



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

*March 22, 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 22, 2015  
“Fifth Sunday of Lent”  
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)**

**“JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS”**

**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**

**“WHAT FEAST OF LOVE”**

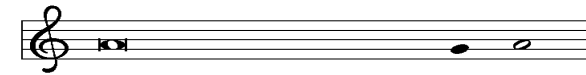
**ELW 487**

**+ 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.



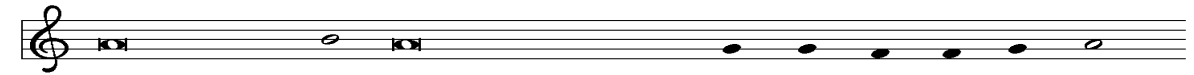
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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: Jeremiah 31:31–34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 51:1–12

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your <sup>1</sup>steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out <sup>1</sup>my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through <sup>1</sup>from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me <sup>1</sup>from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know <sup>1</sup>my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- <sup>1</sup>er before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil <sup>1</sup>in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak  
and right <sup>1</sup>in your judgment. R**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born <sup>1</sup>steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my <sup>1</sup>mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth <sup>1</sup>deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom <sup>1</sup>deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I <sup>1</sup>shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- <sup>1</sup>er than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear <sup>1</sup>joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken <sup>1</sup>may rejoice. R**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face <sup>1</sup>from my sins,  
and blot out <sup>1</sup>all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean <sup>1</sup>heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- <sup>1</sup>it within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away <sup>1</sup>from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- <sup>1</sup>it from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of <sup>1</sup>your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- <sup>1</sup>tiful Spirit. R**

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5–10

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

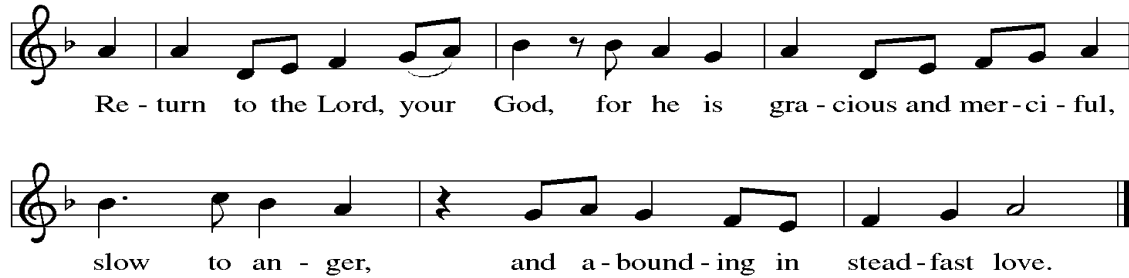
"You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Lenten Acclamation

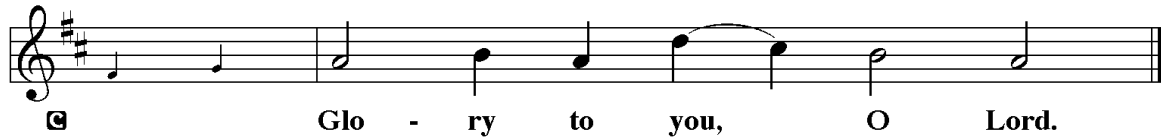


Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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### GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

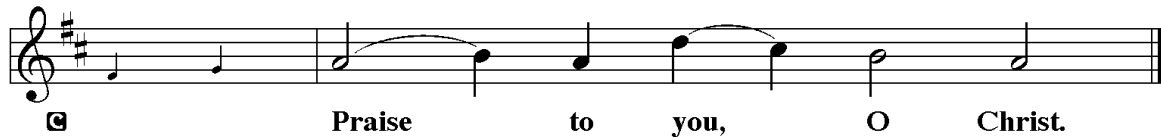
The holy gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."  
<sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



Praise to you, O Christ.

