



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

February 14, 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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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.

+ **KYRIE**

Service of the Word and Sacrament
February 14, 2016
“First Sunday in Lent”
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

“SOLITUDE”

E. GRIEG

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the
land of milk and honey.

Amen.

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

Merciful Father,

**We have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and
daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may
resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen**

We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses
against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God
clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of † Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your
sins and making of you a new creation.

Amen.

+ **GATHERING HYMN**

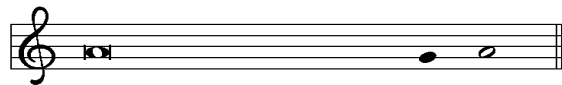
“OH LORD THROUGHOUT THESE 40 DAYS”

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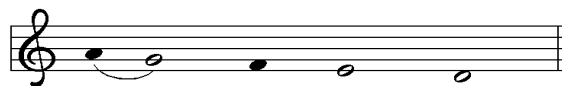
+ **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



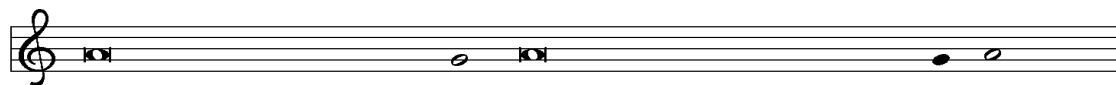
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



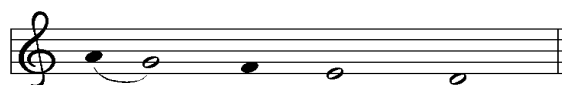
Lord, have mer - cy.



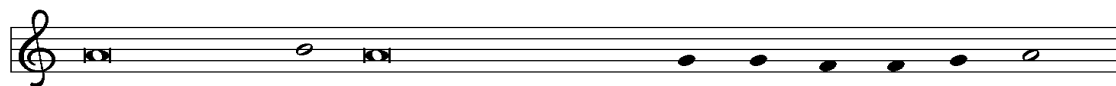
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 91



¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.” R**

⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. R**

¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

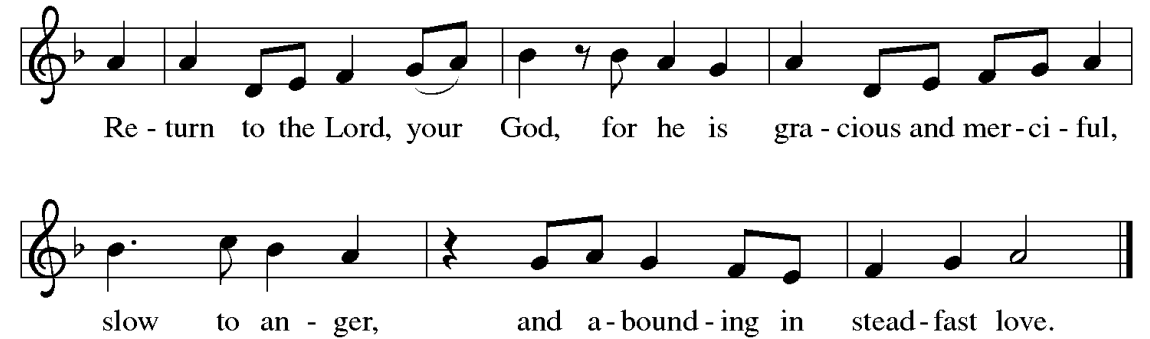
^{8b}“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

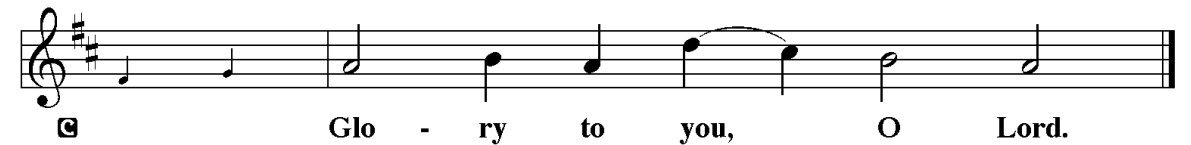
Thanks be to God

+LENTEN ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

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



¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written,

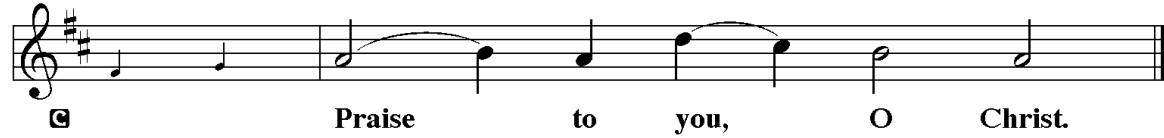
‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’ ¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“ABIDE WITH ME”

ELW 629

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

Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

A brief silence.

