



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

January 11, 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
January 11, 2015
“Baptism of Our Lord”
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

+ 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

“THY STRONG WORD”

ELW 511

+ 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 above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

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.**

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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 1:1–5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo - ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. R**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**8The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R**

**9The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the | forests bare.**

And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

**10The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

**11O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. R**

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1–7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

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



⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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."



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"GOD WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD"

ELW 673

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.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the common life we share in you. We grieve the loss of unity in Christ and beg your help in tearing down the walls of division within your church.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Spirit embraces all creation, giving life, growth, and beauty. Move us to receive all we touch as your gift, and to preserve your earth for the sake of all living things now and in the ages to come. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pour the blessings of food and shelter on the poor of every land and on all those denied the abundance of creation. Let them taste your goodness and know the delight and freedom of your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Speak healing and peace to the hearts of those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit (*especially*). Come to the forgotten, those separated from home and family, those near death, and those who grieve. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the waters of baptism you claim us as beloved sons and daughters. Shower your joy on the newly baptized, those preparing for baptism, and those who will affirm their baptism. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Loving God, we give thanks for the saints of every generation who followed your beloved Son through the waters of baptism and beckoned us to come along. 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 (10:300)

“WADE IN THE WATER”

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,

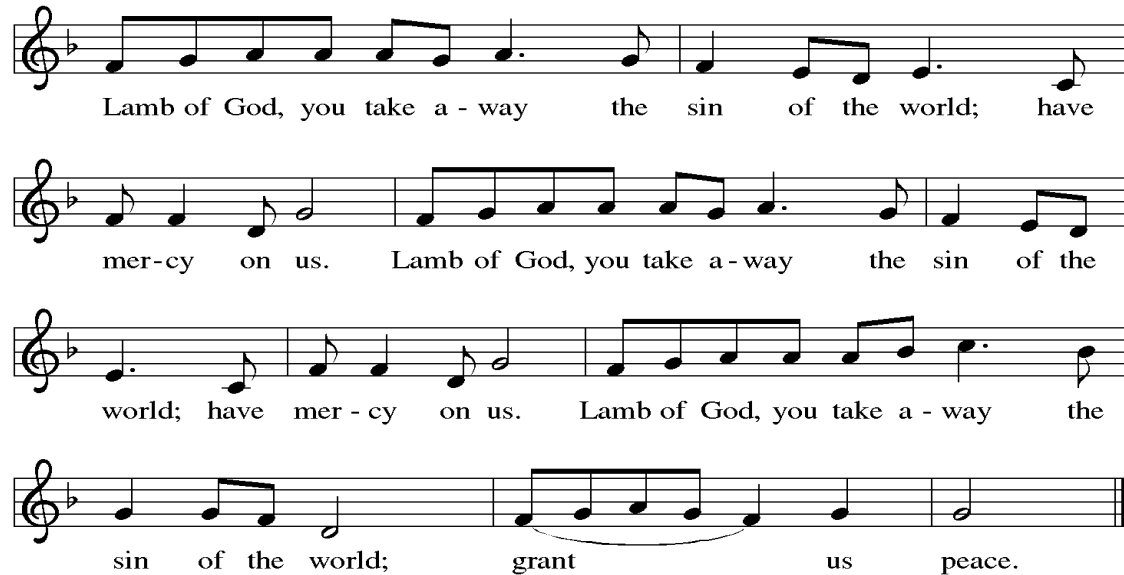
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

