



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

February 28, 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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Music Director

Nancy Flinner

Organist

Jean Brunot

We welcome all visitors with us and ask that you sign our guest register. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider the Good Shepherd family.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children may come forward for a blessing. During communion, we offer wine and grape juice, if you would like to receive grape juice do not bring a cup, it will be provided by the Worship Assistant.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips gifted lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian Care to individuals in our congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and extends the care that Pastor Frank continues to provide.

If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister, please speak to Pastor Frank. Or you may refer to the Stephen Ministry flyers and cards available in the pew racks.

Please take a moment to fill out a yellow RCR card located in the pews. Please place completed cards in the offering plate.

When you see the following symbol "+", please stand.

Service of the Word and Sacrament
February 28, 2016
“Third Sunday in Lent”
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

“JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS”

L. SMITH

+ 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

“JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS”

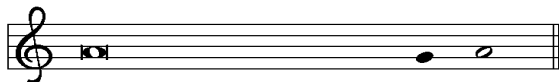
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+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

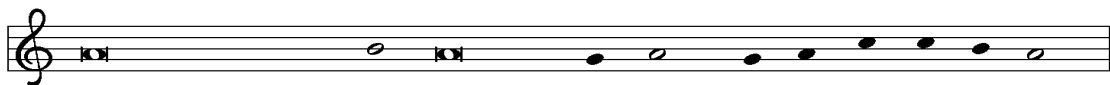
+ KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



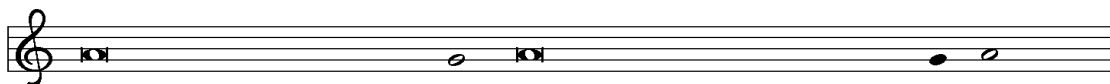
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



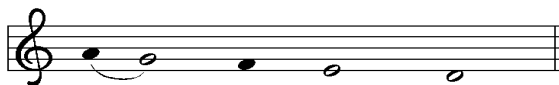
Lord, have mer - cy.



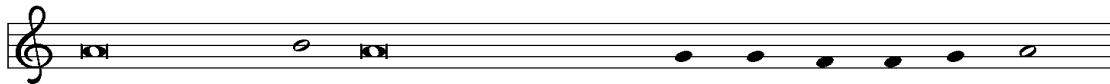
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.**

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

“WONDROUS LOVE”

SENIOR BELLS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.
⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
 call upon him while he is near;
⁷Let the wicked forsake their way,
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 63



¹O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where
there | is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name. R**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

⁷For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-3

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

+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.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

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

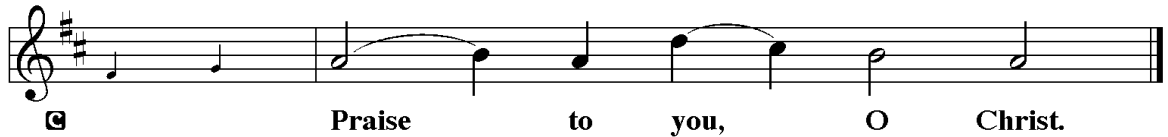


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders

than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION”

ELW 679

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.

Incline our ears to you, faithful God. Open us to receive your word. Transform our thoughts into your thoughts and our ways into your ways for the glory of your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Send rain to dry and weary lands, faithful God. Quench the thirst of the earth and every living creature. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Make all governments thirst for your justice, faithful God. Bring citizens and elected officials together to create communities where all people may live in peace. Sustain us by your grace in this work. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Fill the cups of the thirsty, faithful God. Fill the plates of the hungry. Give peace to all who mourn and healing to all who live with mental illness. Be with all who suffer (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gather the hungry around your table, faithful God. Satisfy and unite us with the body and blood of your Son. Send us out to share the bountiful feast you give to us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Keep us in your steadfast love, faithful God. We give thanks for all who mentored each of us in the faith and now celebrate life eternal with you (*especially*). By their witness we know you more fully. 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)

“ON CALVARY’S HILL”

C. NICHELMANN

ANTHEM (10:30)

“WILT NOT THOU TURN AGAIN, O GOD”

