



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

March 13, 2016

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 13, 2016
“Fifth Sunday in Lent”
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

“AH HOLY JESUS”

H. WALCHA

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into
the land of milk and honey.

Amen.

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

Merciful Father,

We have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen

We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of † Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“CHRIST THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING”

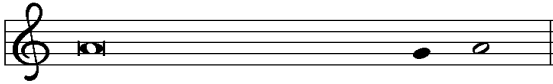
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+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.



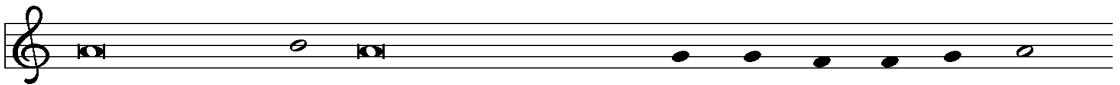
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.**

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for them.”**

³The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb. R**

⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”

ELW 803

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

Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

A brief silence.

Holy God, in times of both joy and sorrow you call us to worship you. Bless the work of musicians, altar guilds, readers, presiding and assisting ministers, and all who serve in worship. Sustain them with your Spirit as we journey toward Holy Week. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creative God, you made every living creature and saw that it was good. Teach us to care for the homelands of animals in the wild. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Living God, you require mercy and justice. Bless the work of all organizations that work to restore cities and countries, especially Lutheran Volunteer Corps and Lutheran Disaster Response. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, you make a way out of no way. Give your peace and vision to all who struggle with addiction, depression, grief, or illness (*especially*). Make plain that in the midst of suffering, you are suffering, and that your desire is wholeness and life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Shepherding God, you tend your flock with mercy and love. Guide the outreach ministries of this congregation (*especially*). Strengthen our relationships in this community as we serve our neighbors in love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Triune God, in you there is abundant life. Deepen our union with you, that in living we may die and in dying we may live with all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

“COME, SWEET DEATH”

J.S. BACH

ANTHEM (10:30)

SENIOR CHOIR

“TO YOU I CALL”

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.

+ 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

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "Great Thanksgiving". It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff contains "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

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, 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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "Hosanna in the High - est". It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,". The second staff contains "heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry." The third staff contains "Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes". The fourth staff contains "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

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

All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

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, grant us peace.

Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 343, 481, 335.

+ 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.

Music: Plainsong, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 *“O LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH”* **ELW 340**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“O MAN, LAMENT YOUR GREAT SIN” ***J.S. BACH***

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LIVING GIFTS have been designated by:

Bobbie Musiak to the Youth Group in loving memory of Dan's birthday.

Ann Shockey & Family to Pastor's Discretionary Fund in loving memory of Don Shockey and in honor of the 20th birthday of granddaughter Mariah Ann Thoma.

George & Mary Ann Smith to Meals on Wheels in loving memory of daughter Audrey's birthday on March 13th and in honor of daughter Linda's birthday on March 17th.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Jennifer Connor	Jacob Podolinski
Acolyte	Maggie Isler Colton Isler	Tyler Fauth
Crucifer	XXX	XXX
Greeters	Open	Dennis & Carol Clawson
Ushers	Open	Ken Hill & Jim Coppetti
Altar Guild	Open	Mina Rutter
Counters		Carole Bridges & Jenny Luffy

**Lenten Thursday Worship and Luncheon
at Zion's Lutheran Church
Services begin at 12:05 p.m.**

Lunch is served following the service at 12:30 p.m.

March 17: Preaching Robert Hawk, Retired

Lunch: Shredded Beef Sandwich, Broccoli Salad and Bar Cookies

March 24: Preaching-Pastor Brian Chaffee, Zion's

Lunch: Soup and Salad Bar

Suggested lunch donation - \$4.00

Our Worship and Luncheon are not held on days when Greensburg- Salem School District declares school closing due to snow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

You may have noticed that there are no Altar Flowers. Our normal florist has temporarily closed and in researching alternatives, The Worship and Music Committee has decided to purchase plants in decorative pots for the altar. If you have already signed up for Altar Flowers, please consider a Living Gift instead. Designee suggestions are Meals on Wheels, Martha Committee, Altar Guild, Property, Social Concerns, Christian Education, Youth Group, Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If none of these appeal to you, call the office for other suggestions. If your heart is still set on flowers, please feel free to purchase your own and bring them in; just let Jenny know by Wednesday morning of the particular week so she can include in the bulletin.

It is once again time to sign up to purchase flowers for Easter. We will only be ordering Lilies this year due to allergies. The cost of a Lily is \$7.50. Please sign up on the sheet located in the commons area.

Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will feature our traditional "Soup 'n Sandwich" fellowship at **6:00 pm**. You need to only bring your sandwich! Vespers follow at 7:00 pm. A host committee is still needed for March 16. Sign up in the commons area.

If you would like to include something in the bulletin, please have it to the church office by Wednesday before 12:00 pm. The bulletin is run Wednesday afternoons and folded first thing Thursday Morning. Thank you.

There is a lot of opportunity for volunteers during the upcoming weeks. We need readers for Palm Saturday/Sunday and readers for services during Holy Week, Worship Assistants and Altar Guild help. If you are planning on attending a service please consider helping in some capacity. "Many hands make light work".

Important Dates

March 13	Hamburger/Hot Dog Bar
March 20	Palm Sunday
March 22	Stations of the Cross
March 23	6:00 Community Feast/Taizé Service
March 24	Maundy Thursday Service
March 25	Tenebrae Service
	All Services begin at 7:00 pm.
March 26	Easter Vigil – St. Luke's, Youngwood
March 27	6:30 am. Sunrise Service
	7:45 am – 10:00 am. Easter Breakfast
	10:30 am. Holy Communion
March 28	Office Closed

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT DONATED HIGH CHAIRS. We currently have four and are not in need of any more.

COMMUNITY FEAST – March 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

In place of the Seder Meal this year we will be having a Community Feast. There is no charge for the meal of pasta, meatballs, salad and bread (a gluten free option will be available) however, **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Sign up in the commons area or call the office by March 21, 2016. Taizé Prayer Service to follow at 7:00 pm.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF March 13 - 20, 2016

Today is “Meals on Wheels Cookie” Sunday

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Camp Genesis
	9:30 am.	First Holy Communion Class
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	Following 10:30 service.	Hamburger/Hot Dog Bar
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot – Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	4:00 pm.	Long Range Planning
	4:30 pm.	Kindermusik
	6:00 pm.	Brownies
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	11:45 am.	RHP Board Meeting
	6:00 pm.	Soup & Sandwich
	7:00 pm.	Vespers
		Choir following Vespers
Thursday	6:45 pm.	Pack 416
	8:00 pm.	Bells
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	10:00 am.	Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 am.	First Holy Communion Class
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	2:00 pm.	K – 5 Youth Group
	6:00 pm.	Senior Youth Group
	6:45 pm.	7 th Grade Confirmation



JUNE 26- JULY 1, 2016



*Join us in shining Christ's Light throughout Southwestern
Pennsylvania Synod through a variety of hands-on
service projects and activities.*

Early Bird Registration: \$60 (Up to and Including April 3, 2016)

After April 3rd Registration is \$80

**INTERESTED PARTIES SIGN UP IN THE COMMONS AREA! ADULTS AND
YOUTH 6th GRADE and OLDER. SEE PASTOR FRANK FOR DETAILS.**



EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 19 at 10:00 am.

**Donations to fill eggs needed. Individually wrapped candies can be brought to the
church office. Please no peanut butter or peanuts.**