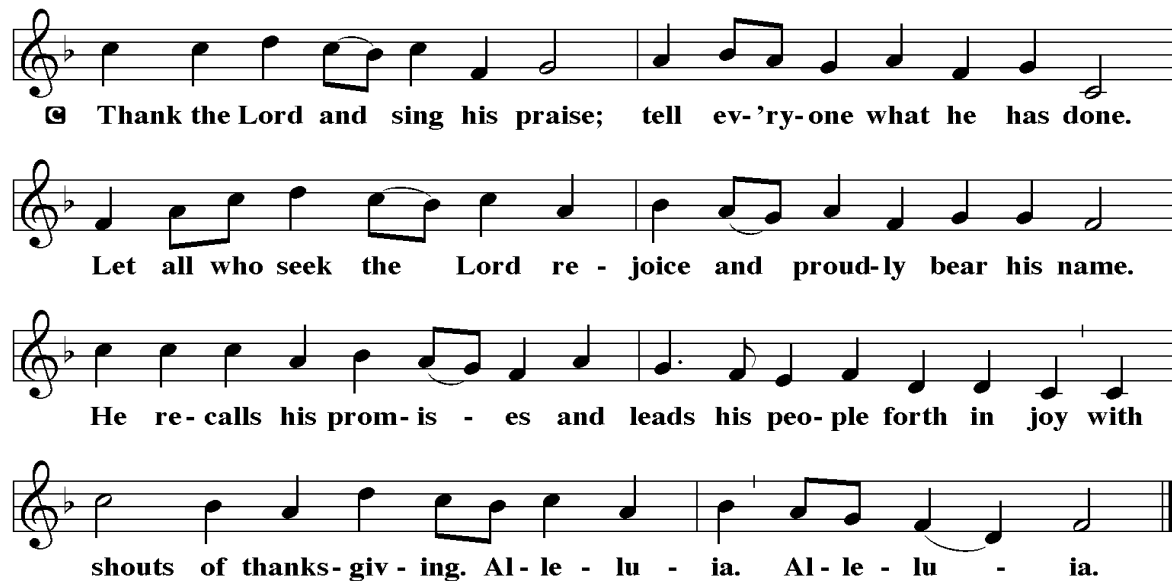
During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing *Lamb of God*



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 306, 456, 460, 445.

+ 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

“JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE”

ELW 836

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 Donna Sheridan in memory of parents, Donna & Zelda Bush and James & Maude Sheridan.

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

Ann Shockey to Meals on Wheels in memory of Eleanor Lipko.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Tammy Welsh	Andrew Fox
Acolyte	Maddie Rife	Jaden Biller
Crucifer	XXX	Matthew Smith
Torchbearers	XXX	Open
Greeters	Open	Jack & Doris Wood
Ushers	Open	Rachel & Andrew King
Altar Guild	Barb Henderson	Erin Hill

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.

The Youth still have coupons books available to purchase. The books are good until March 31, 2015 and are being sold at the discounted price of \$5.00. (Coupons for Subway, Dick's, Rizzo's, The Boulevard, Ground Round, Meadows just to name a few). Books are available in the office.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 18th following the 10:30 service in the sanctuary. Annual Reports are available in the Commons area.

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 9:00 am on Sunday Mornings. There will be no chime or bell rehearsals until February/March.

The Second Annual Good Shepherd Art Show is taking place January 31st after the 5:30 service, with an encore show February 1st between services! Everybody is invited to attend! We are asking members to submit their artwork, craftwork, photography, woodwork, stitchwork...All ages! Last year we had over 55 submissions from over 20 artists! This year we wish to top this and include more art from students! Parents, feel free to submit your teenage child's art as well as your own! Any questions contact Jack Gesalman, 724-837-7556! Registration forms are available on the Greeter's Table, sign-up sheet if you wish to bring food to the reception is posted by the fountain.

Important Dates

January 18	Annual Meeting following 10:30 Service
January 31	Art Show
February 1	Annual Soup Sale
February 4	Lifeline Screening
February 22	Winter Potluck

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF January 11 - 18, 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
	6:30 pm.	Grades 6 – 12 Youth Group
Monday	6:30 pm.	Webelos I
Tuesday	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	1:30 pm.	Parkinson’s Support Group
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	6:30 pm.	Brownie
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Thursday	11:45 am.	RHP Board Meeting
	6:30 pm.	Derby Weigh In
	7:30 pm.	Senior Choir
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
		Pinewood Derby Set Up
Saturday	9:30 am.	Pinewood Derby
	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
		Annual Meeting following 10:30 service
	2:00 pm.	K – 5 Youth Group
	6:30 pm.	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation

LIFELINE SCREENING

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 2/4/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

Council Openings

There are FIVE (5) openings on council this year: (4) Three year terms and (1) One year term. Candidates must be communing and contributing members of the congregation. Why not take a more active role in the congregation. These are very important positions to fill. Council members are no longer required to count offering unless they choose to. The requirements include attending a monthly meeting and acting as a liaison to a committee. If you are interested in running, please contact Pastor Frank, a current council member or the church office.