

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

March 1, 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

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

March 1, 2015

“Second Sunday of Lent”

8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

“PRELUDE ON ‘ROCKINGHAM’”

L. SMITH

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
Who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

We confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, + God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

+ **GATHERING HYMN**

“FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION”

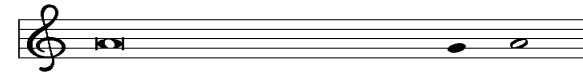
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+ **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

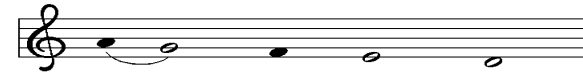
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



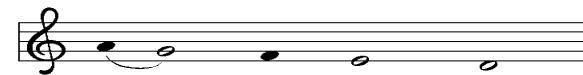
Lord, have mer - cy.



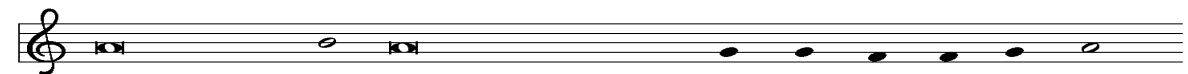
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of 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 17:1–7, 15–16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:23–31

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's ¹line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- ¹spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face ¹hidden from them;
but when they cry out, ¹the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat ¹and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts ¹live forever! R**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow ¹before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs ¹to the LORD,
who rules o- ¹ver the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ¹down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel be- ¹fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall ¹serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- ¹tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ¹yet unborn,
saying to them, "The ¹LORD has acted!" R

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13–25

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Lenten Acclamation

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"SING, MY TONGUE"

ELW 356 vs. 1 - 4

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Lord God, you poured out your life on the cross for the sake of the world. Pour out your love through your church and make it a community of welcome and grace to all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You stretched out your hand and created the heavens. We praise you for the sun, moon, and stars that mark our days and fill us with awe. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rule over the nations. Uphold the work of international relief organizations, aid workers, and all who strive for peace in troubled parts of the world (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You fulfill your promises. Draw near to those who call on you for help (*especially*). Open our eyes to the needs all around us and move us to respond in faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You gift this assembly with music. We praise you for singers and instrumentalists, for those who compose melodies, those who write hymn texts, and for voices to use in praise of you.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Remember your covenant with us, and keep us faithful to you until we join with (*George Herbert and*) all the saints and angels around your heavenly throne. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS” M. BURKHARDT

ANTHEM(10:30) “WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS” SENIOR CHOIR

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 dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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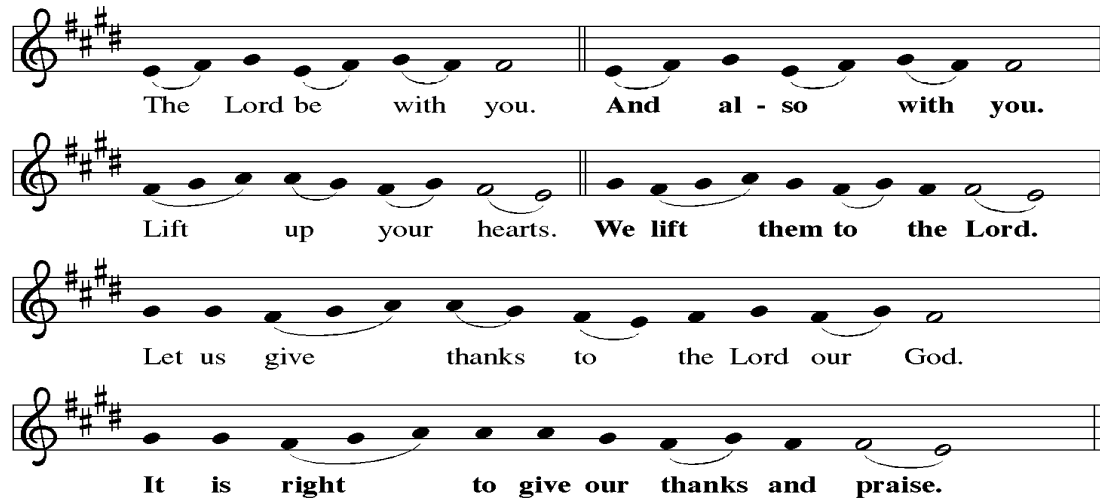
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+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A God our provider,
C **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