SENIOR CHOIR

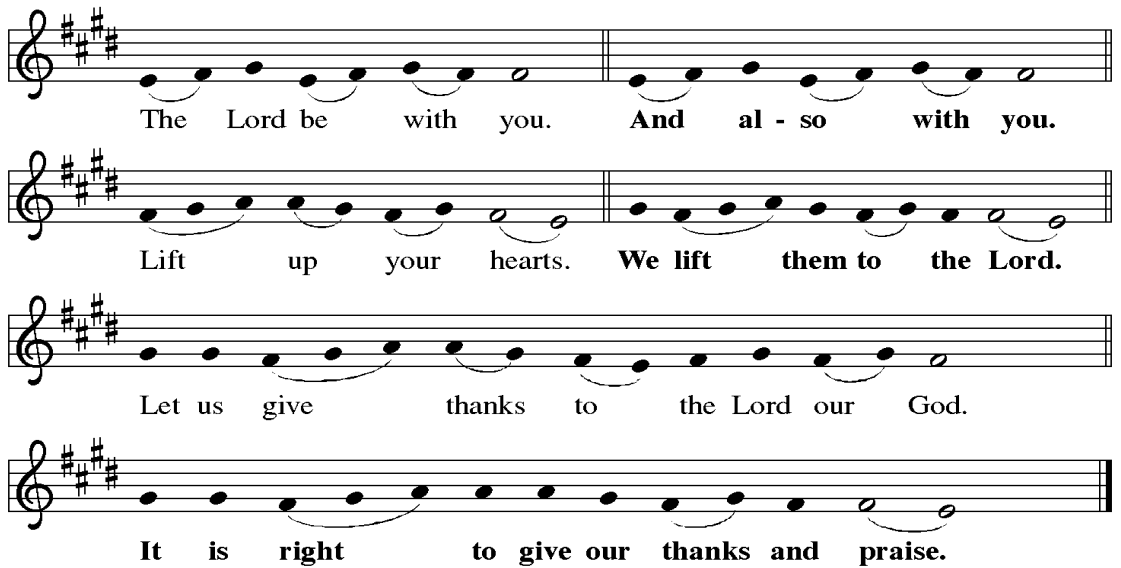
Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

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

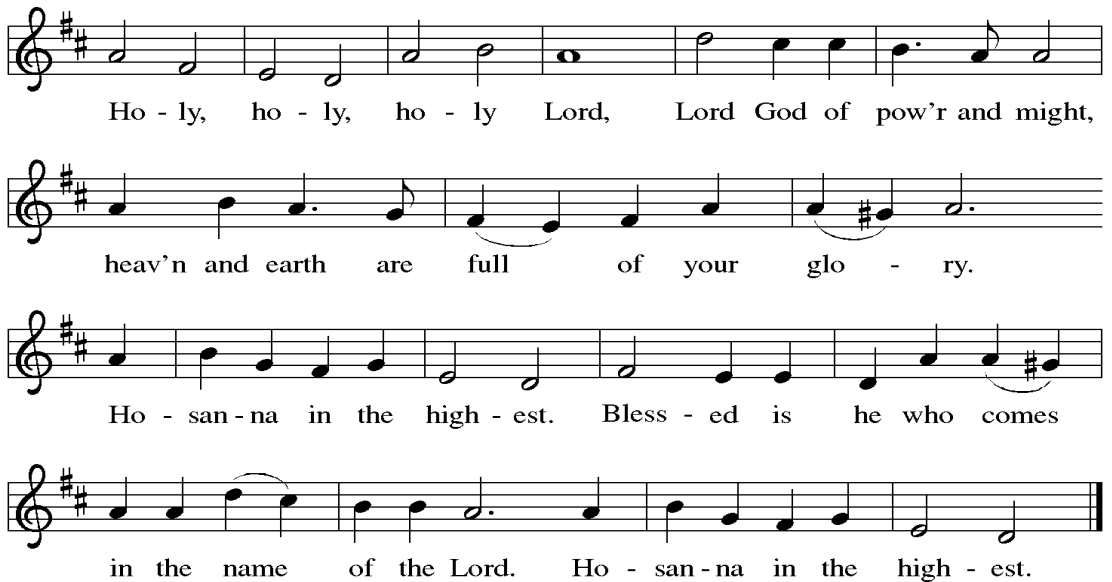
A God our provider,
C **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ 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



