



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

March 20, 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 20, 2016
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

“HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA”

M. BURKHARDT

+ 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.

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”

⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR”

ELW 344

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

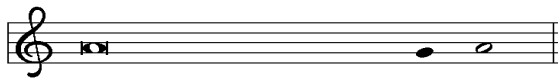
C **Hosanna in the Highest.**

+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

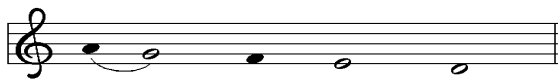
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

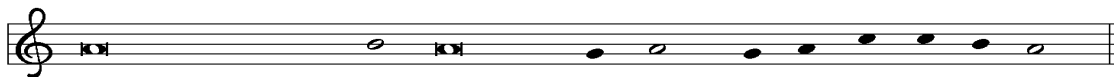
+ KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



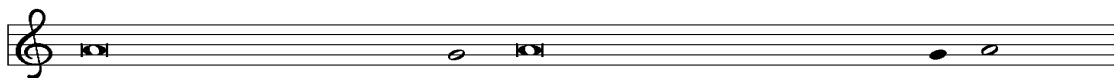
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



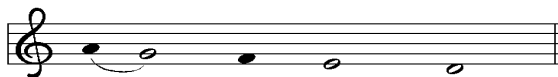
Lord, have mer - cy.



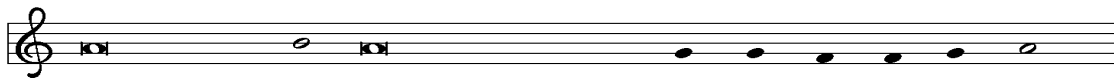
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

“ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR”

SENIOR BELLS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me

the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;**

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;**

I am as useless as a | broken pot. R

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.**

I have said, “You | are my God.

¹⁵My times are | in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;**

save me in your | steadfast love.” R

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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: PASSION ACCORDING TO LUKE

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY”

ELW 264

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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

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.

Be with all who wave palm branches and walk the road to the cross. For the mission of the gospel where your church is forgotten, for disciples wrestling with betrayal, for all who seek the Lord, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Renew the waters of the earth and restore us to right relationship with all creation. For villages without access to clean water, for cities with an abundance, for flood lands and drought lands, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

End human trafficking in every nation. For children taken from their families, for men and women without hope, for governments and nonprofits seeking resolutions, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Comfort the afflicted. For those imprisoned, for those waiting on death row, for all overwhelmed by sorrow, and for all who live with disease, chronic pain, and anxiety in this world (*especially*), let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Enrich the children and youth of our congregation with an abundance of your Spirit. For each child in our community, for parents and guardians, for confirmation mentors and faith formation leaders, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Sustain the weary. For all who mourn, for all who yearn to be with you in paradise, for funeral home staff, for hospital chaplains and grief counselors, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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

