



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

February 22, 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 22, 2015
“First Sunday of Lent”
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

“PRELUDE ON ABERYSWYTH”

H. WILLAN

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
Who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out
of death into life.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**We confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and
by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to
serve you in newness of life. Amen**

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through death and resurrection of
Jesus Christ, + God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and
keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS ”

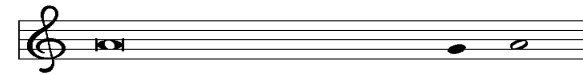
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+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

Kyrie



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.



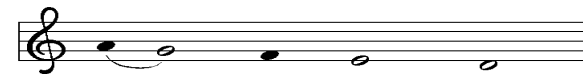
Lord, have mer - cy.



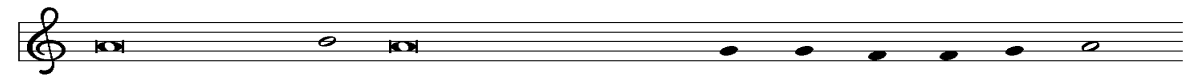
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



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.**

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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: Genesis 9:8–17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1–10

¹To ¹you, O LORD,

I lift ¹up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be ¹put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph ¹over me.**

³Let none who look to you be ¹put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame ¹who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ¹ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹me your paths. R**

⁵Lead me in your ¹truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all ¹the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- ¹sion and love,
for they are from ¹everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- ¹ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- ¹right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners ¹in your way. R**

⁹You lead the low- ¹ly in justice
and teach the low- ¹ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast ¹love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your ¹testimonies. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18–22

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lenten Acclamation

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,

slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME"

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**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

Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Holy God, in baptism you wash us clean from sin and refresh us with your promise of belonging. Unite your church in proclaiming that in your family all are welcome, all are beloved, all are made whole. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer..

The earth thirsts for your life-giving water. We pray for desert places where there is no rain and for restoration of polluted rivers and oceans. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Flood our world with a desire for peace. Where people are oppressed, bring justice. Where there is terror, bring safety. Stir up compassion among leaders and citizens so that every person is treated with dignity, kindness, and love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Your heart aches with those who are in pain. Tend to those who are hungry, lonely, lost, and those in any need (*especially*). Hear their cries and spur us to respond as your hands and heart in the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless ministers, musicians, teachers, visionaries, council members, committees, and all those who strive to lead this congregation faithfully into the future. Ground their work in scripture and prayer and fuel it with your great imagination. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Remember your covenant with us, and keep us faithful to you until we join with all the saints and angels around your heavenly throne. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

“JUST AS I AM”

D. WOOD

ANTHEM

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.

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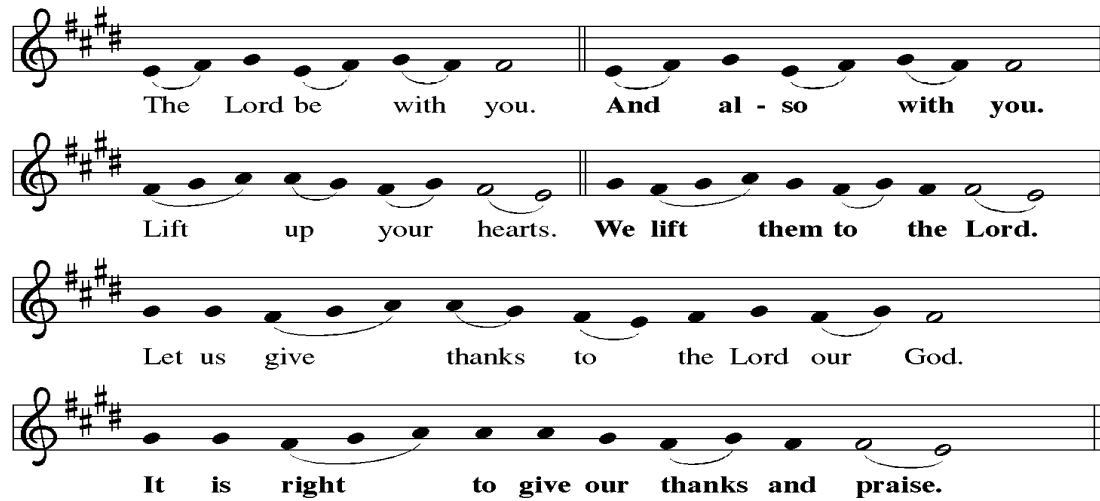
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+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