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*"SOFTLY & TENDERLY"*

### 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.*

Gracious God, keep your church firm in faith, so that it might trust in your goodness even when the way is difficult and the future seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As the earth spins through another change of season, awaken trees and flowers from their winter's rest. Bring forth grain from the earth and fruit from the vine. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bring peace to nations devastated by war and violence (*especially*). Teach leaders to trust in your deep and abiding peace and make all of us instruments of that holy peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You come into a broken world that is never beyond your repair. Heal those who feel the effects of illness and injury in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bless the ministries of teachers and mentors in the faith and be with those preparing for baptism (*at the Easter Vigil*). Send newcomers into our midst, and prepare us to welcome them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Remember your covenant with us, and write it on our hearts until we join with (*Jonathan Edwards and*) all the saints around your heavenly throne. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
**hear our prayer.**

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)

*“LAMENTATION”*

*M. BARTLETT*

### ANTHEM(10:30)

*“THIS CUP OF GRACE”*

**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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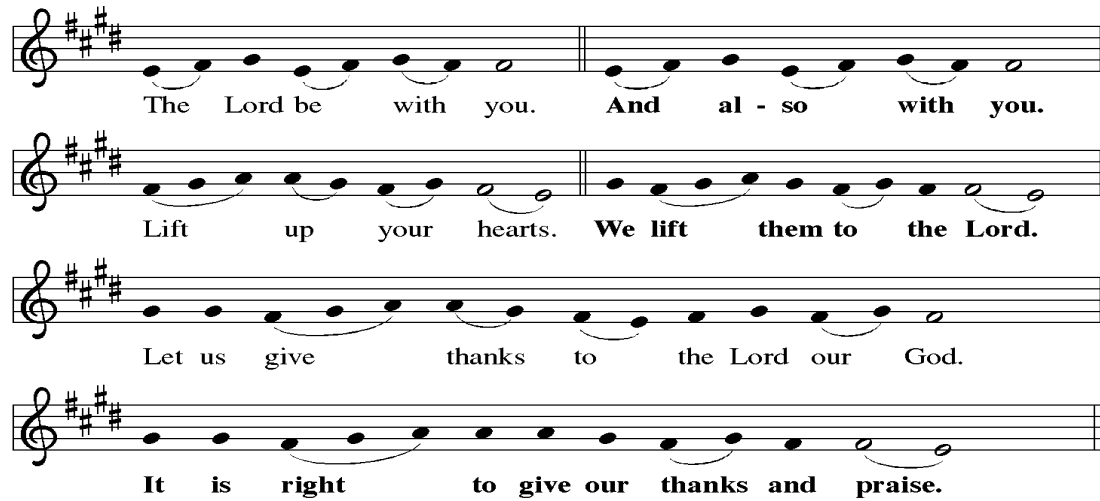
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### + OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

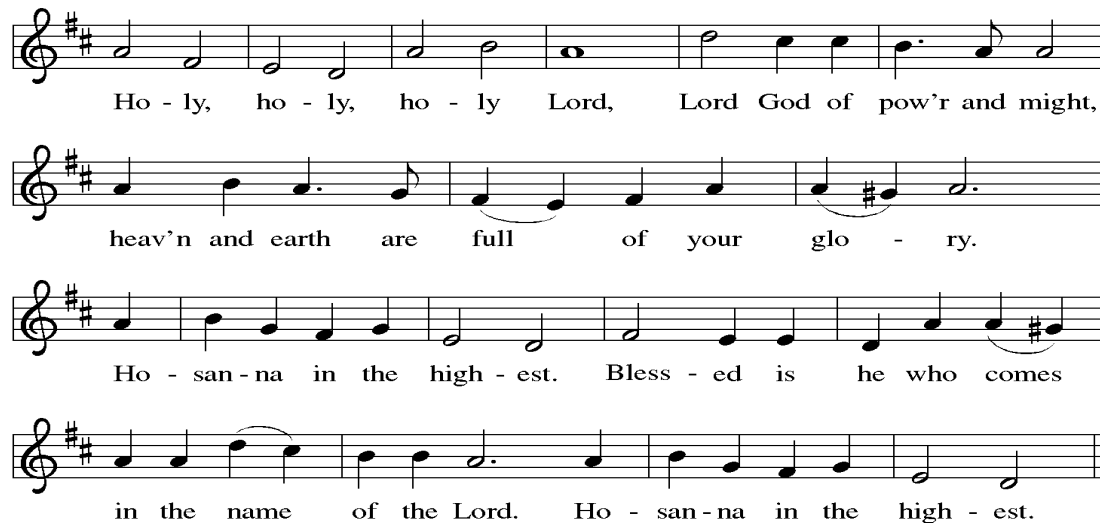


The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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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