Preface Dialogue

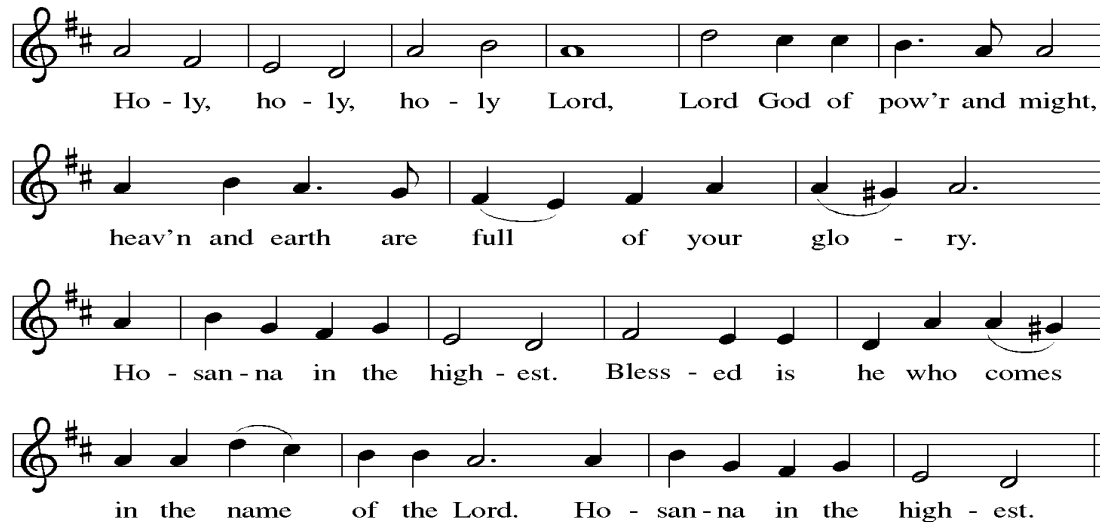


The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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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, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With [name/s and] your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
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



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



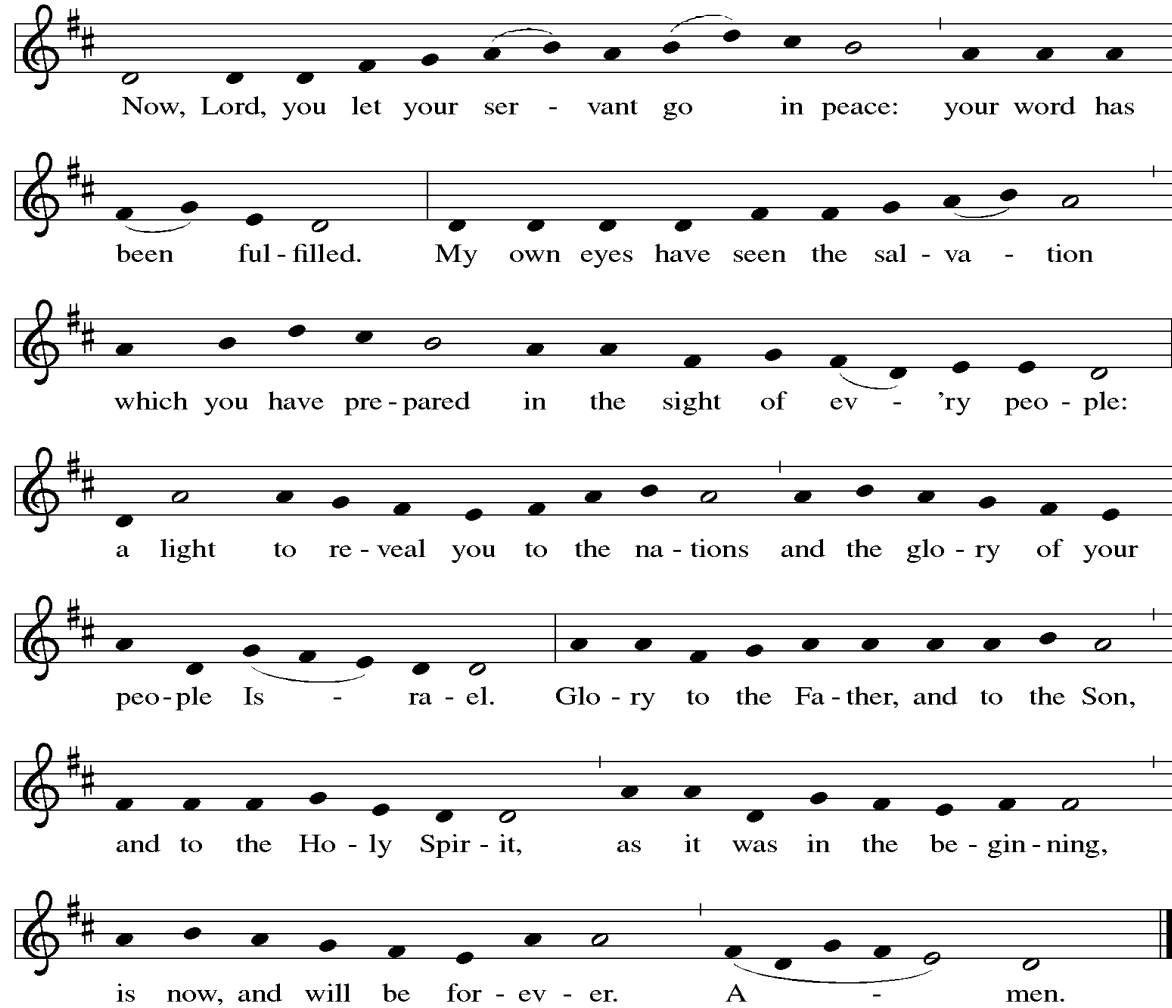
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 323, 595, 597.

