

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
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June 28, 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
June 28, 2015
“Time after Pentecost”
10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“A SIMPLE PRAYER”

E. GREIG

+ 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

“IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU”

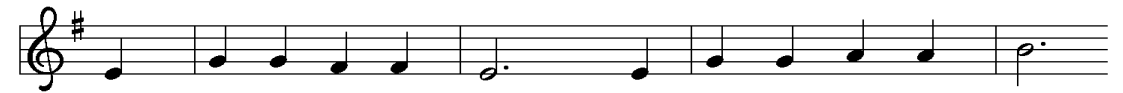
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+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

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



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

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22–33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the LORD has imposed it,
²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.
³¹For the LORD will not
reject forever.
³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.\

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30 (Read Responsively)

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-¹ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph¹ over me.
²**O LORD my God, I cried¹ out to you,
and you restored¹ me to health.**
³You brought me up, O LORD,¹ from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down¹ to the grave.
⁴**Sing praise to the LORD,¹ all you faithful;
give thanks in ho-¹ly remembrance. R**
⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor¹ lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes¹ in the morning.
⁶**While I felt se-¹cure, I said, "I shall never¹ be disturbed.**
⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong¹ as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was¹ filled with fear.
⁸**I cried to¹ you, O LORD;
I pleaded with¹ my Lord, saying,**
⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down¹ to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de-¹clare your faithfulness?
¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mer-¹cy upon me;
O LORD,¹ be my helper." R**
¹¹You have turned my wailing¹ into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed¹ me with joy.
¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you¹ without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you¹ thanks forever. R**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7–15

⁷Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.
⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might
it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something — ¹¹now finish doing you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,
"The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little."\
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Gospel Acclamation



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GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned

about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

ELW 733

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

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For the church of Christ, that as we are strengthened in faith we will be sent forth in peace.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For your Spirit flowing through the natural world, that we delight in creation's goodness and protect what is threatened. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those who govern (*especially*), that they lead with wisdom and listen with compassion.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those who cry out from disease, distress, poverty, or powerlessness (*especially*), that they be raised up in the arms of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For ministries of healing in this congregation, that your Spirit's power flow through us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving for your mercy shown to your saints throughout the ages (*especially to Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons*), that all be made well in your eternal keeping. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“ARIA”

G. F. HANDEL

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



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

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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.**

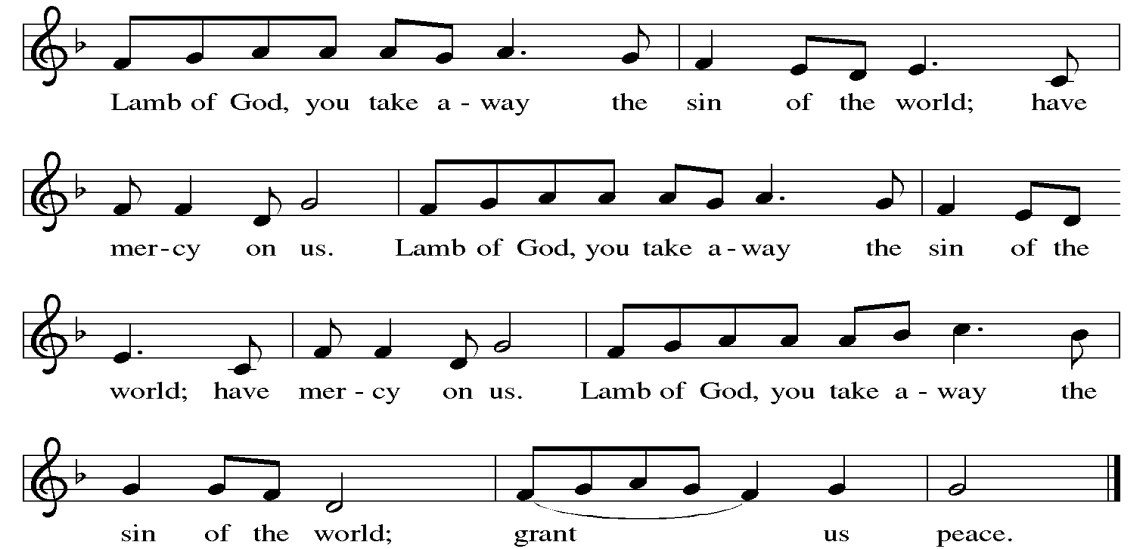
**For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

