



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

*December 20, 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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Parish Secretary -- Jenny Luffy

Office Hours:

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

Music Director

Nancy Flinger

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  
December 20, 2015  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*“OF THE FATHER’S LOVE BEGOTTEN”*

W. HELD

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace. **Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession.

To you, O God,

**We lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism; your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus; you belong to Christ you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near. **Amen.**

+ GATHERING HYMN

*“AWAKE! AWAKE, & GREET THE NEW MORN”*

ELW 242

+ 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.**

+ LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

(THE VERSE WILL BE SUNG BEFORE THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE AND THEN AGAIN AFTER THE ADVENT PRAYER)

*“LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH”*

ELW 240

Verse 4

We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

+ KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: MICAH 5:2-5A

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55



<sup>46b</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will | call me blessed:**

<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me  
and holy | is your name.

<sup>50</sup>**You have mercy on | those who fear you,  
from generation to | generation. R**

<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength | with your arm  
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

<sup>52</sup>**casting down the mighty | from their thrones  
and lifting | up the lowly.**

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry | with good things  
and sent the rich | away empty.

<sup>54</sup>**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,  
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

<sup>55</sup>the promise made | to our forbears,  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever. **R**

## SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

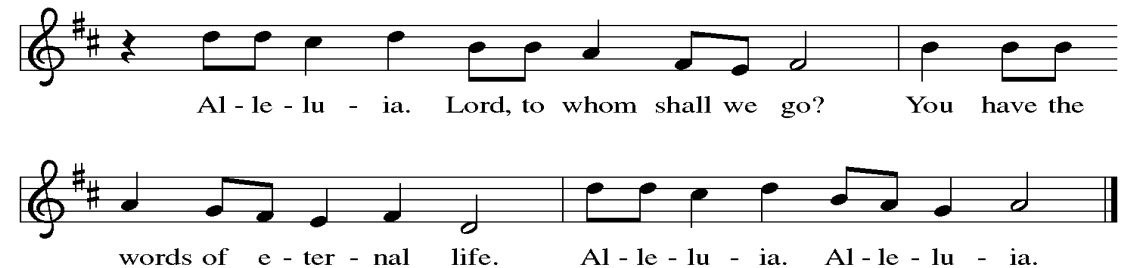
<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

<sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**GOSPEL: Luke 3:39-45 [46-55]**

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



<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The gospel of the Lord.



**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"MY SOUL PROCLAIMS YOUR GREATNESS"*

ELW 251

**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

Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God promises to give.

*A brief silence.*

O God our Wisdom, give to all the baptized knowledge of your truth and the power of your presence. Inspire worship leaders and church musicians toward ever-deepening praise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, Lord of might, hold the cosmos in your care. Give the earth both darkness and light, cold and warmth. Protect the mountains from exploitation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, King of nations, bring peace and justice to all the countries of the world. Guide all leaders toward honest and merciful rule. Raise up those who are poor. We pray especially for . . . . Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, Key of David, look from your throne upon all in need. Mend the broken and the brokenhearted. Free those imprisoned by anxiety or illness. We pray especially for . . . . Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, Tree of Jesse, nurture our community. Give us joy in one another, and make us servants of all in need. Bless our holy day celebrations with your Spirit. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God, Dayspring, we remember all who have died and now live in your light (*especially Katharina von Bora Luther and . . .*). Gather us to yourself and teach us to sing together Mary's song of praise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, merciful God, and make us ready to receive you when you come through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY (8:30)**