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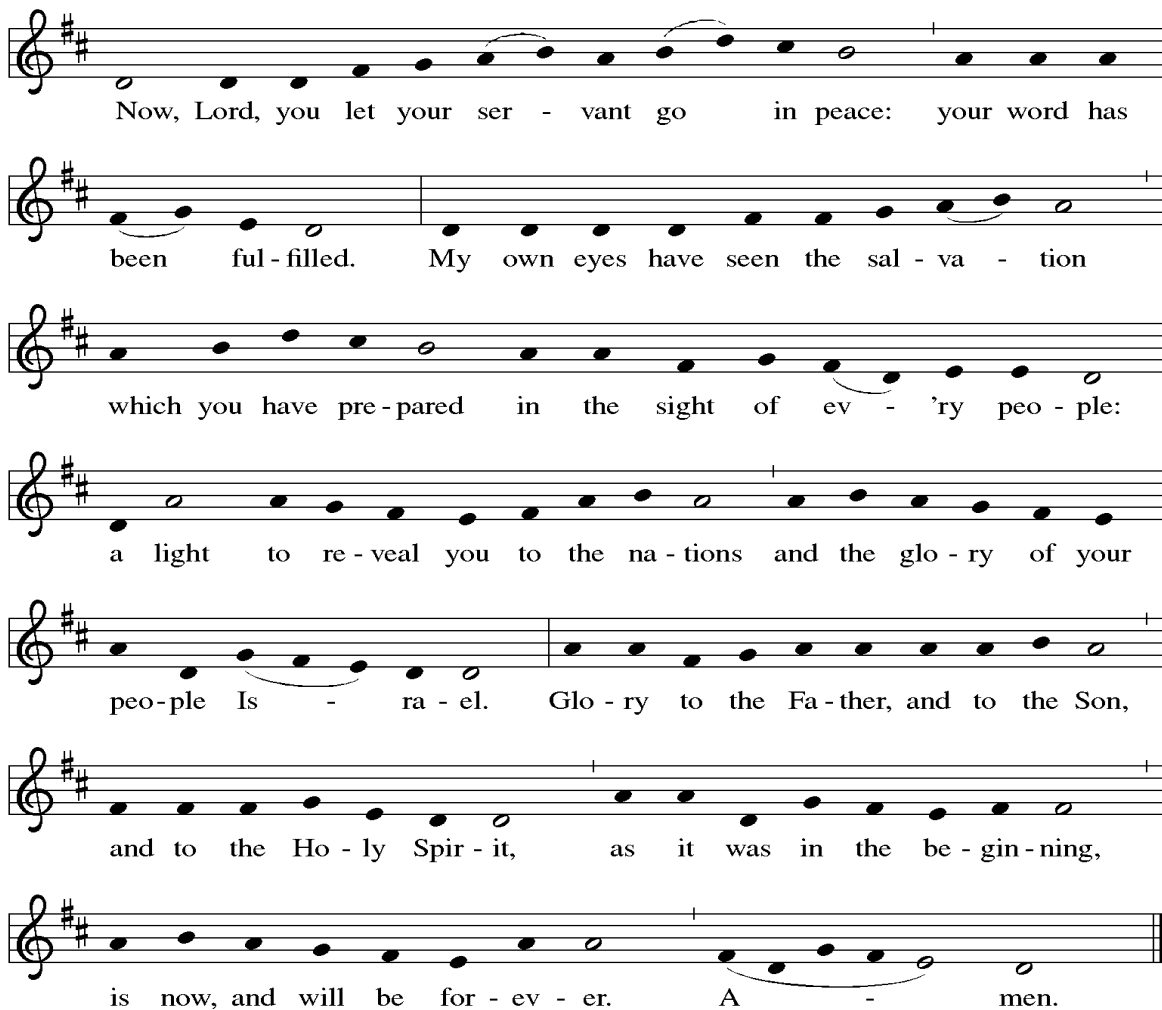


sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 496, 471, 480.

+ 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

“RESTORE IN US, O GOD”

ELW 328

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“WHY SHOULD I GRIEVE”

J. WALTHER

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SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Open	Jim Stewart
Acolyte	Owen DeMatt	Ben Podolinski
Crucifer	XXX	XXX
Greeters	Open	Bob & Sonnie Davidson
Ushers	Open	Rachel & Andrew King
Altar Guild	Open	Lisa Hook
Counters		Kathy Wolfe & Chuck Luffy

TAIZE EVENING PRAYER
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016 – 7:00 pm.

