



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

May 17, 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. to 2:00 pm.

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
May 17, 2015
“Seventh Sunday of Easter”
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **“PRELUDE ON A WELSH TUNE”** **G. YOUNG**

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who call us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Faithful and just God,

We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen

In this love,
not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of +Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**

+ GATHERING HYMN

“SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR” **ELW 655**

+ 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.

+ HYMN OF PRAISE (WOMEN VERSES 1 & 3, MEN VERSES 2 & 4)

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy 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: Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,**
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. R
³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.
⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.
⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9–13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

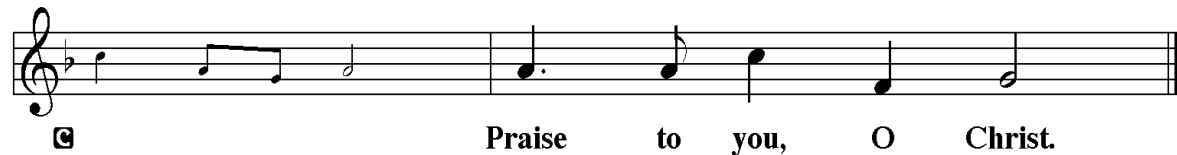
GOSPEL: JOHN 17:16 -19

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I COME WITH JOY"

ELW 482

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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

Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church and the ministry of the gospel throughout the world, that the Holy Spirit guide our witness to Jesus Christ as the Son of God, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the creation, for trees and fruit, clean water and air, and all inhabitants of the earth, that God raise up careful stewards of the soil, air, and water, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For local, regional, and national leaders, for those who protect us from harm, and for this community, that we be led to the truth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick and those who provide healing, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for the imprisoned and those who seek justice, for the bereaved and those who provide comfort (*especially*), that God protect all who are in need, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those completing their studies this academic year, for those who travel and enjoy recreation, and for those gathered here and those absent, that through our joy we continually offer thanks to God, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith, that their witness to the resurrection of Christ inspire our words and our work, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

“CONTEMPLATION”

R. THYGERSON

ANTHEM (10:30)

“A TIME FOR ALL THINGS”

SENIOR CHOIR

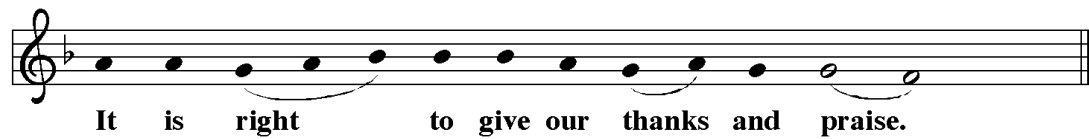
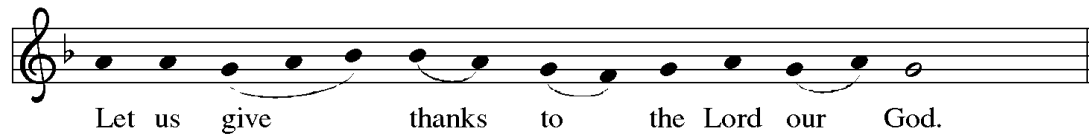
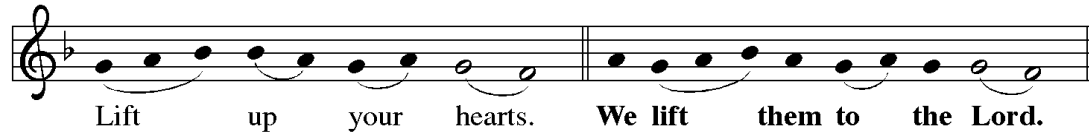
OFFERTORY

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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
C **Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



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

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, Abide in me as I abide in you."

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.

Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 397, 656, 790.

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

Almighty God, who raised our Lord from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

Amen.

Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ***“GO MY CHILDREN WITH MY BLESSING”*** **ELW 543**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“ALLEGRO”

J. KITTEL

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Shelley & Joe Cottrill.

A LIVING GIFTS has been designated by:

Don Bridges to the Youth Group in honor of Don & Carole’s 48th Wedding Anniversary on May 20th.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Tammy Welsh	Danielle Smith
Acolyte	Taylor Dunn	Matthew Smith
Crucifer	XXX	Tyler Fauth
Torchbearers	XXX	XXX
Greeters	Open	Jim & Dorothy Stewart
Ushers	Open	Chuck & Brady Luffy
Altar Guild	Barb Henderson	Lisa Hook
Counters	Janet Ambrose & Chuck Luffy	

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF May 17 - 24, 2015

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	2:00 pm.	K – 5 Youth Group
	3:00 pm.	Youth Gathering Meeting
	5:30 pm. – 7:45 pm.	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
Monday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	1:00 pm.	Essential Oils
	5:30 pm.	VBS Mtg.
	7:00 pm.	Council Meeting
Tuesday		Election Day
	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
		RHP Graduation
Friday	10:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday		Pentecost
	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion

 Blanket Sunday

In loving memory of:

Kathy Gorman
Josephine Heimann
Dora Jones
Mabel Brunot
Mildred Harrold
Sara Agnes Miller

In honor of:

Grandchildren
Mary Ann Smith
All Mothers

Additional Donors: Denny Clawson, Lillian Shea & Jack Immel

Given by:

Jim & Dorothy Stewart
Pat Gatons
Marion Bendl
Jay & Jean Brunot
Jay & Jean Brunot
Mary Jane Aaron

Given by:

Harry & Linda Harbaugh
Jane Croushore
Jean Crosby

June 6, 2015
10:00 am. to 4:00 pm.

Chicken 

**½ Chicken, baked beans, beverage & chips.
\$8.00**

Tickets may be purchased through the office. Call (724)834-1940 or stop in during office hours (Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.) Pre-purchase of tickets is encouraged.

We will also be doing a “Buy one, Give one”. We have a number of people who could benefit from a dinner.



Youth Group Car Wash

Have your car washed while you enjoy your chicken in the air conditioned social room. All donations will go to the Youth Group & 2015 Youth Gathering.



Bake Sale

Enjoy a yummy dessert. Hosted by the Fellowship Committee. A sign up sheet will be posted to donate baked goods. All proceeds will go to the Youth Group & 2015 Youth Gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Synod Assembly is quickly approaching (June 11, 12 & 13). We are able to send Pastor Frank and two delegates. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Frank or the church office.

Please note that there were a couple of mistakes in the May newsletter.

There is NO service on Saturday, May 30th. The 5:30 service will be at Idlewild Park. Watch the bulletin for details.

Deadline for the June/July newsletter is May 18th and folding will be May 27th.



Join Us at Idlewild Park on May 30th.

Tickets - \$20.00. Purchase them by May 24th.

Come enjoy the day at Idlewild and join us at 4:45 for dinner and service at 5:30 pm. in Pavilion C – 1. Bring your own dinner. There are lots of yummy food stands or pack your own dinner.



June 10

1:00 pm. – 6:30 pm.

Posters and sign up sheets in the Commons Area.

Important Dates

May 30	Picnic at Idlewild
June 6	Chicken BBQ
June 10	Blood Drive
June 15 – 19	Vacation Bible School
June 19	Family Fun Night