**"FOREST GREEN"**

**W. HELD**

**OFFERTORY (10:30)**

**"LET ALL MORTAL FLESH"**

**SENIOR CHOIR**

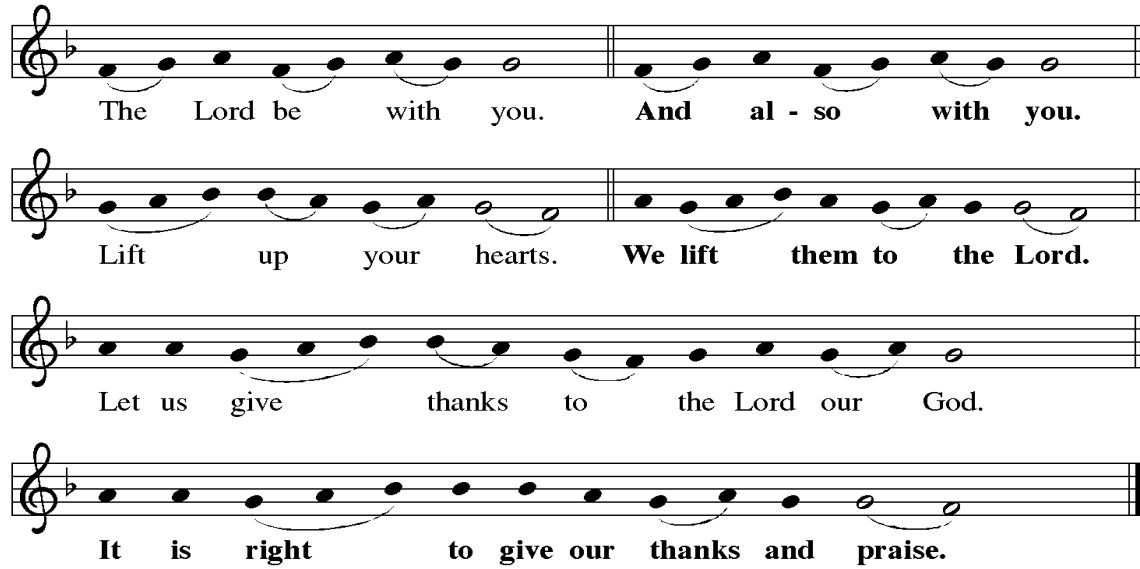
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble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

## + OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of abundance,

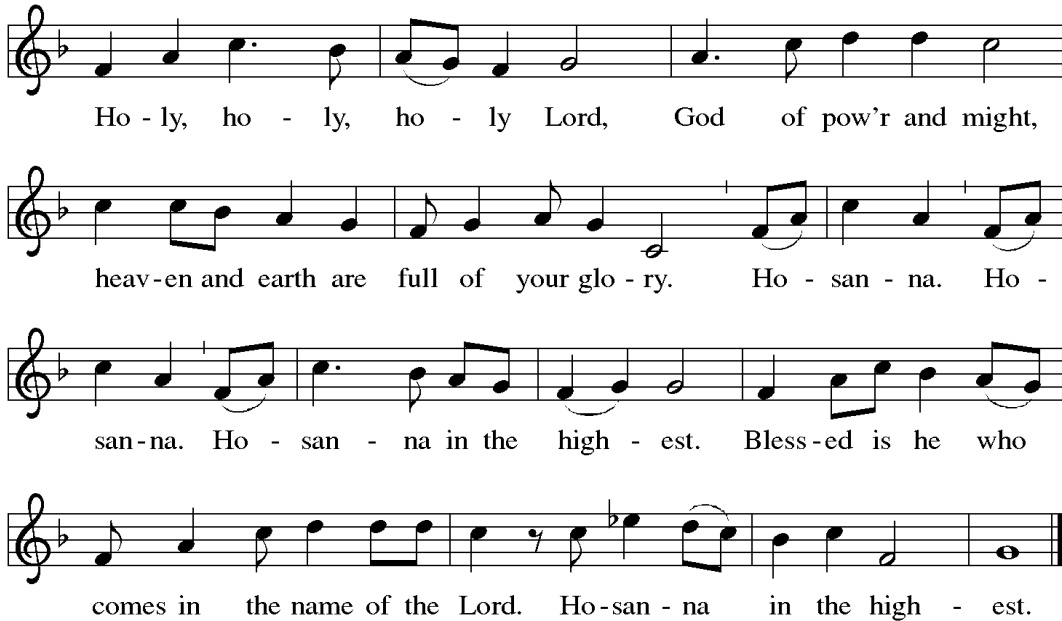
C we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## + 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