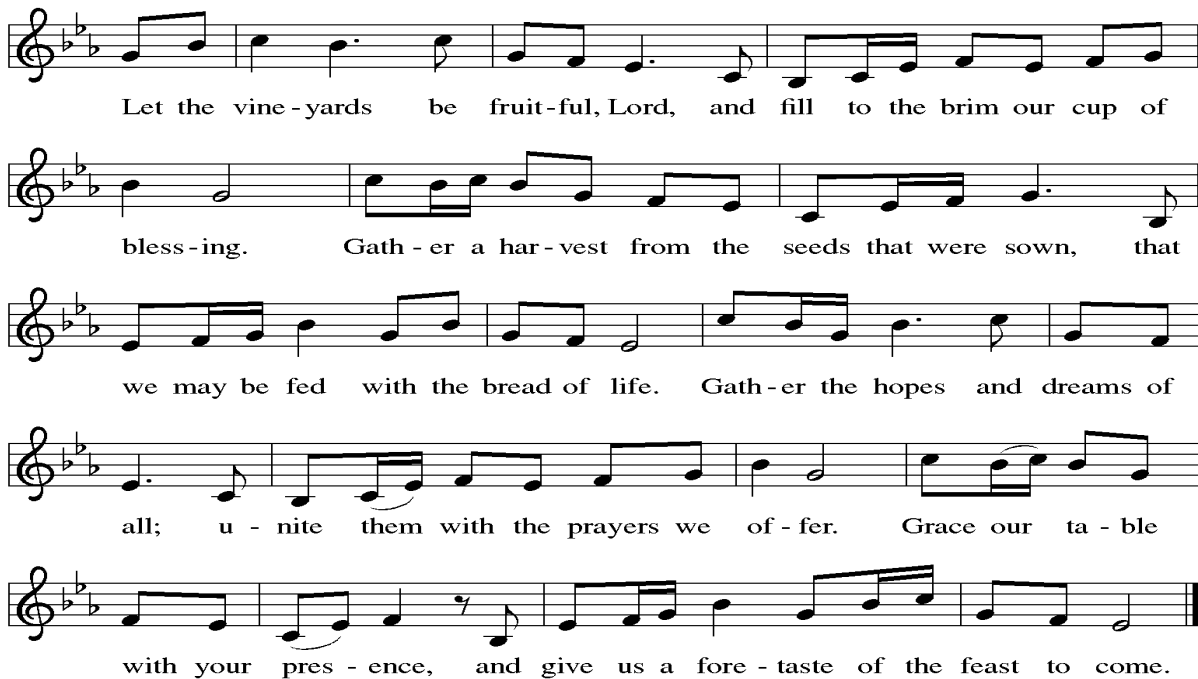
ANTHEM (10:30)

SENIOR CHOIR

“TRIUMPHAL ENTRY”

