



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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

“REFLECTIONS”

F. HILL

+ 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

“BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS”

ELW 656

+ 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21–31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.\

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:1–11, 20c

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

²**The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the | brokenhearted
and binds | up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number | of the stars
and calls them all | by their names. R**

⁵Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,
but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp | to our God,

⁸**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow up- | on the mountains. R**

⁹God provides food | for the cattle
and for the young ravens | when they cry.

¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love.^{20c} | Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16–23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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 1:29–39

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"ON EAGLE'S WINGS"

ELW 787

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.

Everlasting God, deepen your church's commitment to proclaiming the gospel, that many will hear, respond, and share in its blessings. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creator of earth's foundations, restore lands, forests, and oceans recovering from natural disasters. Protect and preserve all animals and humans who live in these places. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, rule over the nations and guide their paths toward the fulfillment of your purpose, nurturing the common good, protecting the weak, providing justice, and caring for the needy. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Strength of the powerless, lift up the weary and wounded, give endurance to those whose struggle is unrelenting, heal the sick, and relieve the pain of those who suffer (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Searching God, expand the welcome and witness of this congregation's outreach ministries (*especially*). We pray for all those served by these ministries, and for all visiting with us today. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Unsearchable God, you are always more than we can understand or imagine. Guide us to follow in faith where the saints have led until we join them at your throne. 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)

“WALK IN THE LIGHT”

E. BROUGHTON

ANTHEM (10:30)

“IN ALL OUR GRIEF”

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 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

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

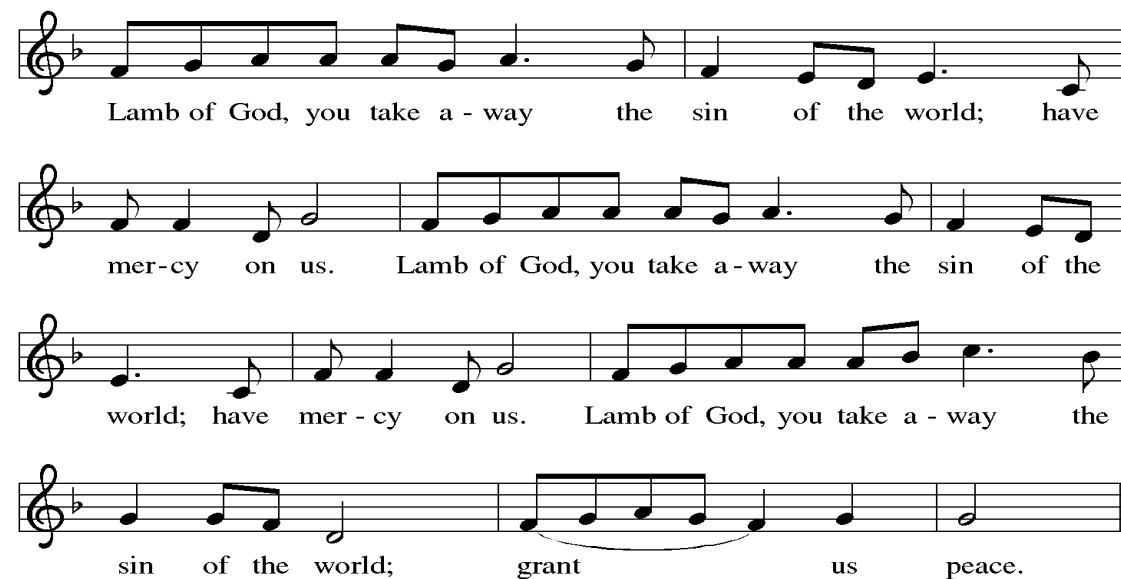
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