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

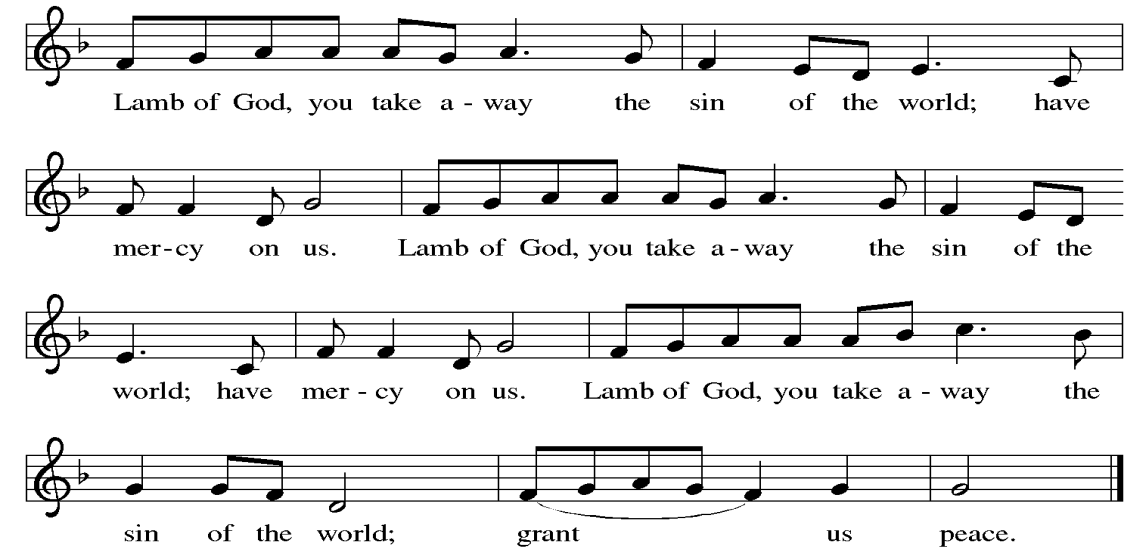
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.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

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

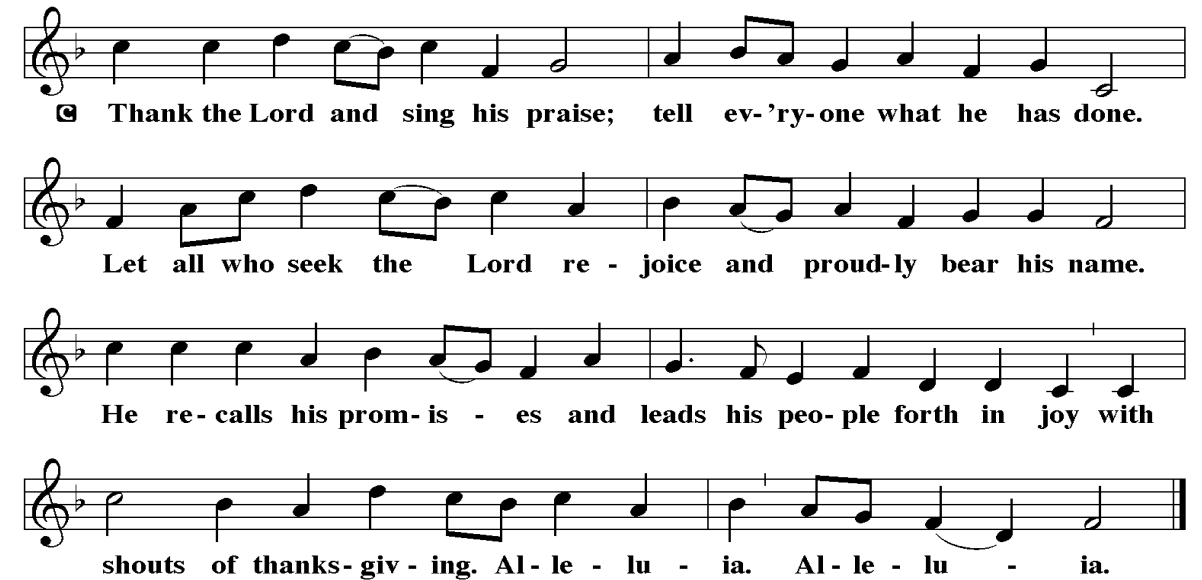
*During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing **Lamb of God***



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 260, 246, 244.*

#### + POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**+ BENEDICTION**

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**                      **“SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME”**                      **ELW 263**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**“SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME”**                      **P. MANZ**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the honor and glory of God by Terry, Karen & Tristyn Mays in loving memory of daughter and mother, Stacey Mays on the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing December 18, 2009.

**LIVING GIFTS** have been designated by:

Kathy Wolfe to the Youth Group in loving memory of “Skip” Crosby.

