM ‘TOCCATA UNDECIMA’”* G. MUFFAT

ANTHEM (10:30)

SENIOR CHOIR

### *“HYMN OF PROMISE”*

## 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



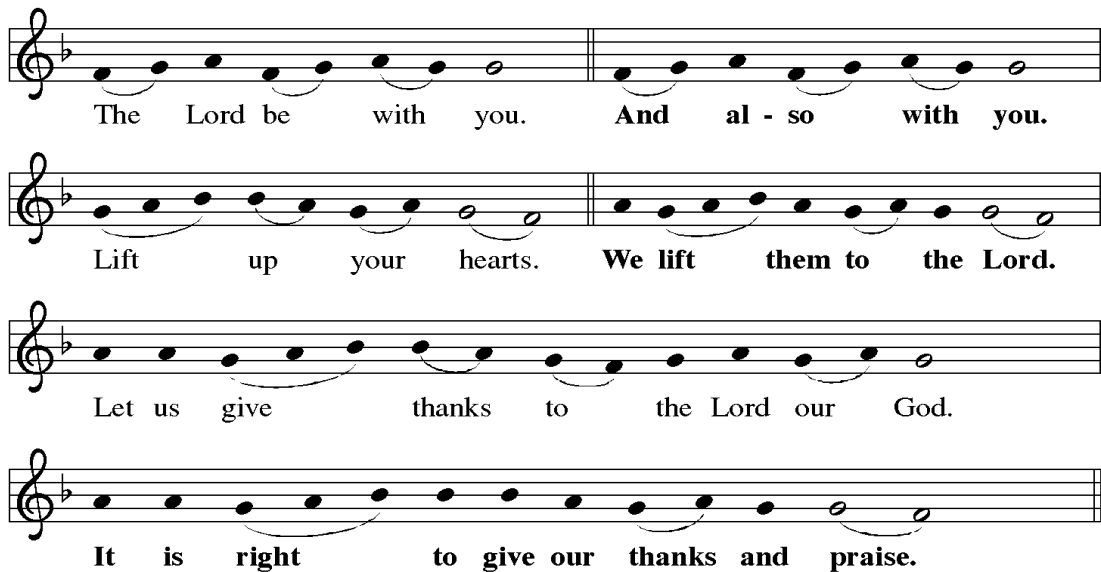
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## + OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

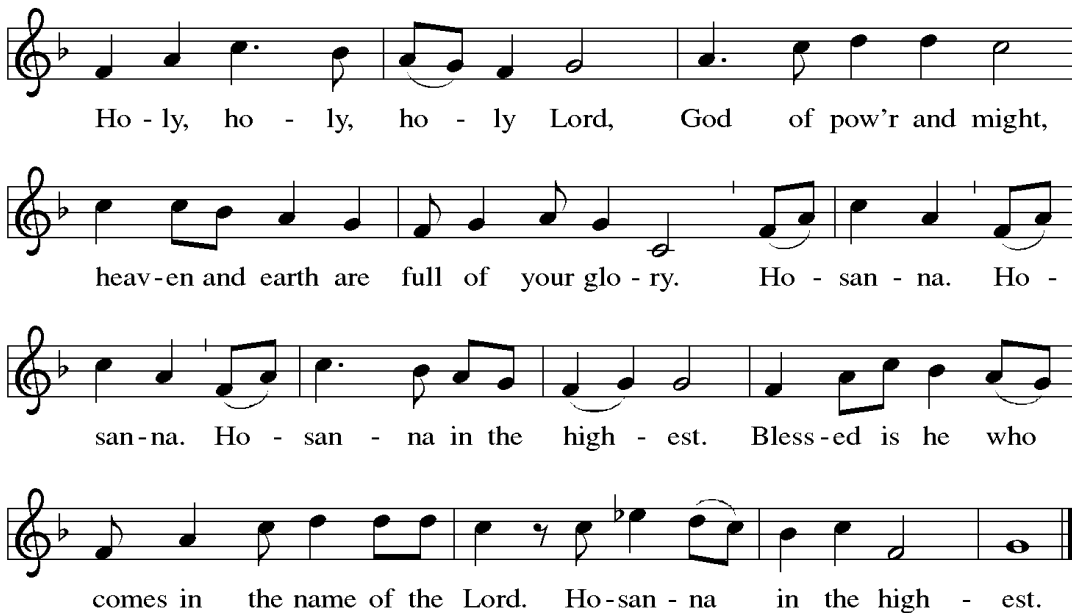
C **Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## + 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.**