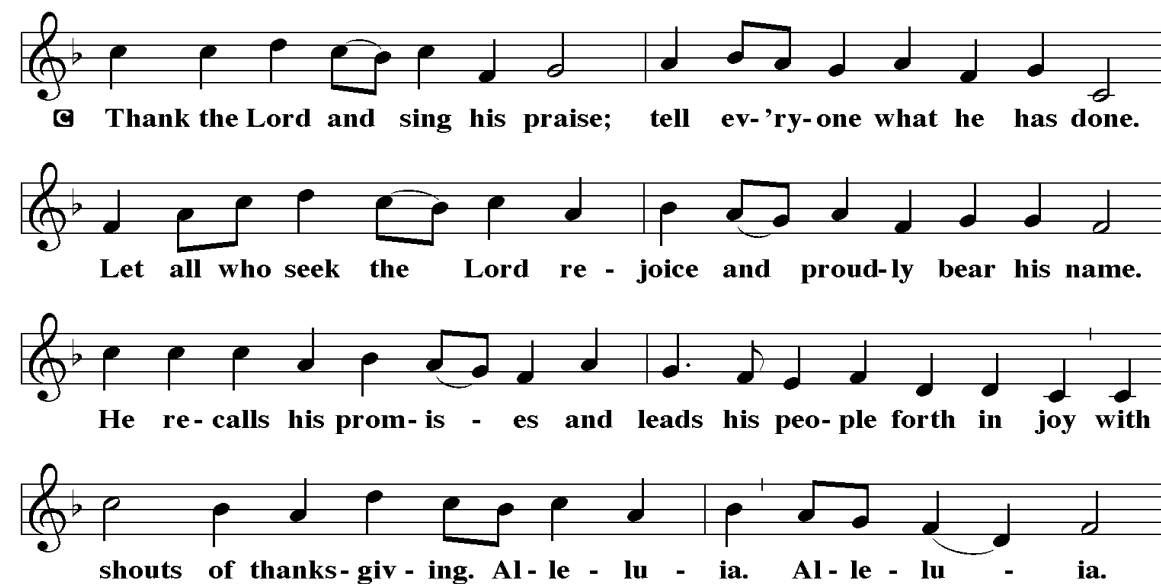
*During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing **Lamb of God***



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, 614, 733, 731.

+ 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

“O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”

ELW 632

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“SORTIE”

G. BLAKE

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Bob & Betty in memory of Julius Nagy family and Frank Sweeney family.

LIVING GIFTS have been designated by:

Mark Gesalman to Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church on the Rocky Boy’s Indian Reservation in honor of Mark’s mother, Ruth Gesalman’s 90th birthday on February 10th.

Jean Crosby to the Youth Group in honor of Ruth Gesalman’s 90th birthday.

Jane Croushore to Major Repairs in honor of Ruth Gesalman’s 90th birthday.

SERVING TODAY:

8:30

10:30

Worship Assistant

Open

Open

Lector

Tammy Welsh

Alice Podolinski

Acolyte

Maddie Rife

Ben Podolinski

Crucifer

XXX

Abigail Podolinski

Torchbearers

XXX

Open

Greeters

Open

Rodger & Lindsey
Sullenberger

Ushers

Open

Rob & Josh Lipko

Altar Guild

Bobbie Musiak

Rachel King

Counters

Jim Stewart & HJarrry
Harbaugh

LAST NIGHT WE WELCOMED TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD FAMILY:

**RICHARD CROUSE
FRAN ROBB**

Today is "Meals on Wheels Cookie" Sunday
 CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF February 8 - 15, 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
	12:00 pm.	Kristi
	6:00 pm.	Pack 416
	6:30 pm.	Youth Group
Monday	6:30 pm.	Webelos I
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	1:00 pm.	Parkinson's Support Group
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
	7:00 pm.	Caregivers Support Group
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	6:30 pm.	Brownies
	6:45 pm.	Troop 416
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Thursday		RHP Valentine Party
Friday		RHP Valentine Party
	12:00 am. – 4:00 pm.	Bridge Club
	6:00 pm.	Brownie Sleepover
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
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
	2:00 pm. – 5:00 pm.	K – 5 Youth Group
	6:30 pm.	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation

Support Group for Care Givers

This month's meeting will be February 10th in the Good Shepherd Library

If you are caring for or have cared for an elderly loved one, please join us.

This will be informal and intimate. We will share information, talk, and support and pray for each other. This is open to all and anyone, not just Good Shepherd members.

For more information, contact Augie Nicolai nicolai562@comcast.net or 724-832-6808

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 LIBRARY - The series by Beverly Lewis is available in the Library.

2014 Giving Statements have been mailed. If you have questions and/or concerns regarding your statement, please contact Sally Hall.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! to all who purchased soup. The youth sold 201 quarts of soup and made approximately \$875 toward the 2015 Youth Gathering.

THANK YOU for your donations to "Souper Bowl of Caring". \$313.68 was collected to help feed the hungry.

BOOKS, GAMES AND SCRIPTURES IS THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th AT LILLIAN SHEA'S HOUSE.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER – Come join us for Pancakes & Sausage. It is always a delicious meal. Sign up in the commons area.

WINTER POTLUCK – Sign up in the commons area for the Winter Potluck on February 22 following the 10:30 service. Come join us for fellowship and food.

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.

Important Dates

February 17	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
February 18	Ash Wednesday Services (12:00 & 7:00)
February 22	Winter Potluck
February 25	Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.) Vespers (7:00 pm.)
March 7	Troop 416 Pancake Breakfast