



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

February 1, 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

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 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
February 1, 2015
“Fourth Sunday after Epiphany”
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
Who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

Amen.

Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Holy and merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight.

Amen

Hear the voice from heaven: “You are my own, my beloved.” God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of +Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of God’s reign.

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“O CHRIST THE HEALER WE HAVE COME”

ELW 610

+ 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

Glory to God

Assisting minister
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15–20

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹congregation.

²**Great are your ¹works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- ¹light in them.**

³Majesty and splendor ¹mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- ¹dures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to ¹be remembered;
you are gracious and full ¹of compassion. R**

⁵You give food to ¹those who fear you,
remembering forev- ¹er your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power ¹of your works
in giving them the lands ¹of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- ¹ness and justice;
all of your pre- ¹cepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- ¹er and ever,
because they are done in ¹truth and equity. R**

⁹You sent redemption to your people
and commanded your cove- ¹nant forever;
holy and awesome ¹is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the begin- ¹ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise en- ¹dures forever. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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: Mark 1:21-28

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



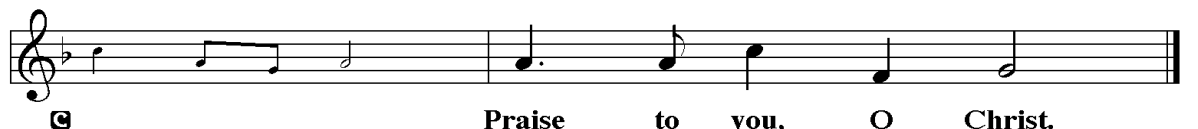
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.

²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL"

ELW 612

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.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called to know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Prophetic God, inspire your church to speak with authority and act with strength where the powers of evil are most oppressive and human hearts yearn for dignity and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Drive out the demons of greed and carelessness that wound creation through pollution and over use. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Send prophets of wisdom and courage to our nation. Move us beyond partisan divisions to a common search for liberty and justice. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Healer of our every ill, bring hope and solace to those who struggle with depression. Set free those burdened by feelings of guilt, shame, and worthlessness. Visit the sick with your compassionate Spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Strengthen the witness of preachers, teachers, and all who proclaim the gospel in the assembly and the witness of parish nurses, counselors, spiritual directors, and all who proclaim the gospel in their vocations. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, the saints listened to your voice and you freed them to live and love for you. Open our ears to hear you and follow their example of faith and courage. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

ANTHEM (10:30)

“SOLI DEO GLORIA”

SENIOR CHOIR

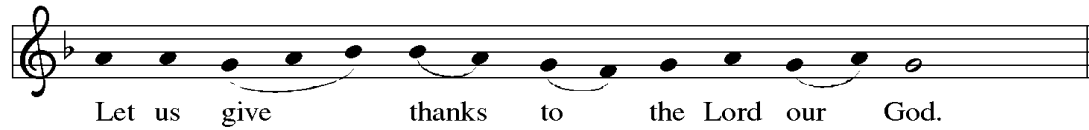
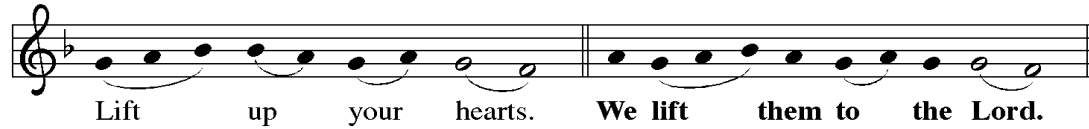
The anthem today is entitled "Soli Deo Gloria". *Soli Deo gloria* is a Latin term for **Glory to God alone**. It has been used by composers such as Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frideric Handel to signify that the work was produced for the sake of praising God. At the end of every sacred composition and some secular, written by J S Bach, he penned "Soli Deo Gloria"

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.