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

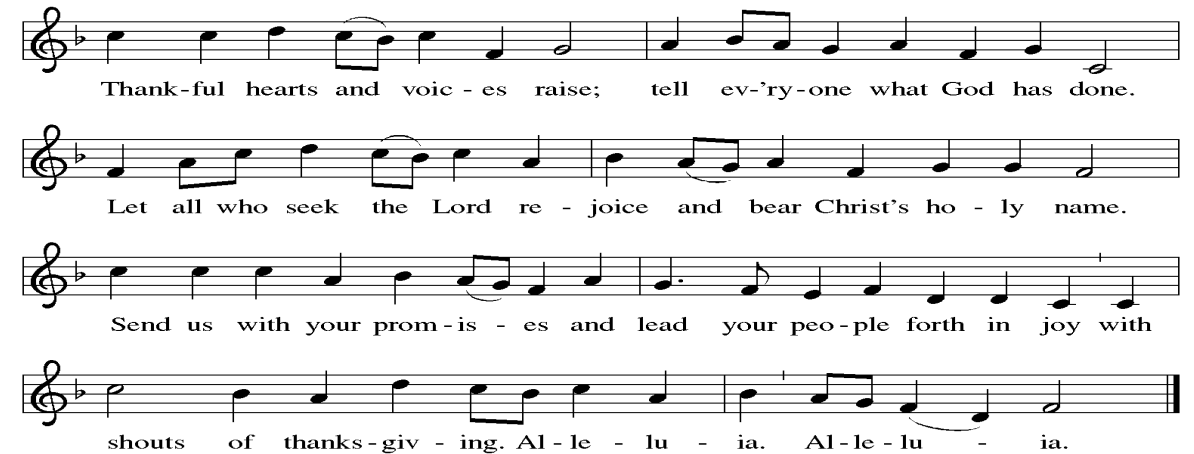
*During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing **Lamb of God***



Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 632, 612, 519, 445.

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



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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

“DAY BY DAY”

ELW 790

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“FUGUE IN D MINOR”

J. PACHELBEL

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Eleanor Besser in
 loving memory of husband, Nicholas.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF June 28 – July 5, 2015

Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	12:00 pm.	Winter
	3:00 pm.	Youth Gathering Meeting – Pastor Frank’s House
Monday		Social Room Floors being waxed
Tuesday	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
Friday		NO BRIDGE CLUB
		Nicolai – Social Room
Saturday		Nicolai – Social Room
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
		Nicolai – Social Room

SERVING TODAY:

10:30

Worship Assistant	Open
Lector	Kathy Wolfe
Acolyte	Ben Podolinski
Crucifer	XXX
Torchbearers	XXX
Greeters	Jack & Mina Rutter
Ushers	Chuck & Jenny Luffy
Altar Guild	Lisa Hook
Counters	Jim Stewart & Sally Hall

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 word of CAUTION: If you are the last one to leave the church after an activity or event, please make sure you turn out the lights and lock the door behind you. Thanks.

This year the VBS Cause was Nepal. We are happy to report that the children brought in \$147.17 during the week and the congregation on Sunday morning was challenged to match that and they did with donations equaling \$285.34. Our grand total for Nepal is \$432.51. Thank you.

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.

GRACEFM 100.3

Listener Appreciation Days at St. Clair Park from 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.
July 11 & August 8

There will be live music, testimonies, stuff for kids and the gospel, as well as free stuff to spread the word on the station. We hope to see you there!

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

June 28	Youth Gathering Meeting
June 29	Social Room Floors being waxed
July 10	Youth Group Pirate Game
July 15 – 19	Youth Gathering