



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

*March 8, 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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Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am. til 2:00 pm.

Music Director

Nancy Flinner

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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 8, 2015  
“Third Sunday of Lent”  
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)**

*“IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY”*

*J. STAINER*

**+ 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**

*“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”*

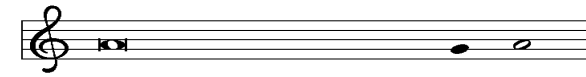
**ELW 803**

**+ 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.



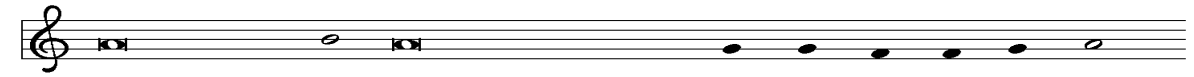
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



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.**

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1–17

Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale | to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,  
and their voices | are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends | of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of | it again;  
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's | own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable | in your sight,**

**O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

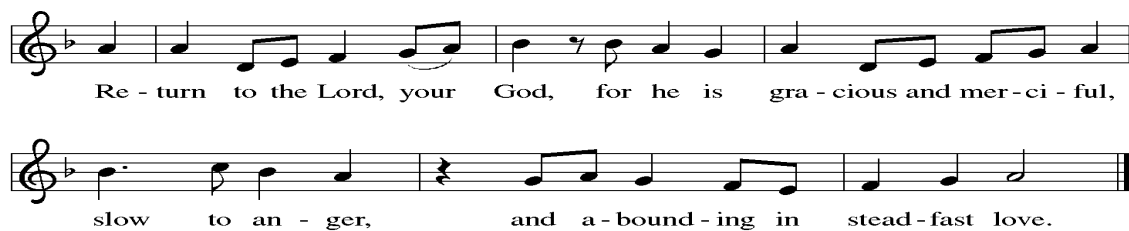
<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

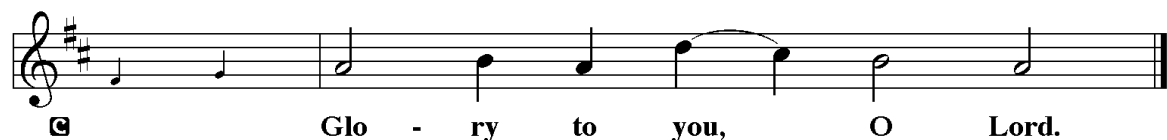
### Lenten Acclamation



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## GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

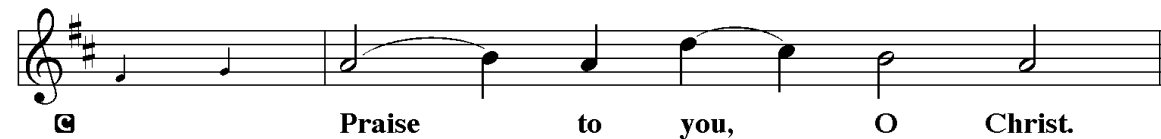
The holy gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.



<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house

will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD"*

ELW 806

## 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 church leaders everywhere, that they be guided by your Spirit, preach the gospel faithfully, and lead a broken world into reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for your creation everywhere: for the waters that nourish life, for vegetation that fills the earth, and for animals of every shape and species. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for missionaries everywhere, that they encounter the face of Christ and see your hand at work as they venture into new places and meet new people. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for hurting people everywhere, that they receive hope and healing. Be with those looking for work, battling addiction, mourning the loss of someone they love, or experiencing illness (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this worshiping community. Make us faithful companions to those preparing for baptism, marriage, or participation in holy communion, and prepare us to welcome newcomers in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Remember your covenant with us, and keep us faithful to your commandments until we join with all the saints around your heavenly throne. 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

### OFFERTORY (8:30)

*“GLORY BE TO JESUS”*

*R. HAAN*

### ANTHEM(10:30)

*“JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE”*

**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, 765, 324.*

**+ 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**

***“PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND”***

**ELW 773**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

***“FREU DICH SEHR”***

**J.S. BACH**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the honor and glory of God by Karen Gesalman

A **LIVING GIFT** has been designated by Ruth Gesalman to the Youth Gathering in loving memory of Ruth's mother, Anna Boerstler.

<b>SERVING TODAY:</b>	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Rich Welsh	Debbie Sullenberger
Acolyte	Maddie Rife	Abigail Podolinski
Crucifer	XXX	Ben Podolinski
Torchbearers	XXX	Open
Greeters	Open	Michael & Lisa Hook
Ushers	Open	Don Bridges & Ken Hill
Altar Guild	Open	Deborah Fox
Counters		Eleanor Besser & Isabelle Bruggeman

#### **LENTEN THURSDAY NOON SERVICES**

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

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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 committees 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.

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE** – March 8<sup>th</sup>, Trinity, Latrobe. Event for Grades 8 – 12.

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.

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

#### Important Dates

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

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF March 8 - 15, 2015

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
Monday	6:30 pm.	Webelos I
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	1:00 pm.	Parkinson's Support Group
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
	6:30 pm.	VBS Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	6:00 pm.	Soup & Sandwich
	6:30 pm.	Brownies
	7:00 pm.	Vespers
		Choir following Vespers
Thursday	7:00 pm.	Caravan 8
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
	6:00 pm.	Brownies
Saturday	10:00 am.	Bridge Club
		Youth Trip to Lancaster
	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
	2:00 pm.	K – 5 Youth Group
	6:30 pm.	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

Pastor Frank will be away March 14 & 15 with the youth in Lancaster. If you find that you need emergency Pastoral care, please contact Pastor Paul Gruesu, St. Matthias.