Tim Dragelin, Joel Dragelin & Natalie Hargrove to the Memorial Fund in memory of Marcia Engelbrecht.

Ken & Dixie Mowl, Mark & Cindi Stewart, Jim & Carol Stewart, Dorothy & Jim Stewart to Pastor’s Discretionary Fund in memory of John Crock.

<b>SERVING TODAY:</b>	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Jennifer Connor	Debbie Sullenberger
Acolyte	Taylor Dunn	Mackenzie Halfhill
Crucifer	Riley Dunn	Drezden Gesalman
Greeters	XXX	Roger & Lindsey Sullenberger
Ushers	XXX	Rob & Josh Lipko
Altar Guild	Open	Janet Ambrose
Counters		Eleanor Besser & Isabelle Bruggeman

**PRAYER LIST - Our thoughts and prayers are with the following:**

Lisa Yothers	Henry Poerio	Jackson Petak	Rev. John McLaughlin	Jackson Storey
Carrie Leone	Louis	Helen Lauffer	Margaret Schrieber	Norman Rearick
April Carey	Pam Martin	Charlotte Polesky	Jeanne Kott	Linda McMahan
Joyce Frazier	Karol Handrahan	Aubrey	Jane Misutka	Jesse, Josh & Michelle
William Fealey	Denny Saddler	Amber Pritts	Abby Legler	Lisa
Craig McKenna	Ann Burns	Bryan Rearick	Michael	Chuck Thropp
Bill Cook	Ryan Quinn	Dakota Mutdosch	Susie	Evelyn Soderberg
Kevin Schultz	Connie Brinker	Robert Himler	Jimmy Soderberg	Pastor John Harmon
Mildred Stubbs	Patricia Sarp	Madison Hoopengardener	Chris Kosar	Pat Miller
Raymond Gross	Tim Loughran	Richard Bell	Lucinda Martin	Baby Piper
Bob Clark	Gerry & Jerome	Rowan Rusnock	Margaret Podolinski	Alex LaFranky
Darlene	Trudy Beistal	Lisa	John Askey Sr.	Frank Moore
Ron Livengood	Dylan Fennell	Lou Simek	Karen	Larry Cottrill
Luca Bell	Frank Sierawski	Terri Dunbar	Ted Speedy	
Chip Franklin	Connie Tarr	Kyle Kennon	Joan Brown	Mary McNamara
John Seruga	David Wood	Glenna Latshaw	Jennifer Wonsettler Burns	

**Good Shepherd Members:**

Jeff Ryan	Dennis McIntire	Ray Scherer	Bill Knackstedt
Mary McGee	Joyce Coates	Jean Hawes	Carole Bridges
Jane Croushore	Eleanor Elliott	Carol Stewart	Isabelle Bruggeman
Dorothy Stewart	Melanie Wood	Donna Seiler	Eleanor Besser
Dorothy Flock	Lisa Seiler	Jane Elliott	Roger Sullenberger
Barb Tychinski	Judy Monchak	Charlotte Hein	George Silvis
Bernie Miller	Tim Donahue	Ted Johnson	



CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 20 - 27, 2015

**Those in care facilities:**

Vanita Permar     Audrey Troutman     Peg Hobbs     Ruth Gesalman     Nancy Hebrank  
 Ann Shockey     Evelyn Richter     Bernie Fisher     Delver Flock     Eileen Silvis

**Those in the Service**

Lindsey Patrick     Paul Harrold     Adam Neiderhiser     Sean Sabiston     Ryan Cutcliffe  
 Michael Shupe     Derek Leach     Ryan Ilich