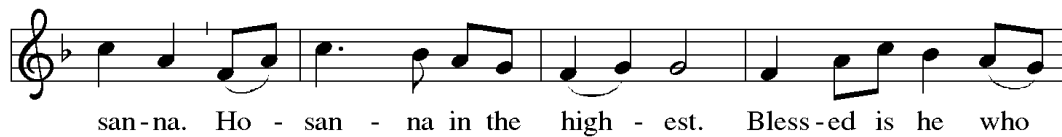
+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful God,
C as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
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

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

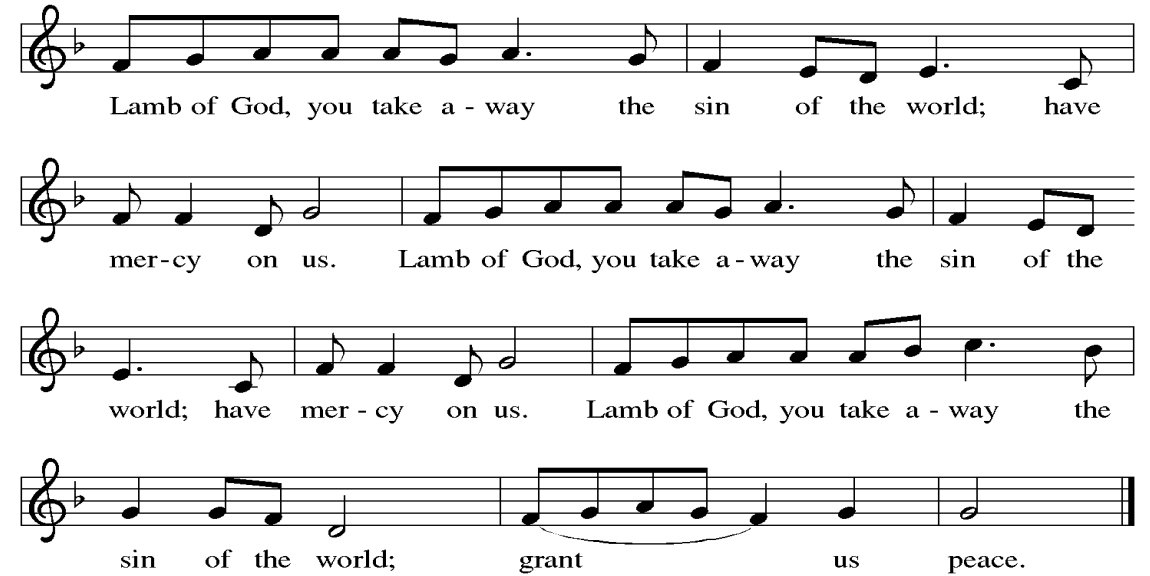
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

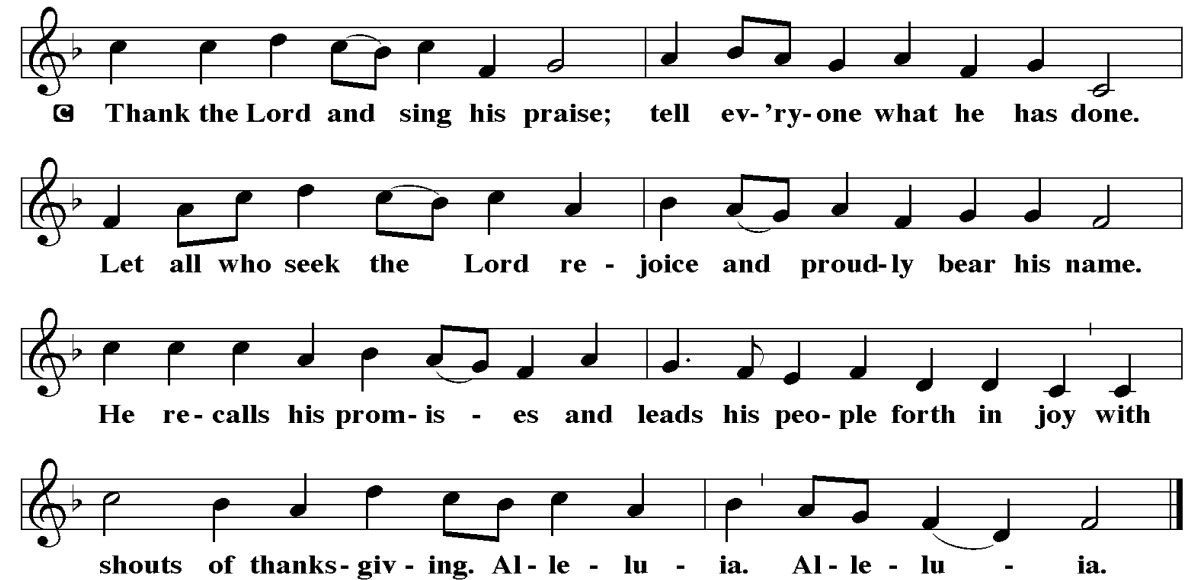
*During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing **Lamb of God***