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“SING, MY TONGUE”

ELW 356 vs. 5-8

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“WHY SHOULD I THEN GRIEVE”

J. WALTHER

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Beverly & John Sarp in memory of fathers, Norman & Donald.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Open	Mark Gesalman
Acolyte	Morgan Mull	Jaden Biller
Crucifer	XXX	Jesse Biller
Torchbearers	XXX	Open
Greeters	Open	Don & Dana Park
Ushers	Open	Chuck & Brady Luffy
Altar Guild	Bobbie Musiak	Erin Hill
Counters		Shelley Cottrill & Sally Hall

LENTEN THURSDAY NOON SERVICES

You are invited to attend the Lenten Thursday Noon Services at Zion's beginning February 19 and continuing through April 2, Maundy Thursday. Services begin at 12:05 p.m. Lunch is served following the service at 12:30 p.m. Please spread the word to friends and family to join us in worship every Thursday during this Lenten season.

- March 05: The Rev. Jerry Nuernberger
First Lutheran Church
- March 12: The Rev. Paul M. Gruesu
St. Matthias Lutheran Church
- March 19: The Rev. Frank S. Podolinski
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
- March 26: The Rev. Robert C. Hawk
Interim Crooked Creek Cooperative Ministries
- April 2: The Rev. Brian Chaffee
Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist
Suggested lunch donation - \$4.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

It is once again time to sign up to purchase flowers for Easter. This year you may choose between a hyacinth (\$5.50) or lily (\$7.50). Please indicate your preference on the sign up sheet located in the commons area.

Bible Study will move to Thursdays during Lent.

First Holy Communion classes begin on March 7th. If you have a child or know of someone with a child in third grade or older who would like to participate in First Holy Communion classes, please contact the office 724-834-1940.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE – March 8th, Trinity, Latrobe. Event for Grades 8 – 12.

This year at the Easter Vigil, a choir will be comprised of anyone who wishes to sing and prepare on their own prior to the vigil. The anthem can be directly downloaded at this URL <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7jy9j7pt75fh3k6/AAC3Dqgv7NLZcVcK4Ic3DQxea?dl=0>. A .mp3 file, free and copyright-free, is also available for download using the same link in order to help learn the music by listening to it ahead of time. Rehearsal for the above anthem, liturgy and hymns will begin the same day, April 4, at 6:45 PM (right before the service) in Zion's Music Room. Singers should bring their own music and folder since none will be available at rehearsal.

Important Dates

- March 4 Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.)
Vespers (7:00 pm.)
- March 7 Troop 416 Pancake Breakfast
- March 11 Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.)
Vespers (7:00 pm.)
- March 14 -15 Youth Trip to Lancaster
- March 18 Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.)
Vespers (7:00 pm.)
- March 21 10:00 am. WELCA Lenten Brunch
- March 25 Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.)
Vespers (7:00 pm.)
- March 28 10:30 Easter Egg Hunt
- March 29 Palm Sunday
- March 31 Stations of the Cross

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF March 1 - 8, 2015

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	4:00 pm.	Troop 416 Parent Meeting
	5:30 pm.	6 th Grade Pre-Confirmation
	5:30 pm.	Troop 416
	6:00 pm.	Pack 416 Committee
	6:30 pm.	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416 Committee
Monday	9:00 am.	New Neighbors
	6:30 pm.	Webelos II
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
	6:45 pm.	Troop 416
	7:00 pm.	Chairperson Meeting
	7:00 pm.	Mutual Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	6:00 pm.	Soup & Sandwich
	7:00 pm.	Vespers
		Choir following Vespers
Thursday	6:30 pm.	Lakeridge Homeowners
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday		Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
	11:00 am. – 12:15 pm.	First Holy Communion Class
	12:30 pm.	Hammill
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
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	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	6:30 pm.	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416 Committee

Boy Scout Troop 416

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Saturday, March 7, 8:00 to 10:30 AM

Good Shepherd Church

501 Fairfield Drive West Point



\$5.00 – Adults

\$3.00 – Children 11 and under

All proceeds benefit the
Troop 416 Equipment Fund.

Learn more about us
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