

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."



*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
Of the Good Shepherd
501 Fairfield Drive
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July 12, 2015

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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
July 12, 2015
“Time after Pentecost”
10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “A SONG FROM THE HILLS” *G. MARTIN*

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain. Field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

Amen.

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

God and Father of all,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action is needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation; your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **Amen.**

+ **GATHERING HYMN**

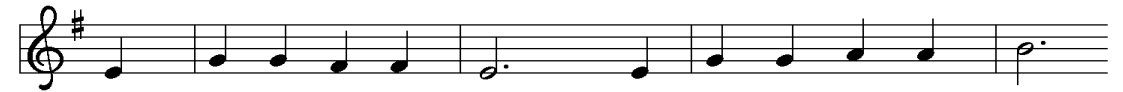
“LIFT HIGH THE CROSS” **ELW 660**

+ **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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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+ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory Be to God in Heaven



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7–15

⁷This is what he showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the LORD said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'"

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 85:8–13 (Read Responsively)

⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land. R**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway. R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.

¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him.

When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The

king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION"

ELW 645

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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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

Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Mighty God, raise up prophets in every age who speak truth through and to your church. Inspire preaching in our congregations so that your life-giving gospel is proclaimed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send favorable weather on crops, fields, orchards, and gardens. Provide ample pasture and grazing land for herds and flocks. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give us leaders who consider the needs of all, especially those who have no advocate. Protect those who speak truth to power. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Tend to all victims of violence, those unjustly imprisoned, and those who are running out of hope. Heal those who are sick and comfort those who grieve (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Strengthen families, guide parents and caregivers, and enfold children with the riches of your grace. Send this assembly to share the gifts of love we have received. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all your saints who were marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit (*especially Nathan Soderblom, Bishop of Uppsala*). United with them in baptism, keep us faithful until all things are gathered in Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR”

D. WOOD

OFFERTORY

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 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.

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+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of mercy and grace,
C **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

A Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

A Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ Has Died



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
 his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
 and the promise of his coming again,
 we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
 not as we ought but as we are able;
 we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
 and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
 so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
 may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
 may be formed to live as your holy people
 and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen



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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.**

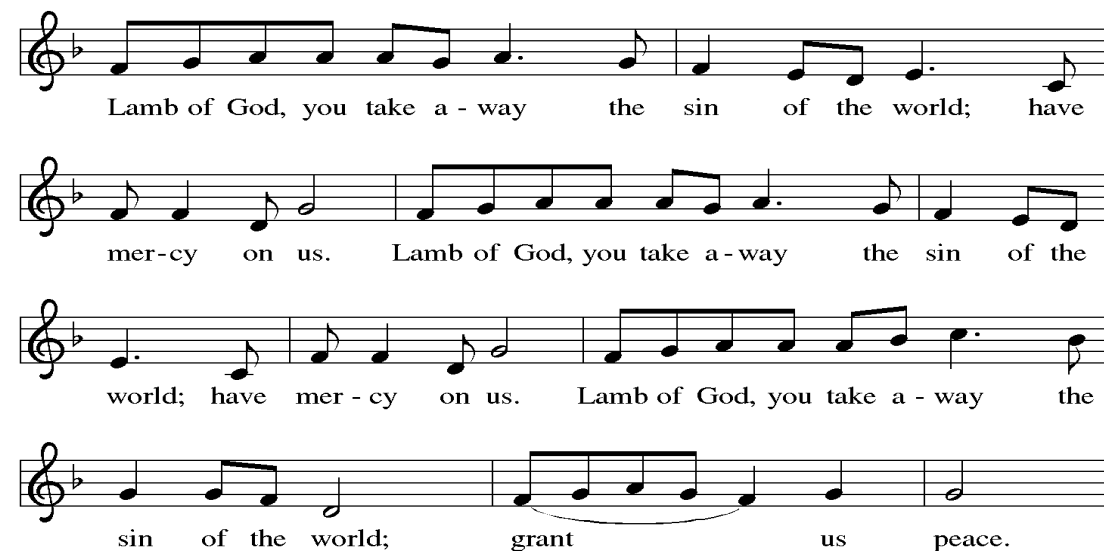
**For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

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



Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 838, 711, 712.

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Scott and Michelle McMahan in honor of son, Derek's 26th birthday.

The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth & baptism of Ariel Christine King.

LIVING GIFTS have been designated by:

Jack Gesalman to Lutheran World Relief in honor of Dorothy for putting up with Jack for 45 year on their anniversary.

Terry & Karen Mays to the Choir in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Jack & Mina Rutter to Social Concerns in General Thanksgiving.

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Wise and generous God,
We thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life.
Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING OF YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS

+ BENEDICTION

Almighty and merciful God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ***“GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY”*** **ELW 705**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“FANFARE IN B-FLAT MAJOR” ***C. ORE***

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SERVING TODAY:

10:30

Worship Assistant	Open
Lector	Janet Ambrose
Acolyte	Peyton Ryan
Crucifer	Alex Ryan
Greeters	Howard & Mary Ann McMurtrie
Ushers	Rob & Josh Lipko
Altar Guild	Open
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.

Just a reminder that the Newsletter Deadline is Monday, July 20th.

Thank you to all who donated items for use at Vacation Bible School. If you let us borrow an item, those items can be picked up in the church library.

There was a PURPLE sweatshirt left by the rock climbing slide at Family Fun Night. If you are missing your sweatshirt, please contact Jenny.

Today we welcome through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism; Ariel Christine King, daughter of Andrew Wayne and Rachel Christine (Territ) King, granddaughter of Robert and Deborah Territ and niece of Andrea Territ.

Pastor Frank will be away beginning July 15th and returning August 3rd. If you need Pastoral care, please call the office or Jenny at home (724)838-8336. She will steer you in the right direction.

WELCA is sponsoring a theatre trip for men and women.....

Sunday, July 19, 2015

For a matinee performance of.....



INTO THE WOODS

At St. Vincent Summer Theatre. Meeting for dinner at Giannillis after the show. Call Lorraine (724)757-8513 for reservations and carpooling.

Important Dates

July 15 – 19
July 20

Youth Gathering
Newsletter Deadline

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF July 12 - 19, 2015

Today is “Meals on Wheels” Cookie Sunday

Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
Tuesday	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	1:00 pm.	Parkinson’s Support Group
	7:00 pm.	Mutual Ministry
Wednesday	7:45 am.	Youth Gathering Departure
	9:00 am.	Kindermusik
	6:45 pm.	Troop 416
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	10:00 am.	Bridge Club
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
		Youth Gathering Return

The Finance Committee has directed the Financial Secretary to make available a 6 month statement of the “Estimate of Giving” for 2015. Statements will be available after the 15th of July. E-mails will be sent under Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to those whose e-mail we have available. Printed statements for those without e-mail will be available in the commons area from July 15th to August 15th. We will not be mailing the statements. Any questions contact Sally Hall, Financial Secretary.

Financial Giving as of June 30, 2015:

Budget Giving 26 weeks: \$97,175.50

Actual Received: \$90,038.11

Behind Budget Receipts: Minus (\$7,137.39)

There is an old saying “It takes a village to raise a child”. That saying can also be applied to the church. “It takes a Congregation to raise a Church”. Many people have taken it upon themselves to do little things around the church and grounds. Things are really starting to shape up. Trees have been trimmed, weeds pulled, bushes trimmed, plumbing fixed, painting and more. There is still a lot that can be done. The Fairfield side of the church could use a little TLC. If you have a little free time and would like to give it to the church, we would be so thankful.

“Many hands make light work”.