

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

*August 16, 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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Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm.

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  
August 16, 2015  
“Time after Pentecost”  
10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“ALBUM LEAF”

G. YOUNG

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain. Field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

Amen.

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

God and Father of all,

**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action is needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation; your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **Amen.**

+ GATHERING HYMN

“O JESUS JOY OF LOVING HEARTS”

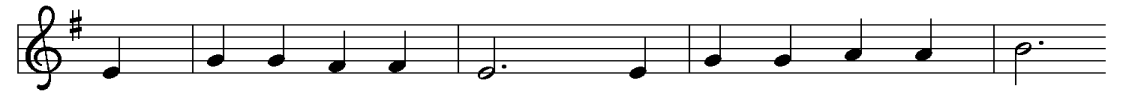
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+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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+ HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God in Heaven



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup> She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
<sup>3</sup> She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
<sup>4</sup> “You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup> “Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
<sup>6</sup> Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

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

## PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14

- <sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,  
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.  
<sup>10</sup> **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**  
**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good. R**  
<sup>11</sup> Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;  
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.  
<sup>12</sup> **Who among you takes plea- | sure in life**  
**and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?**  
<sup>13</sup> Keep your | tongue from evil  
and your lips from | lying words.  
<sup>14</sup> **Turn from evil | and do good;**  
**seek peace | and pursue it. R**

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.  
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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## GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

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

## Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup> “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of

Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING”*

ELW 881

## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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\*Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God’s compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of generosity, you came to live among us in communion with us. We pray for all congregations, that they be places of welcome and belonging where those who seek you find a home. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of creativity, you have given us a rich earth to provide all sorts of nourishment. Grant us the wisdom to be good stewards of this vast and wondrous home. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we pray for the nations of the world. Give the world’s leaders the wisdom that they need to seek peace and pursue justice. Give citizens the courage to raise up such leaders. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for all who are in need—both the needs we understand and the hungers that are beyond our comprehension. Fill all yearning souls with the true satisfaction that comes from you. (*Especially we pray for . . .*) Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom, we pray for all those who are returning to school: students, teachers, and staff. Give them the joy of learning from each other by sharing their gifts and questions. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of community, we remember all the faithful who have come before us. Help us to remember, as they did, that those who seek the Lord will lack nothing that is good. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*“CHORALE”*

*J.S. BACH*

**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.

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**+ OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A God of mercy and grace,  
 C **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

**+ GREAT THANKSGIVING**

A The Lord be with you.  
 C **And also with you.**

A Lift up your hearts.  
 C **We lift them to the Lord.**

A Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 C **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:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav' n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### Christ Has Died



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Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

### Amen



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## LORD'S PRAYER

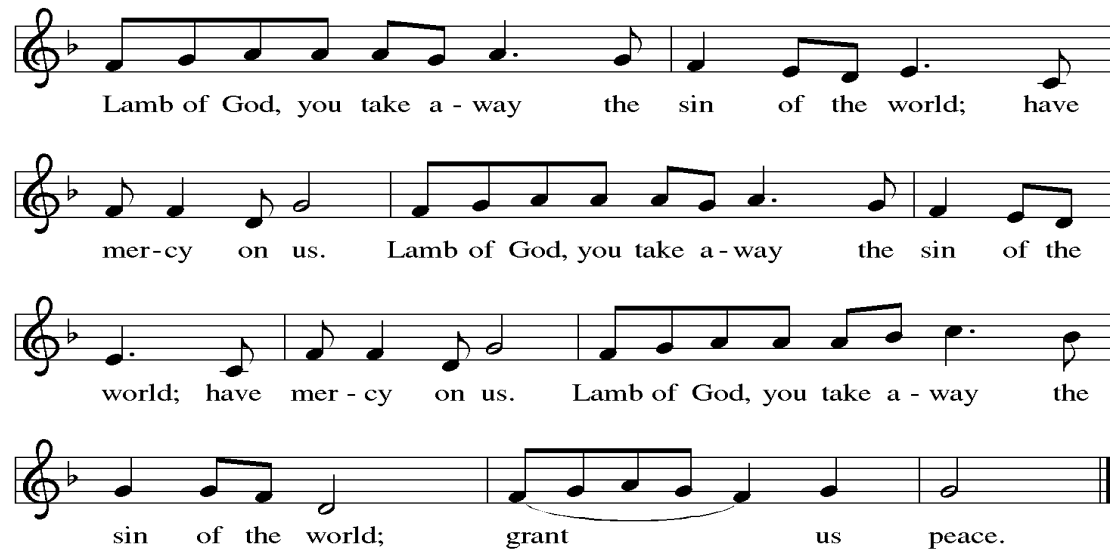
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

## 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 484, 689, 557.

### + POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

#### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voice - 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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### + POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Wise and generous God,  
We thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life.  
Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### + BENEDICTION

Almighty and merciful God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this  
day and forevermore. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      **“WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED”**      **ELW 851**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

**“WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED”**      **T. ALBRECHT**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the honor and glory of God by Scott & Michelle McMahan in honor of their 34<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**SERVING TODAY:**

	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open
Lector	Doris Wood
Acolyte	Taylor Dunn
Crucifer	Open
Greeters	Roger Sullenberger
Ushers	Rob & Josh Lipko
Altar Guild	Open
Counters	Kathy Wolfe & Janet Ambrose

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF August 16 - 23, 2015

Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	4:00 pm.	Coppetti
Monday		NEWSLETEER DEADLINE
	7:00 pm.	Council Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am. – 12:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	7:00 pm.	Chairperson Meeting
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	12:00 pm.	Evangelism Meeting

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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

A Call for Help...Bonnie Altman is moving and needs some help packing boxes. If you are able to give an hour here or there, please give Bonnie a call (724)2005-6293.

The Finance Committee has directed the Financial Secretary to make available a 6 month statement of the “Estimate of Giving” for 2015. Statements are available. E-mails were sent under Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to those whose e-mail we had available. Printed statements for those without e-mail will be available in the commons area. This is the last Sunday to pick up your statement. We will not be mailing the statements. Any questions contact Sally Hall, Financial Secretary.



Annual Golf Outing Today  
August 16, 2015  
Shotgun start 2:00 pm.  
Glengary Golf Course