Break down and mend divisions within your church, Holy One. Bring together rich and poor, homeless and housed, and those who hold differing political views as the one body of Christ. Unite us in worship of you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Sustain citrus groves and orchards, divine Gardener. Provide rich soil and water in due season for an abundant harvest. Help us share the fruit of your harvest with all people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Raise up peacemakers, almighty God. In nations ravaged by war, pour out your Spirit of wisdom on their leaders. Equip them to respond with your mercy and justice. Make peace flourish in all the world (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Protect all who flee oppression, eternal Father. Grant refuge on their journey. Provide shelter as there is need. Turn the hearts of those who oppress. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Teach us to love as you love, gracious Lord. Open us to encounter our enemies as our neighbors. Give us courage to trust in your redeeming love and proclaim your gospel to all people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Show all people your salvation, Alpha and Omega. Bring us to eternal joy with all the saints who have gone before us (*especially the missionaries Cyril and Methodius*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

“A LENTEN CHORALE”

G. NEUMARK

ANTHEM (10:30)

“I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME”

SENIOR CHOIR

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 dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God our provider,
C **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our 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, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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,

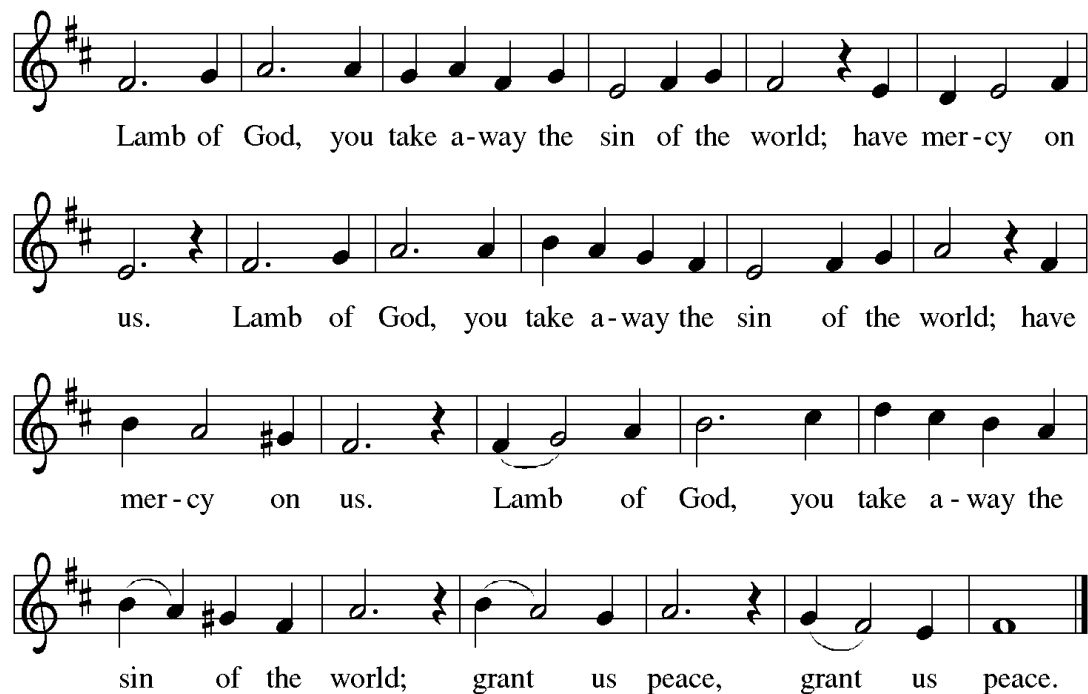
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