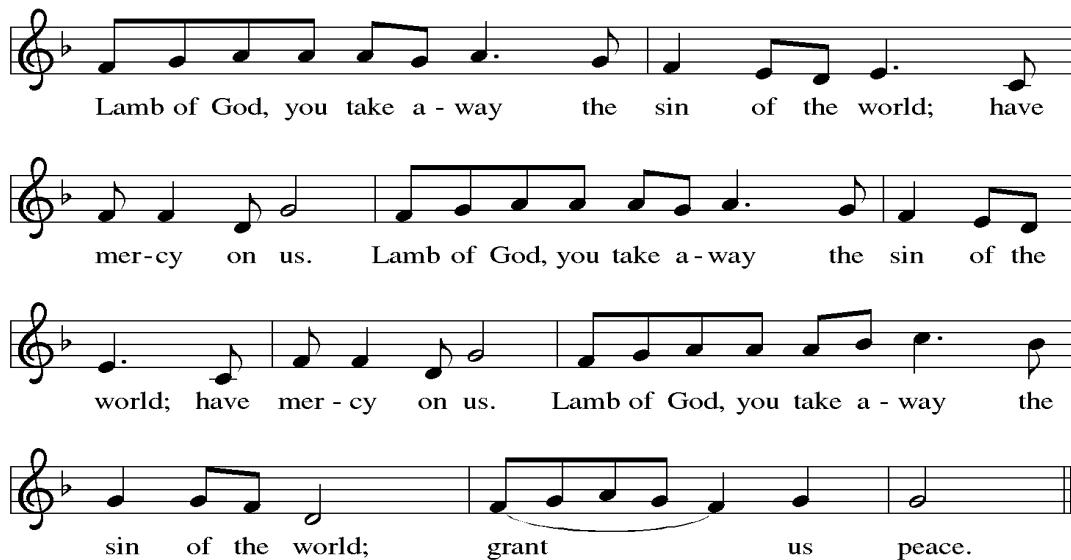
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **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 383, 367, 467.*

## + 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**    *“AWAKE O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH”*    **ELW 452**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

## ***POSTLUDE***

***“POSTLUDE”***

***E. BAPTISTE***

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**LIVING GIFTS** have been designated by:

Shelley & Joe Cottrill to 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
in honor of grandson, Hayden's first birthday.

Eleanor Besser to Rocking Horse Preschool in loving memory of husband, Nicholas.

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<b>SERVING TODAY:</b>	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Open	Chuck Luffy
Acolyte	Maggie/Colton Isler	Mackenzie Halfhill
Crucifer	XXX	Drezden Gesalman
Torchbearer	XXX	XXX
Greeters	Open	Jack & Doris Wood
Ushers	Open	Rob & Josh Lipko
Altar Guild	Open	Lisa Hook
Counters		Sue Strasser & Barb Henderson

*We welcome to the Good Shepherd family, Jessica Darragh and her daughter, Presley.  
They were recognized at the 5:30 service last evening.*

# ***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 first Blood Drive of 2016 is June 8<sup>th</sup>. Do not donate after April 13<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to give on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

MEALS ON WHEELS is looking for drivers and/or partners to drivers for meal delivery. Contact Alice Podolinski if interested (724)858-9382.

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. No reservations will be accepted after April 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **BLANKET SUNDAY**

During the weekend of May 7th & 8th we will again promote a Mothers' Day collection of donations for Church World Services to purchase and distribute blankets and other emergency supplies to disaster victims. The current price of a blanket is \$10.00 (In prior years it was \$5.00). Donation envelopes are available in the pews for designating gifts in honor or memory of mothers, grandmothers, or other special women. We would like to publish the donations the weekend of Mother's Day. Thank you.

## **CROP WALK - WALKERS NEEDED**

The Greensburg area CROP Walk to raise money for the local food bank has been scheduled for Sunday May 22, 2016, at Twin Lakes Park, beginning at 2:00 P.M. (Registration begins at 1:30 at Pavillion #6). We are looking for volunteers to participate in the walk and solicit pledges/contributions that will go to Church World Services programs to combat hunger around the world and to the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Look for information in the Church Commons Area.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF April 24 – May 1, 2016

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Coffee Hour
	Between Services	Art Show
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
Tuesday		Election Day
	9:00 am.	Brunot – Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	4:00 pm.	Kindermusik
	6:30 pm.	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	9:30 am.	Newsletter Folding
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416
Thursday	11:00 am.	New Neighbors
	6:00 pm.	Dryridge Garden Club
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Camp Genesis
	9:30 am.	Coffee Hour
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Meeting
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	12:45 pm.	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	2:00 pm. – 4:00 pm.	Mother's Day Tea
	5:30 pm.	Troop 416 Patrol
	6:45 pm.	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416 Committee

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.wppll.org](http://www.wppll.org) and click the Challenger Series Link. If you have any questions please contact the Director at [wppllchallenger@yahoo.com](mailto:wppllchallenger@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 [wppllchallenger@yahoo.com](mailto:wppllchallenger@yahoo.com).

