

Christ  
is  
Risen!

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

*April 5, 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."*

The Rev. Frank S. Podolinski, Jr., Pastor  
Pastor's Cell Phone -- 724-858-7816  
Pastor's e-mail -- [preacherpod@comcast.net](mailto:preacherpod@comcast.net)

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday: 9:30 am. – 2:30 pm.

Tuesday: 11:30 am. – 1:30 pm.

Church Phone -- 724-834-1940

Church's e-mail -- [Shepherd501@yahoo.com](mailto:Shepherd501@yahoo.com)

Church website – [www.goodshepherdgbg.org](http://www.goodshepherdgbg.org)

Rocking Horse Preschool – [www.rockinghorsepreschool.com](http://www.rockinghorsepreschool.com)

Parish Secretary -- Jenny Luffy

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm.

Music Director

Organist

Piano

Trumpet

Nancy Flinner

Jean Brunot

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 5, 2015

“Resurrection of Our Lord”

10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“THINE IS THE GLORY”

ORGAN & PIANO

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who call us beloved children, who gathers us intone 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.**

PRELUDE

“EASTER GREETING”

SENIOR BELLS

+ GATHERING HYMN

“JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY”

ELW 365

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA (3X)

**P** The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**C** AND ALSO WITH YOU.

+ 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 God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM: Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel | now declare,**  
**"God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**  
**"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!  
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not | die, but live,**  
**and declare the works | of the LORD. R**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**  
**I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate | of the LORD;  
here the righ- | teous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**  
**and you have become | my salvation. R**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has | this been done;**  
**it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R



## 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.*

Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you make yourself known in your creation: in mountains and valleys, in plants and animals, and in those who care for what you have made. Lead us and all your creatures to proclaim that this is the day that the Lord has made. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you desire that all people live in peace. Guide all in authority at the local, state, national, and international levels, that they show no partiality in their care and concern. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Console those who are afraid, protect those who are persecuted, bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who mourn (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you choose us to be witnesses to your love. Bless visitors among us today, those celebrating Easter with family and friends, and those who travel during this holiday time. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Make us confident that we will feast at your heavenly banquet with those who have died and are now at rest. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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

### ANTHEM

*“CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA”*

*SENIOR CHOIR*

### OFFERTORY

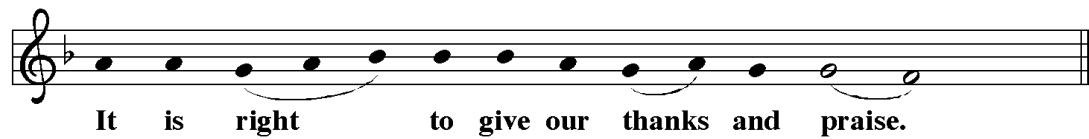
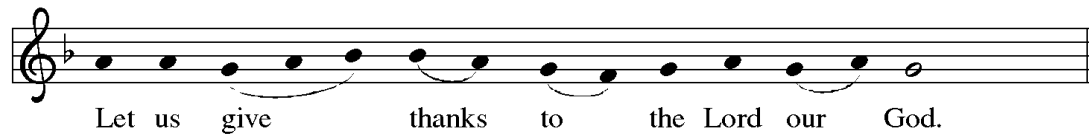
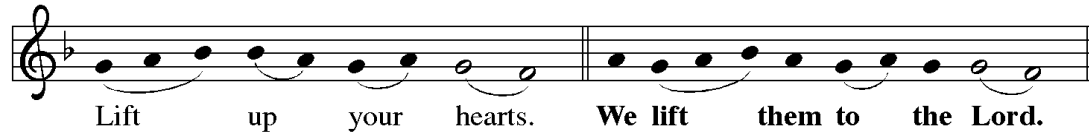


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble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

