



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

July 12, 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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Parish Secretary -- Jenny Luffy

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm.

Music Director
Organist

Nancy Flinner
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 19, 2015
“Time after Pentecost”
10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEEDS”* **D. WOOD**

+ 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

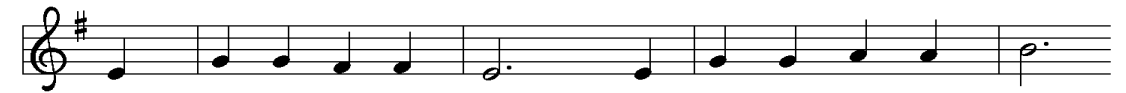
“THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS” **ELW 502**

+ 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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1–6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.
²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23 (Read Responsively)

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall | fear no evil;**

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11–22

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ³⁶When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ³⁷and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ³⁸And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

**SERMON
HYMN OF THE DAY**

"SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US"

ELW 789

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.

Holy One, give hope to your church around the world and nurture it with a shepherd's care so that all will remember your faithfulness and love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore the earth to the goodness you provided at creation. Protect and renew the quiet places of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Break down walls and hostilities that divide people and nations. Teach us to be neighbors to each other instead of strangers and aliens. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give rest to those who care for others in homes, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and hospice. Be with those who are dying, comfort those who grieve, and heal those who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring calm to those who are troubled because of frantic schedules and lack of leisure. Make this assembly a place of rest and refreshment. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks that we are citizens with the saints and members of your household. Keep us in communion with all the faithful departed until we join them around your throne. 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

“SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”

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.

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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



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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

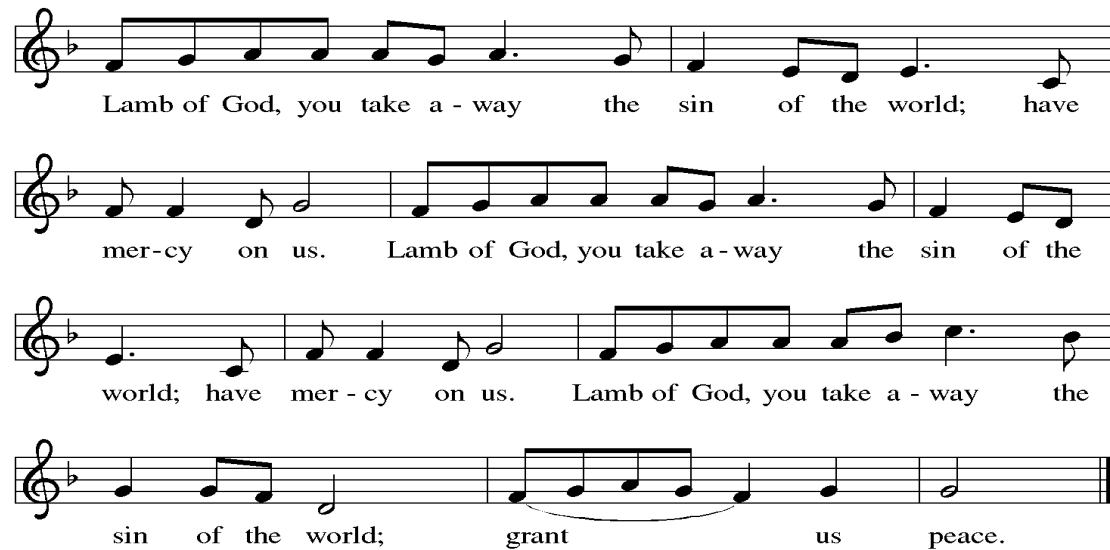
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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



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 719, 872, 708.

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voice - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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+ 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.**

+ BENEDICTION

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

SENDING HYMN “LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY” ELW 674

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“CEBELL”

H. PURCELL

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by John & Beverly Sarp in loving honor of their 40th Anniversary.

Thank you to Pastor Free for supplying for us today!

SERVING TODAY: 10:30

Worship Assistant Open

Lector Charles Luffy

Acolyte Jaden Biller

Crucifer Jesse Biller

Greeters Jack & Doris Wood

Ushers Joe Cottrill & Jack Rutter

Altar Guild Mina Rutter

Counters Janet Ambrose & Shelley Cottrill

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF July 19 - 26, 2015

Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
		Youth Gathering Return
Monday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Tuesday	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	1:00 pm.	Parkinson’s Support Group
	7:00 pm.	Mutual Ministry
Wednesday	9:00 am.	Kindermusik
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	7:30 pm.	Soccer Referee Meeting

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.

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.

If you lent items to VBS, please don’t forget to pick up your items in the library.

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.

The office will be closed on Monday, August 3rd, but open on Friday, August 7th.

Important Dates

July 15 – 19 Youth Gathering
 July 20 Newsletter Deadline

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”.