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

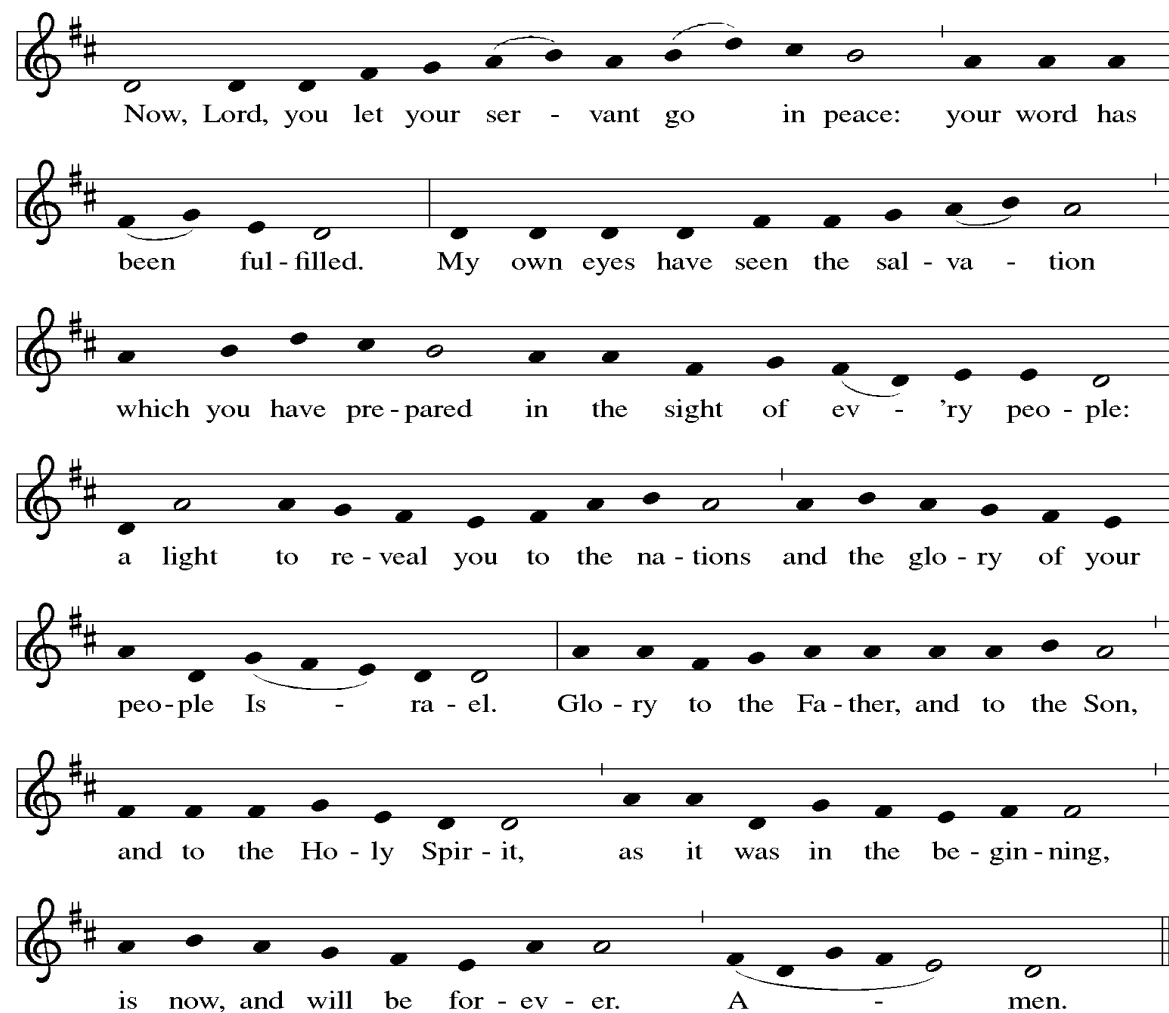


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 496, 620, 545.

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of † Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *“GUIDE ME EVER GREAT REDEEMER”* **ELW 618**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“HILF, HERR JESU” **J.S. BACH**

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LIVING GIFTS have been designated by:

Jack & Mina Rutter to Major Repairs in General Thanksgiving for our Congregation.

Ruth Gesalman to Westmoreland County Food Bank in loving memory of Bob Gesalman.

Fran Robb to the General Fund in loving memory of Ray Robb

Donna Sheridan to Meals on Wheels in memory of Gladys McCabe

Valerie Pollock to the Martha Fund in loving memory of Bill Pollock and in honor of his birthday, February 19th.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Jim Stewart
Lector	Open	Joy Stynchula
Acolyte	Morgan Mull	Zach Petrozza
Crucifer	XXX	XXX
Greeters	Open	Don & Carole Bridges
Ushers	Open	Joe Cottrill & Jack Rutter
Altar Guild	Open	Deborah Fox
Counters		Jack Gesalman & Jenny Luffy

Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will feature our traditional **"Soup 'n Sandwich"** fellowship at **6:00 pm**. You need to only bring your sandwich! **Vespers follow at 7:00 pm.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

You may have noticed that there are no Altar Flowers. Our normal florist has temporarily closed and the Worship and Music Committee is working on a solution.