## + 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.**

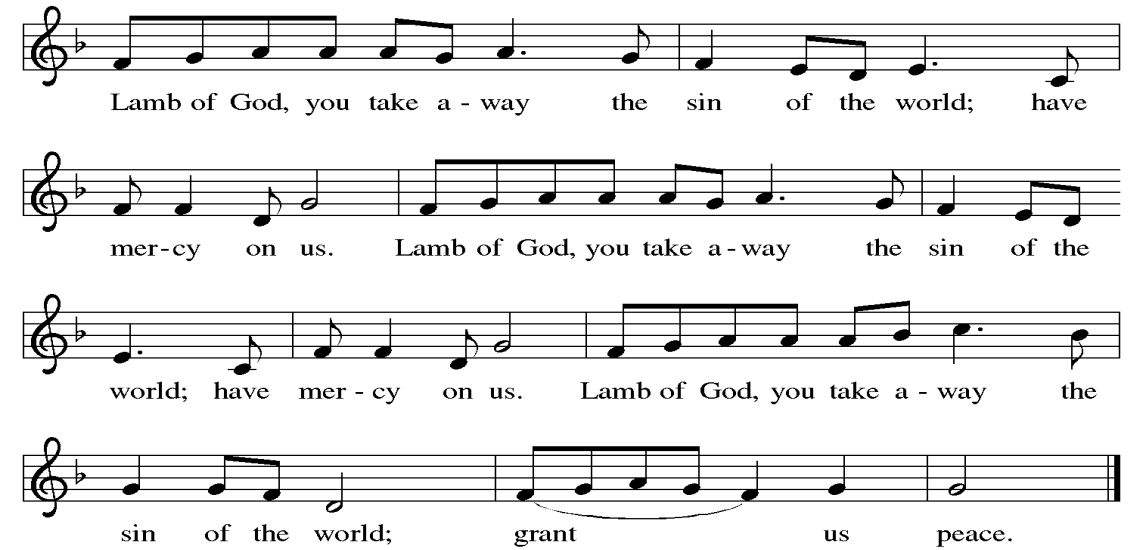
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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***

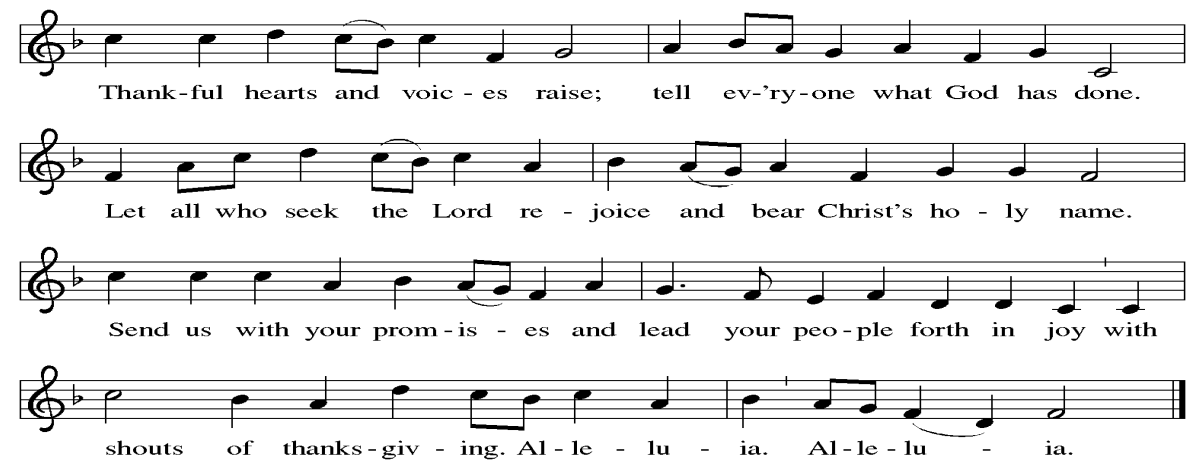


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 379, 391, 373, 380.*

## + 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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
Text and music © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

**+ 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**                      *“ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN”*                      **ELW 377**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES”*      *arr. H. HOPSON*

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2014 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.  
Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #46316.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the honor and glory of God.

**LIVING GIFTS** have been designated by:

Jack & Paula Laird to Tri City Meals on Wheels in loving memory of their parents, J. Merle & Margaret Laird and Wm. R. & Helen Faulkner.

Sue Strasser and family to Major Repairs in honor of John’s birthday April 8<sup>th</sup> and son Jason’s birthday on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Roger & Debbie Sullenberger to Major Repairs in memory of the anniversary of Roger’s parent’s marriage: William & Rosetta Sullenberger were married on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1942.

**SERVING TODAY:**

10:30

Worship Assistant	Jim Stewart
Lector	Joy Stynchula
Acolyte	Tyler Fauth
Crucifer	XXX
Torchbearers	XXX
Greeters	Joanne McMahan & Marion Bendl
Ushers	Rachel & Andrew King
Altar Guild	Mina Rutter
Counters	Sue Strasser & Barb Henderson

**OUR JOY THIS MORNING IS OVERFLOWING. CHRIST HAS TRIUMPHED. THE CURSE OF SIN AND DEATH IS REMOVED!** Our Service reflects this victory in the singing of Easter hymns, the addition of “This is the Feast” as the Hymn of Praise, special music, and reception of Holy Communion as a *“foretaste of the Feast to come.”* Christ has won a victory on our behalf. Our hearts must overflow.