Taizé is a tiny village located in the hills of Burgundy, France. Since 1940, it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers whose prayer, three times each day, is at the center of their life. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds come on pilgrimage, to participate in international meetings of prayer and reflection. THE SERVICE on the March 23rd will be modeled after a typical Taizé prayer service, while also drawing from Lutheran and other ancient Christian traditions. Since the days of the apostles, praying throughout the hours of the day has brought all Christians across continents and centuries. In that spirit, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church welcomes people of all backgrounds and traditions to this evening's liturgy of Vespers. Chants will be found in a booklet, 'Songs & Prayers from Taizé. Other hymns may be found in our Cranberry Hymnal. Each Wednesday during Lent at the Evening Prayer-'Vespers' service, we will be learning one of these chants so they will be familiar to the congregation on Wednesday, March 23rd. We welcome all who worship with us and I pray you that you experience a blessed and Holy 'Journey through Lent.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Do you or anyone you know have a gently used highchair that they would like taken off of their hands? The church is in need of two more highchairs. Please let the office know if you do. Thank you.

You may have noticed that there are no Altar Flowers. Our normal florist has temporarily closed and in researching alternatives, The Worship and Music Committee has decided to purchase plants in decorative pots for the altar. If you have already signed up for Altar Flowers, please consider a Living Gift instead. Designee suggestions are Meals on Wheels, Martha Committee, Altar Guild, Property, Social Concerns, Christian Education, Youth Group, Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If none of these appeal to you, call the office for other suggestions. If your heart is still set on flowers, please feel free to purchase your own and bring them in; just let Jenny know by Wednesday morning of the particular week so she can include in the bulletin.

It is once again time to sign up to purchase flowers for Easter. We will only be ordering Lilies this year due to allergies. The cost of a Lily is \$7.50. Please sign up on the sheet located in the commons area.

First Holy Communion classes began on February 27th at 11:00 am. 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.

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**. A soupmaker and host committee are still needed for March 16. Sign up in the commons area.

There is a lot of opportunity for volunteers during the upcoming weeks. We need readers for Palm Saturday/Sunday and readers for services during Holy Week, Worship Assistants and Altar Guild help. If you are planning on attending a service please consider helping in some capacity. "Many hands make light work".

Important Dates

March 5	Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
March 11	Family Game Night
March 13	Hamburger/Hot Dog Bar
March 20	Palm Sunday
March 22	Stations of the Cross
March 23	6:00 Seder Meal/Taizé Service
March 24	Maundy Thursday Service
March 25	Tenebrae Service

All Services begin at 7:00 pm.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF February 28 – March 6, 2016

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
Monday	9:00 am.	New Neighbors
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot – Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	4:30 pm.	Kindermusik
	6:00 pm.	Brownies
	6:00 pm.	Chairperson Meeting
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	6:00 pm.	Soup & Sandwich
	7:00 pm.	Vespers
		Choir following Vespers
Thursday	8:00 pm.	Bells
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	8:00 am.	Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
	11:00 am.	First Holy Communion Class
	12:00 pm.	Hammill
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Camp Genesis
	9:30 am.	8 th Grade Confirmation
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Meeting
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	12:45 pm.	6 th Grade Pre-confirmation
	5:30 pm.	Troop 416 Patrol
	6:00 pm.	Pack 416 Committee
	6:45 pm.	7 th Grade Confirmation
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416 Committee



The Senior Youth Group is having a Hamburger and Hot Dog Bar on March 13th following the 10:30 service to benefit their trip to Williamsburg, Virginia. Tickets will be available to purchase from the office or after services. A sundae bar will be available for a small donation.

**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.*

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.*

Boy Scout Troop 416

**Pancake and Sausage
Breakfast**

Saturday, March 5, 8:00 to 10:30 AM
Good Shepherd Church
501 Fairfield Drive, Greensburg
West Point Development



\$5.00 – Adults

\$3.00 – Children 11 and under

All proceeds benefit the
Troop 416 Equipment Fund.

Learn more about us
www.troop416.net