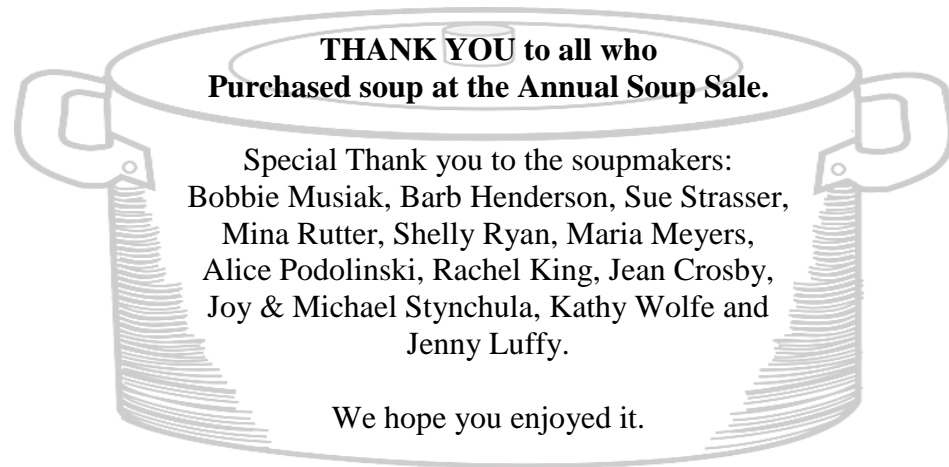
Winter Potluck will be held Sunday, February 21st following the 10:30am worship service. A sign up sheet is posted in the commons area soon. Meat, drinks and paper products will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.



Thank you to all you donated to our soup pots last weekend. We were able to collect \$303.13 for the Westmorland County Food Bank.

Annual Meals on Wheels Cookie Bake Off February 14

THANK YOU to all who baked/donated cookies for the bake off.



WELCA NOTES:

The Lenten Brunch scheduled for Saturday, February 20th has been cancelled. Watch for a reschedule date.

Books, Games & Scriptures has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 21 following The Winter Potluck.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF February 14 - 21, 2016

Today is "Meals on Wheels" Cookie Sunday

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Camp Genesis
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Senior Choir
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
Monday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	7:00 pm.	Council Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot – Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	1:00 pm.	Parkinson's Support Group
	4:30 pm.	Kindermusik
	6:00 pm.	Brownies
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	6:00 pm.	Soup & Sandwich
	7:00 pm.	Vespers
		Choir following Vespers
Thursday	6:00 pm.	Young Marines
	8:00 pm.	Bells
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	1:00 pm. – 12:00 am.	Zezzo - Scrapbooking
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	8 th Grade Confirmation
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
		Winter Potluck
	Following Potluck	Books, Games & Scriptures
	2:00 pm.	K – 5 Junior Youth Group
	6:00 pm.	Senior Youth Group
	6:45 pm.	7 th Grade Confirmation

Important Dates

February 21	Winter Potluck Following 10:30 Service BGS following Potluck
March 5	Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
March 11	Family Game Night
March 13	Hamburger/Hot Dog Bar

Lenten Thursday Worship and Luncheon

at Zion's Lutheran Church

Services begin at 12:05 p.m.

Lunch is served following the service at 12:30 p.m.

Please spread the word to friends and family to join us in worship each Thursday during this Lenten season.

February 11: Preaching- Pastor John Smaligo, Harrold Zion

Lunch: Lasagna, Tossed Salad and Pies

February 18: Preaching-Pastor Kara Probst, Salem, Delmont

Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup, Tossed Salad and Cherry Apple Crisp

February 25: Preaching-Pastor Frank Podolinski, Good Shepherd

Lunch: Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Fruit Salad and Bar Cookies

March 3: Preaching-Pastor Jerry Neurnberger, First Lutheran

Lunch: Chicken Casserole, Cranberry Salad and Cake

March 10: Preaching- Pastor Peter Nordby, St. Luke

Lunch: Chili, Tossed Salad and Cake

March 17: Preaching Robert Hawk, Retired

Lunch: Shredded Beef Sandwich, Broccoli Salad and Bar Cookies

March 24: Preaching-Pastor Brian Chaffee, Zion's

Lunch: Soup and Salad Bar

Suggested lunch donation - \$4.00

Our Worship and Luncheon are not held on days when Greensburg- Salem School District declares school closing due to snow.