Preface Dialogue

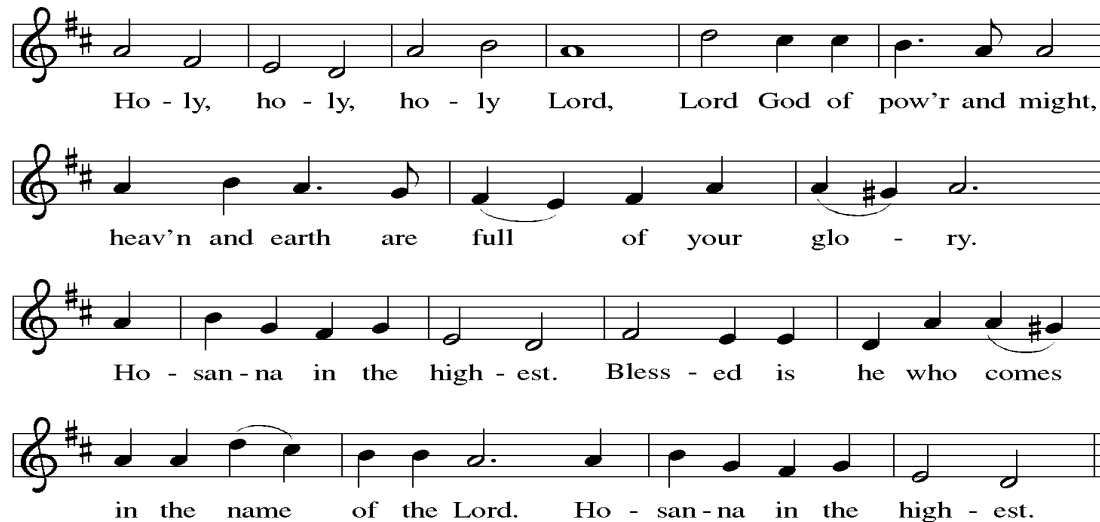


The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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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, 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.

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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

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



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.

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Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 481, 484, 490..

+ 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

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

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

“REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART”

ELW 873

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“HERR CHRIST, DEREIN’GE GOTT’S – SOHN”

J.S. BACH

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Donna Sheridan in memory of Norm Sheridan.

A **LIVING GIFT** has been designated by:

Donna Sheridan to Tri-City Meals on Wheels in loving memory of friend, Gladys McCabe.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Lillian Shea
Lector	Morgan Ryan	Brady Luffy
Acolyte	Peyton Ryan	Zach Petrozza
Crucifer	Alex Ryan	Tyler Fauth
Torchbearers	XXX	Open
Greeters	Open	Chuck & Fran Ober
Ushers	Open	Roger Sullenberger & George Billig
Altar Guild	Open	Shelley Cottrill
Counters		Carole Bridges & Jenny Luffy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Our Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.) & Vesper services (7:00 pm.) begin on Wednesday, February 25th. We are in need of soupmakers and host committees. Please sign up in the commons area.

It is once again time to sign up to purchase flowers for Easter. This year you may choose between a hyacinth (\$5.50) or lily (\$7.50). Please indicate your preference on the sign up sheet located in the commons area.

Bible Study will move to Thursdays during Lent.

First Holy Communion classes begin on March 7th. If you have a child or know of someone with a child in third grade or older who would like to participate in First Holy Communion classes, please contact the office 724-834-1940.

If the situation arises that a wheelchair is needed, there is one located in the hallway under the coat racks. Thank you to Jack & Mina Rutter for securing a wheelchair for us.

Youth Group tubing that was originally scheduled for February 28th has been deferred due to the Youth trip to the sight and sound theater in Lancaster on March 14th. There will however, be a regular meeting the morning of Saturday, February 28th at 10 am. There are still spots open for youth to attend the Sight & Sound Theater trip. Contact Kathy Wolfe if interested.

Our Food Pantry is well stocked with most food items due to your generosity. We, however, are in need of jellies & peanut butter, paper products and toiletries.

Important Dates

February 25	Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.) Vespers (7:00 pm.)
March 4	Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.) Vespers (7:00 pm.)
March 7	Troop 416 Pancake Breakfast
March 11	Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.) Vespers (7:00 pm.)
March 14 -15	Youth Trip to Lancaster
March 18	Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.) Vespers (7:00 pm.)
March 21	WELCA Lenten Brunch

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF February 22 – March 1, 2015

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	11:45 am.	Winter Potluck
	4:00 pm.	Carini
Monday	1:00 pm.	New Neighbors
	6:30 pm.	Webelos I
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
	6:45 pm.	Troop 416
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	9:30 am.	Newsletter Folding
	6:00 pm.	Soup Sandwich
	6:30 pm.	Brownies
	7:00 pm.	Vespers
Thursday	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	5:00 pm.	Troop 416 Patrol
	5:30 pm.	6 th Grade Pre-Confirmation
	5:30 pm.	Troop 416
	6:00 pm.	Pack 416 Committee
	6:30 pm.	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416 Committee

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.

Your help is needed - we need soup makers for ALL Wednesdays in Lent. Please volunteer on the sign-up sheet in the hall.

LENTEN THURSDAY NOON SERVICES

You are invited to attend the Lenten Thursday Noon Services at Zion's beginning February 19 and continuing through April 2, Maundy Thursday. 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 every Thursday during this Lenten season.

February 19: The Rev. John Smaligo

Harrold Zion Lutheran Church

February 26: The Rev. Peter E. Norby

St. Luke Lutheran Church and

Harrold Zion Lutheran Church

March 05: The Rev. Jerry Nuernberger

First Lutheran Church

March 12: The Rev. Paul M. Gruesu

St. Matthias Lutheran Church

March 19: The Rev. Frank S. Podolinski

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March 26: The Rev. Robert C. Hawk

Interim Crooked Creek Cooperative Ministries

April 2: The Rev. Brian Chaffee

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist

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.