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

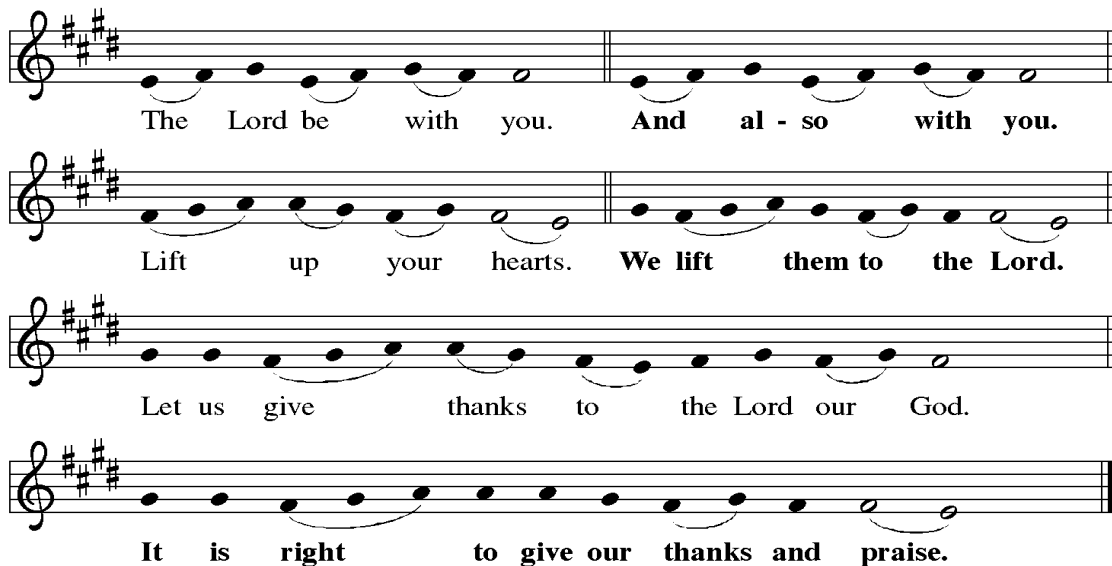


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

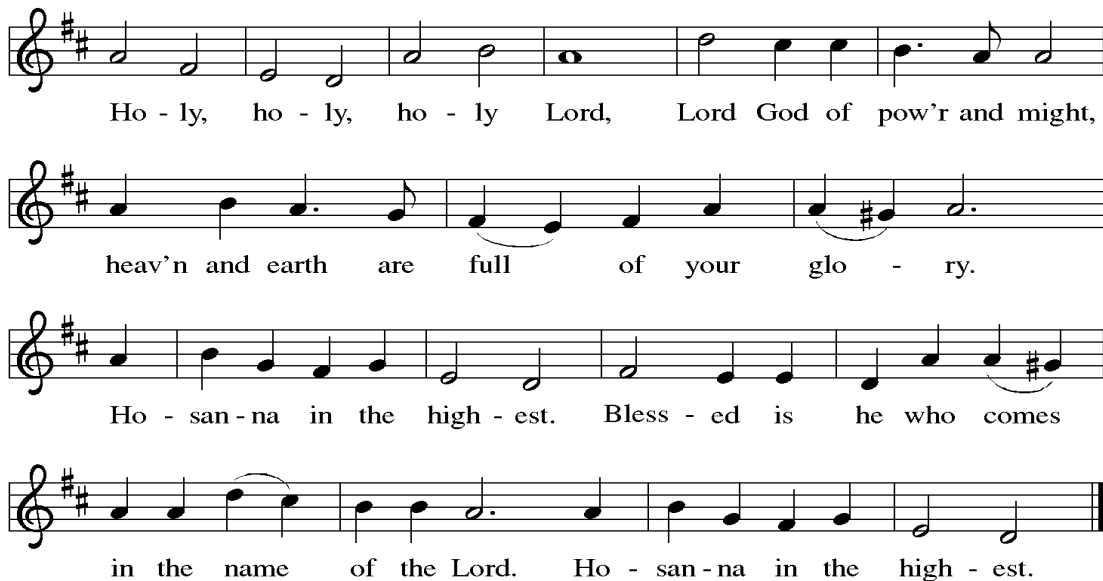
- A God our provider,
C you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ 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.

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.

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 338, 349, 328.

+ 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

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 “THROUGH THE NIGHT OF DOUBT AND SORROW” ELW 327

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“PASSION CHORALE” C. CALLAHAN

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SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Open	Kathy Wolfe
Acolyte	Riley Dunn	Mackenzie Halfhill
Crucifer	XXX	Drezden Gesalman
Torchbearer	XXX	Thomas Meyers
Greeters	Open	Fran Ober
Ushers	Open	Rob & Josh Lipko
Altar Guild	Open	Mina Rutter
Counters		Shelley Cottrill & Mark Gesalman

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 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. 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.

Last chance 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.

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 still opportunity for volunteers during the upcoming week. We need 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".

Just a reminder that there is NO service on Saturday, March 26th. Please consider attending the Easter Vigil at St. Luke's, Youngwood at 8:00 pm.

The church office will be closed on Monday, March 28th.

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.

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

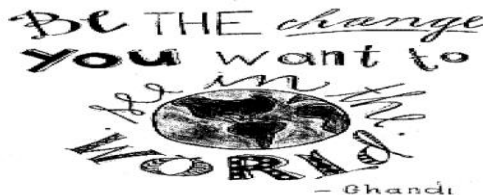
We are in need of a Coordinator and Committee to plan Family Fun Night. If you are interested, please contact the office.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF March 20 - 27, 2016

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	8th Grade Confirmation
	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
Monday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	7:00 pm.	Council Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot – Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	7:00 pm.	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	6:00 pm.	Community Feast
	7:00 pm.	Taizé Prayer Service
		Choir following Service
Thursday	7:00 pm.	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	7:00 pm.	Tenebrae Service
Saturday	11:00 am.	First Holy Communion Class
	8:00 pm.	Easter Vigil, St. Luke's
Sunday	6:30 am.	Sunrise Service
	7:45 am. – 10:00 am.	Easter Breakfast
	10:30 am.	Resurrection of Our Lord
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED



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.