



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

***PALM SUNDAY***  
*March 29, 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 29, 2015

“Palm Sunday”

8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)**

**“HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA”**

**M. BURKARDT**

**+ 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.**

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

**C Hosanna in the highest.**

**+PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

**MARK 11:1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of  
Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and  
immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it  
and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it  
and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door,  
outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are  
you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to  
take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.  
<sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had  
cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming  
kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem  
and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late,  
he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**BLESSING OF PALMS**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us go forth in peace.

**C In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**“ALL GLORY, LAUD & HONOR”**

**ELW 344**

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

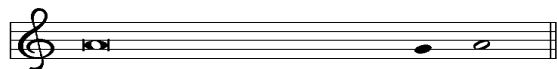
**C Hosanna in the Highest.**

## + APOSTOLIC GREETING

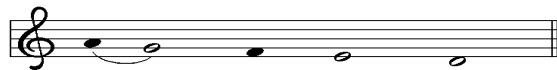
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

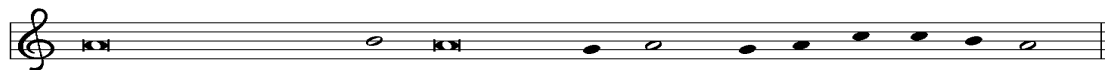
## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



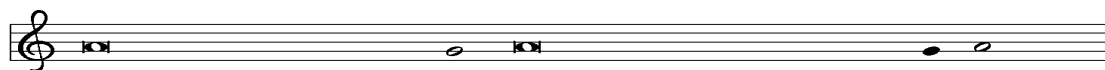
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



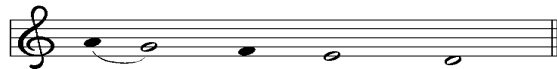
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



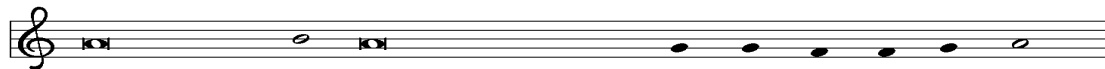
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

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.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a

- <sup>4</sup>The 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.
- <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.
- <sup>6</sup>I 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.
- <sup>7</sup>The 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;
- <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.
- <sup>9</sup>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**

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I 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.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot. R**

<sup>13</sup>For 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.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love." R**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5–11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death —  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and 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.

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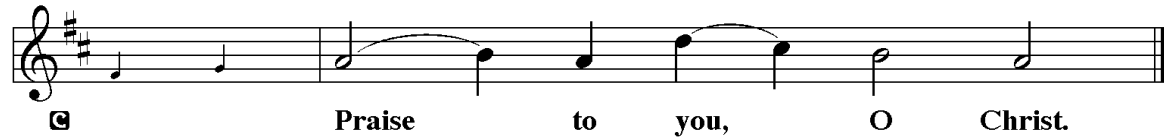
**GOSPEL: PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK**

**Insert**

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.



## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH”*

ELW 340

## 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.*

We pray for the church, that congregations be a home for the lost, a haven for the oppressed, and a source of healing for those broken by life's circumstances. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for new life springing forth from the earth; for those who groan in labor, those who are adopting children, and those who are unable to conceive. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christians who do not have the freedom to worship openly, for political prisoners, refugees, widows, and orphans. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who care for the weary and vulnerable: nurses, hospice workers, childcare providers, and social workers. We pray for those in any need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly as it enters this holy week. Sustain our pastor/s, musician/s, staff, volunteers, and all those who will prepare for and lead worship this week, and bring us all to the joy of Easter. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the blessed saints who showed us how to live and taught us how to die (*especially Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**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

## ANTHEM

### “BEHOLD, WE GO UP TO JERUSALEM” 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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## + 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, 349, 327.*

## + 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**    ***“LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD”***    **ELW 517**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

***“PASSION CHORALE”***

***C. CALLAHAN***

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the honor and glory of God by Dustin Wodoslawsky in memory of Grandparents, Mary & John Wodoslawsky and Jake & Betty Blockson.

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**SERVING TODAY:**

	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Lillian Shea	Lilian Shea
Lector	Jennifer Connor	Kim Jones
Acolyte	Taylor Dunn	Michael Hook
Crucifer	XXX	Open
Torchbearers	XXX	Open
Greeters	Open	Harry & Linda Harbaugh
Ushers	Open	Roger Sullenberger & George Billig
Altar Guild	Barb Henderson	Lisa Hook
Counters		Kathy Wolfe & Chuck Luffy



**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)

**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!

724-834-1940

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.**

**Proceeds benefit the Youth Group and the 2015 Youth Gathering.**

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF March 29 – April 5, 2015

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	7:00 pm.	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	.	RHP Easter Party
	6:00 pm.	Agape Meal
	7:00 pm.	Vespers
		Choir following Vespers
Thursday		RHP Easter Party
	7:00 pm.	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	7:00 pm.	Tenebrae Service
Saturday	11:00 am. – 12:15 pm.	First Holy Communion Class
	5:30 pm.	NO Service
	8:00 pm.	Easter Vigil at Zion's
Sunday	6:30 am.	Sunrise Service
	9:30 am.	Easter Breakfast
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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.

Just a reminder that there is NO service on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please consider attending the Easter Vigil at Zion's Lutheran, Greensburg at 8:00 pm.

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Our Food Pantry is currently well stocked. If you would like to donate anything, please consider paper products or toiletries (excluding bar soaps).

Important Dates

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
April 18	4:30 – 7:30 pm. Spaghetti Dinner
April 20	Glade Run Fundraiser

**LENTEN THURSDAY NOON SERVICES**

You are invited to attend the Lenten Thursday Noon Service at Zion's. Service begins at 12:05 p.m. Lunch is served following the service at 12:30 p.m. Please spread the word to friends and family.

April 2:           The Rev. Brian Chaffee  
Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist  
Suggested lunch donation - \$4.00