

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.) Or place your order in the offering plate. 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.



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

May 31, 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."

The Rev. Frank S. Podolinski, Jr., Pastor

Pastor's Cell Phone -- 724-858-7816

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Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday: 9:30 am. – 2:30 pm.

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Church website – www.goodshepherdgbg.org

Rocking Horse Preschool – www.rockinghorsepreschool.com

Parish Secretary -- Jenny Luffy

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm.

Music Director

Organist

Nancy Flinner

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday School is over for the summer. It will resume in the fall with a brand new program.

The Locks have been changed. Unfortunately the transition has not been as smooth as we had hoped. If you got a new key and it does not work, please return it to the office. If you have not tried your key, please do so to determine if it works.

Thank you.



Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Everest VBS will be here before you know it!

- * **Please join us on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:00, YOU**
 - **Will receive your Staff t-shirts**
 - **Learn what your assignments are for June 15-19**
 - **Share any last minute concerns**
- * **THIS IS FOR EVERYONE...SEE YOU THERE**



June 10

1:00 pm. – 6:30 pm.

Posters and sign up sheets in the Commons Area.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF May 31 – June 7, 2015

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	7:00 pm.	Chairperson Meeting
	7:00 pm.	Finance Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 pm.	VBS Meeting
	6:45 pm.	Troop 416
Thursday	5:00 pm.	Dryridge
Friday	10:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	10:00 am – 4:00 pm.	Chicken BBQ
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	5:30 pm.	Troop 416
	6:00 pm.	Pack 416 Committee
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416 Committee

Important Dates

June 6	Chicken BBQ
June 10	Blood Drive
June 15 – 19	Vacation Bible School
June 19	Family Fun Night

JUNE 7 - One service begins at 10:30 am.

Today we welcome through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Julian Patrick Hill. Julian is the son of Kenneth & Erin Hill.

Service of the Word and Sacrament

May 31, 2015

“The Holy Trinity”

8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **“MY SOUL PROCLAIMS YOUR GREATNESS”** **D. CHERWIN**

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain. Field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

Amen.

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

God and Father of all,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action is needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation; your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **Amen.**

+ GATHERING HYMN

“COME, JOIN THE DANCE OF TRINITY”

ELW 412

+ 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Theresa Ellis.

LIVING GIFTS have been designated by:

Mark and Lynda Gesalman to Jeannette Public Library in memory of Lynda's mother, Helen Bean.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Madison Ryan	Mark Gesalman
Acolyte	Maggie Isler	Zach Petrozza
Crucifer	XXX	XXX
Torchbearers	XXX	XXX
Greeters	Open	Rodger & Lindsey Sullenberger
Ushers	Open	Rob & Josh Lipko
Altar Guild	Barb Henderson	Alice Podolinski
Counters	Carole Bridges & Jenny Luffy	

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Wise and generous God,
We thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life.
Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

Almighty and merciful God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this
day and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *“LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS”* **ELW 802**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME” **G. BLAKE**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we
praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all
adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1–8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the
hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six
wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two
they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled
with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live
among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the
altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has
touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the
voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here
am I; send me!"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow-^{er}ful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a ^{voice of splendor.} R

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the ^{cedar trees;}
the LORD breaks the ce-^{dars of Lebanon;}

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip ^{like a calf,}
and Mount Hermon like a ^{young wild ox.}

⁷The voice ^{of the LORD}
bursts forth in ^{lightning flashes.}

⁸The voice of the LORD ^{shakes the wilderness;}
the LORD shakes the wilder-^{ness of Kadesh.} R

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the ^{forests bare.}

And in the temple of the LORD all are ^{crying, "Glory!"}

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a-^{bove the flood;}
the LORD sits enthroned as king for-^{evermore.}

¹¹O LORD, give strength ^{to your people;}
give them, O LORD, the bless-^{ings of peace.} R

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh —
¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the
deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of
God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received
a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness
with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and
joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with
him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing Lamb of God

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

Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 397, 415, 414.

+ 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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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, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

+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 3:1-17

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

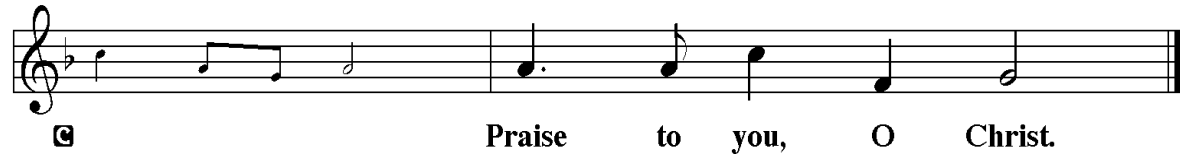
Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!” ELW 413

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30)

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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.

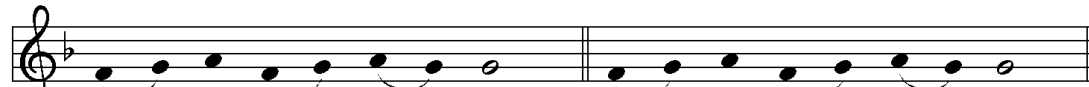
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.


+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you dwell in the church by your life-giving Spirit. Inspire the newly baptized, empower church leaders, and renew all of us for service in Christ's name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you fill the universe with your splendor. Restore right relationships among all living things, both seen and unseen. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Saving One, you so love this world. Bring justice to the oppressed, mercy to those who are angry, nourishment to the hungry, and peace to the violent and their victims. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you visit the hurting, giving healing and strength. We pray for your children in any need: the orphaned, the neglected, the grieving, the injured, and those we name this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving Spirit, in you we live and move and have our being. As Mary visited Elizabeth in her waiting, visit those awaiting birth or preparing for adoption, all who struggle to conceive or cannot have children, and those mourning pregnancy loss. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of life, we remember your saints (*especially Mary, the mother of our Lord, and Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist*). With them, may we bear the life of Christ to those around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

“SICILIANO”

G. BLAKE

ANTHEM (10:30)

“AND THE LORD SAID”

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 God of mercy and grace,
C the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.