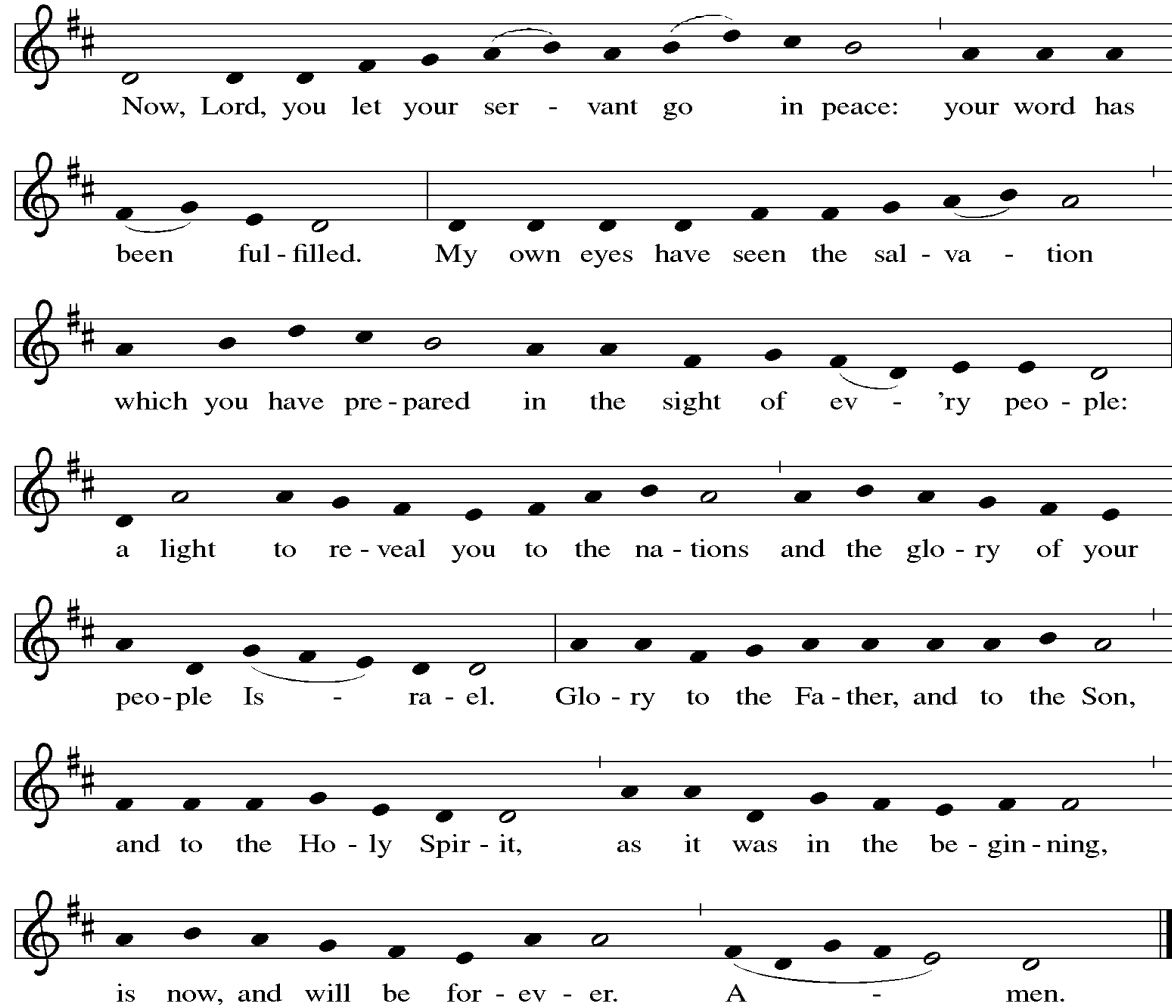
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 323, 337, 339.*