## EASTER FLOWERS

2015



### SYMBOL OF RESURRECTION!

A **BUTTERFLY** is the emphasis of our Easter Banner. Rising free from the darkness of Calvary, the ugly symbols of sin and death are transformed into the beauty of God:

The solemn purple and black of Lent become a border of **thorns** around each wing.

Four russet **nail wounds** show in the upper and lower corners of the wings.

A **spear** on each lower wing thrusts its point toward the body.

A **scourge** that lashed His back lies curved at the bottom of each upper wing.

“And they **spat** upon Him ---”

Three droplets arch on either side of the body.

The **reeds** that bruised His head now reach out as harmless feelers.

Three silver coins on each side remind us of betrayal and thirty pieces of silver.

**ALL** -- reminders of Christ's death, changed by the metamorphosis of Resurrection. **THANKS BE TO GOD!** --

The **EASTER BANNER** was made by Fern Gesalman and designed by Mary Ann Smith. (Please note the banner is across from the altar.)

Today, the children will help release our butterflies as our "Alleluias" return as part of worship! What a joyous morning!

#### Given by

Jack and Mina Rutter  
Donna Sheridan  
The Gatons Family  
Bonnie Altman  
Karen Gesalman  
Ted Johnson  
Eleanor Besser  
Joy & Michael Stynchula  
Bobbie Musiak  
King/Territ Family  
Terry, Karen & Tristyn Mays  
Bill & Janet Ambrose  
Matt Fisher & Bettie Davis

Jim & Carol Stewart  
Fran Robb  
Dee Salentino  
Joan Rappold  
Lillian Shea  
Carole & Don Bridges  
Joanne McMahan  
Jamie Biller  
John & Brandi Askey

Dennis & Carol Clawson

Bill & Tami Stewart  
Lois Cairns  
Chuck & Jenny Luffy

#### Given by

Bonnie Altman  
Jack & Mina Rutter  
Lillian Shea

Bill & Janet Ambrose  
John & Beverly Sarp  
Bill & Tami Stewart

#### Given by

Joy & Michael Stynchula  
Chuck, Jenny, Brady & Jamie Luffy  
Dee Salentino  
Joan Rappold

#### In Loving Memory of

Parents & Paige Elizabeth Rutter  
Grandparents  
Kevin Gatons  
Husband, Gerry Altman  
Brother, Joel T. Gesalman  
Wife, June Johnson  
Husband, Nicolas Besser  
Parents  
Dan  
Robert Territ & Andrew Pezzoni  
Stacey Mays  
Son, Jim and parents  
John & Elizabeth Davis, Hazel Shields,  
Minnie & Doc Harris, Francoise Fisher  
Sister, Kathy & Father, Sam  
Ray  
Grandma GoGo  
Rita Curtis  
William D. Shea  
Bridges & Harman Families  
Jim  
Jeff  
Martin Brown, Eldon Earliwine, Jean Askey,  
Dorothy Earliwine, Wilford Askey  
Carol's parents, Jack & Louise Luther &  
Denny's father, William Z. Clawson  
Bill's mom, Pauline Stewart  
Husband & Relatives  
Grandparents and Jim

#### In Honor of

Fran Ober  
Our family  
Will & Anna Little, Charlotte, Lila &  
Graham Shea  
Chuck, Jenny, Brady & Jamie  
Donna & Patricia  
Tami's mother, Laura Diaz

#### In Thanksgiving for

Our marriage filled with blessings  
Grandparents  
Family & Dogs  
Peter & Sally

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF April 5 – April 12, 2015

Sunday		He is RISEN!
		Happy Easter!
Monday		Office Closed
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
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Friday	10:00 – 3:00 pm.	Bridege Club
Saturday	11:00 am. – 12:15 pm.	First Holy Communion Class
	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
	5:30 pm.	Troop 416
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416 Committee

*Easter flowers may be picked up after the 10:30 service. 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 a Easter flower payment. Thank you.*

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

**OUR THANKS THIS BLESSED SEASON** to all who helped share their love with others during our Lenten Services, Soup ‘n Sandwich gatherings, Agape Meal, Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Your donations of time, money, and items have been gratefully appreciated. Thanks to all who participated in special services as lectors, worship assistants, acolytes, crucifers.

**Just a reminder that the church office will be closed on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**ATTENTION BIBLE STUDY CLASS:** Classes switch back to Wednesday nights beginning April 8<sup>th</sup>.

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