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 481, 477, 519, 867.

+ 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

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick/homebound/imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

God the Father, light-creator; God the Son. Light for Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“ON OUR WAY REJOICING”

ELW 537

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Sue Rhome in memory of grandfather, George Heiman and in honor of father, Terry Gatons.

LIVING GIFTS have been designated by:

Barbara Henderson to the Martha Committee in memory of Richard Shoupe, brother of Karen Mays.

Sally Hall to the Youth Gathering in loving memory of husband, Dick Hall.

SERVING TODAY:

8:30

10:30

Worship Assistant

Open

Open

Lector

Jennifer Connor

Jean Mathers

Acolyte

Morgan Mull

Jaden Biller

Crucifer

XXX

Jesse Biller

Torchbearers

XXX

Open

Greeters

Open

Jack & Mina Rutter

Ushers

Open

Don Bridges & Ken Hill

Altar Guild

Sue Strasser

Lisa Hook

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 have not already picked up your 2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES, please do so. Envelopes are located on the table in the Commons area.

ALTAR FLOWERS/LIVING GIFTS - A new sign-up sheet has been posted in the hall. Please sign up for those dates that may have special meaning to you.

A note from the office: To better understand copier costs, each committee will be assigned a code for copier use. The “12345” code will no longer work. To obtain your code, stop in or call Jenny during office hours (Monday – Thursday 9:00 am. – 2:00 pm.).

Senior Choir will now rehearse at 9:30 am on Sunday Mornings. There will be no chime or bell rehearsals until February/March.

Don't to forget to head back to the Social Room and check out The Second Annual Good Shepherd Art Show.

If you ordered soup, please don't forget to go back to the social room and pick it up.

A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARY - The series by Beverly Lewis is availble in the Library.



Annual Meals on Wheels Cookie Bake Off - February 8

On Sunday, February 8th, we are asking each household to contribute four dozen cookies to our annual Cookie and Sweet Treat drive. Your donations will help supply over 160 delivered meals with a sweet treat. Our goal this year is 5,000 cookies. All donations welcome. Please deliver no later than 11 am. If you wish to donate prior to February 8th, please place items in the freezer clearly marked “MOW”.

Important Dates

February 4
February 18

February 22

Lifeline Screening
Ash Wednesday Services
(12:00 & 7:00)
Winter Potluck

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF February 1 - 8, 2015

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:00 am.	Senior Choir
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
		Don't forget to pick up your soup
	5:30 pm.	Grade 6 Pre-Confirmation
	6:30 pm.	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
Monday	9:00 am.	New Neighbors
	6:30 pm.	Webelos II
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	7:00 pm.	Chairperson Meeting
	7:00 pm.	Mutual Ministry
Wednesday	8:30 am. – 4:30 pm.	LifeLine Screening
	6:45 pm.	Troop 416
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
	6:00 pm.	Zezzo
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday		Annual Cookie Bake Off – M.O.W.
	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:00 am.	Senior Choir
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	12:00 pm.	Kristi
	6:00 pm.	Pack 416
	6:30 pm.	Youth Group