**+ 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**      ***“ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST”***      **ELW 516**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

***“O LAMB OF GOD”***      **J.S. BACH**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the honor and glory of God by Rich & Tammy Welsh in honor of David's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Madison Ryan	Andrea Cuda
Acolyte	Peyton Ryan / Alex Ryan	Zach Petrozza
Crucifer	XXX	Abigail Fox
Torchbearers	XXX	Open
Greeters	Open	Bob & Sonnie Davidson
Ushers	Open	Joe Cottrill & Jack Rutter
Altar Guild	Bobbie Musiak	Mina Rutter
Counters		Sally Hall & Jim Stewart



**MT. EVEREST V.B.S.** - Registration has begun!!  
 Pick-up a form at the hiking hut and return to the Church Office.  
 Also, stay tuned for on-line registrations.  
 If you register in March or April, the child(ren) will be entered to win an Everest t-shirt!! Registering early also saves you a few bucks.

- Registration in March – April will be \$5 per child (\$10 per family)
- Registration in May will be \$7 per child (\$14 per family)
- Late registration in June will be \$20 per child (or cover the cost of expedited shipping)

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

Don't forget to join us Wednesdays during Lent for our Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.) & Vesper services (7:00 pm.). We are still in need of soupmakers and host committee for March 25th. 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.

Any adult interested in attending the New Jersey Mission Trip – Southwestern PA Synod Lutheran Disaster Relief for Rebuilding from Hurricane Sandy – April 12<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 am. service thru Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$175 which includes all meals and lodging contact Pastor Frank if interested.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28th at 10:30 am. Children ages one through 4th grade are welcome. As in former years, egg hunting areas will be age appropriate. Sign-up in the commons area and don't forget to bring your own baskets. Donations to fill the Easter eggs are needed. Drop off your individually wrapped candies/toys in the office. No peanuts or peanut butter please.

### Important Dates

March 21		10:00 am. WELCA Lenten Brunch
March 22		3:00 pm. Youth Gathering Meeting At Trinity, Latrobe
		5:00 Serve Dinner at Union Mission
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
April 1		6:00 pm. Agape Meal 7:00 pm. Vespers
April 2		7:00 pm. Maundy Thursday Service
April 3		7:00 pm. Tenebrae Service
April 4		8:00 pm. Easter Vigil at Zion's
April 5		6:30 am. Sunrise Service 9:30 am. Easter Breakfast 10:30 am. Easter Service

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF March 22 - 29, 2015

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	11:45 am.	First Holy Communion Class
	3:00 pm.	Youth Gathering Meeting, Trinity-Latrobe
	5:00 pm.	Youth Trip to Union Mission
Monday	6:30 pm.	Webelos I
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
	6:45 pm.	Troop 416
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Newsletter Folding
	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	6:00 pm.	Soup & Sandwich
	6:30 pm.	Brownies
	7:00 pm.	Vespers
		Choir following Vespers
Thursday	7:00 pm.	Dryridge Garden Club
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
	7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm.	Youth stuff & hide eggs
Saturday	10:30 am.	Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 am. – 12:15 pm.	First Holy Communion Class
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion

**LENTEN THURSDAY NOON SERVICES**

You are invited to attend the Lenten Thursday Noon Services at Zion's. 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 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



**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015**

**4:30 pm. – 7:30 pm.**

Meal includes Spaghetti & meatballs, tossed salad, roll/bread and beverage.

Cost: \$6.00

Baked goods will also be available to purchase.

Eat in or take out!

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Tickets are available in the church office during office hours. (Monday-Thursday, 9am. – 2pm.) You may also leave your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your name and number of tickets or call and order your tickets to be picked up at the door the day of the dinner.

**All orders must be placed by April 16, 2015**

Baked good donations are needed. Watch for sign-up sheet in the commons area.