**Friends and relative of the Good Shepherd family:**

Diana Maron – Breast Cancer – Jim Monnich’s sister  
 Nancee Roberts – cancer – Cousin of Cyndi Stiles  
 Esther Blackson – cancer of voicebox – requested by Mary Jane Aaron  
 Jayme Flock – Childhood Cancer  
 Nancy Walsh – Breast Cancer – Requested by Bill & Patti Benton  
 Dorinda Dee – Niece of Mary Jane Aaron - Minimal change disease  
 Richard Wright & Family – Blood Clots – requested by Joan Rappold  
 Frank Moore – Father of Megan Coppetti – needs a liver transplant  
 Fran McCallen – Breast cancer – requested by Joy & Michael Stynchula  
 Joanne Mazzoni – Heart Issues – requested by Jim Monnich  
 Howard Parker – Pancreatic cancer  
 Rachael Latshaw – Non-hodgkins lymphoma – niece of Doris & Jack Wood  
 Betty Wenzel – requested by Bob & Donna Seiler  
 Kathy Seiler – daughter-in-law of Bob & Donna Seiler  
 Laurel Beranek – Diabetes – granddaughter of Jane Elliott  
 Julie - cancer – requested by Rachel King  
 Matthew Miller – awaiting liver transplant – requested by Augie Nicolai  
 Paulette Willocheel – Back operation – requested by Dorothy & Jim Stewart  
 Rosalie Stewart – Parkinsons’s Disease – requested by Dorothy & Jim Stewart  
 Robin – Multiple Sclerosis  
 Morgan Krakosh & Family – Morgan is disabled & having lung problems – requested by Jim Monnich  
 Cathy Smith - tumor on heart – niece of George Smith – requested by George & Mary Ann Smith  
 Natalie Anthony – cancer – sister of Ken Hebrank – requested by George & Mary Ann Smith  
 Laura Bell – rheumatoid arthritis  
 June Muse – requested by Jim Monnich – heart attack  
 Pat Depalma – requested by Joyce Coates  
 Wanda – thyroid/heart – requested by Debbie Sullenberger  
 Dorothy Kuschar – Internal Injuries – requested by Peg Hobbs  
 Judy Shea – Cancer – requested by Lillian Shea  
 Amanda & Tim – Expecting a baby and baby may have problems – requested by Doris Wood  
 Joseph Misutka - cancer – requested by Debbie Sullenberger  
 Marcus Malara – cancer – requested Linda Dunheimer  
 Dick Jones – Recovering from major surgery – brother of Marion Bendl  
 Orville Tustin -- Lung cancer -- requested by Sharon Greene  
 Penny Newmann -- requested by Joyce Coates  
 Bob Bayus -- pancreatic cancer -- requested by Monnich family  
 Jill Coates -- sister-in-law of Joyce Coates  
 Genevieve & Pam Hite -- medical issues  
 William Simpson -- 3 yr. old needing heart transplant  
 Larry Bowers -- req. R. Atwell and A. LeCuyer  
 Randy Barker -- cousin of Joyce Coates

Remember to notify the office of any changes. Thank you....

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Coffee Hour
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	1:30 pm.	Piano Recital
Monday	7:00 pm.	Council Meeting at Pastor Frank’s
Tuesday	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Brunot – Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 12:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
Thursday	Christmas Eve	OFFICE CLOSED
	4:30, 7:30 & 10:00 pm.	Candelight
		Holy Communion
Friday		Merry Christmas
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Lessons & Carols
Sunday	9:30 am.	Coffee Hour
	10:30 am.	Lessons & Carols

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.....

50 Sundays

Budget     \$186,875.96  
 Giving     \$182,067.61  
 Behind     (\$ 4,808.35)

Reminder -- we are coming close to the end of the year. All donations must be received by December 27th to be included in your 2015 Statement for tax purposes. If you have any questions about your giving for 2015, please contact Sally Hall, Financial Secretary, she will be happy to help you. Thank you, Sally

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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

**It is not too late to purchase a poinsettia. Sign up in the commons area.**

**MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO DONATED TO.....**

### **THE MITTEN TREE**

We collected 52 hats, 38 pairs of gloves/mittens, 15 pairs of socks, 5 scarves, 2 headbands, 1 pair of slippers and 1 stuffed rabbit.

### **GLADE RUN & TRINITY NORTH SIDE**

The packages have all been delivered to their locations and we thank Pastor Frank, Pastor Clement, Don Turnbull & John Strasser for delivering the gifts.

### ***Christmas Eve Services***

4:30 pm., 7:30 pm., 10:00 pm. Holy Communion & Candlelight

This is a very busy time of the year for everyone, however, if you are attending a Christmas Eve service, please consider serving in some capacity. There are many openings available.

We have a need for Acolytes, Torchbearers/Crucifiers, Lectors, Worship Assistants, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Guild. We also need readers for Lessons and Carols. Please call Jenny (724)834-1940, sign up on the bulletin board or leave a note on the desk. Thank You.

December 26 – 5:30 Lessons & Carols

December 27 – Lessons & Carols - 10:30 Service Only



**JANUARY 17, 2016 - Following the 10:30 am. service**