



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

November 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."*

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

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Music Director

Organist

Trumpet

Nancy Flinger

Jean Brunot

Greg Bittner

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
November 22, 2015
Christ the King & Harvest Home Sunday
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

PRELUDE **“COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING”** **L. SMITH**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE HYMN **“HOW GREAT THOU ART”** **ELW 856**

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, clothed in majesty ever since the world began, who loves and frees us from our sins, who leads us with all the saints to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.

God our maker and redeemer,
We confess that we have sinned against in thought, word and deed. We come for refuge to your infinite mercy. You have given your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for his sake, forgive us all our sin. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God’s only Son has been given to die for us, and for his sake God † forgives us all our sin. Believing in Jesus’s name, you have received power to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+ GATHERING HYMN **“EARTH & ALL STARS”** **ELW 731**

+ 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

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

+HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Final refrain
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on
 earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

"OLD RUGGED CROSS"

BACK OF BULLETIN

FIRST READING: DANIEL 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched,
 thrones were set in place,
 and an Ancient One took his throne,
 his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
 his throne was fiery flames,
 and its wheels were burning fire.
¹⁰A stream of fire issued
 and flowed out from his presence.
 A thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
 The court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.
¹³As I watched in the night visions,
 I saw one like a human being
 coming with the clouds of heaven.
 And he came to the Ancient One
 and was presented before him.
¹⁴To him was given dominion
 and glory and kingship,
 that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him.
 His dominion is an everlasting dominion
 that shall not pass away,
 and his kingship is one
 that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 93

Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
 throne has been es - tab - lished.

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

**²Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
 you are from | everlasting. R**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
 the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

**⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
 mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are | very sure,
 and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. **R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
 every eye will see him,
 even those who pierced him;
 and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“BORNING CRY”

ELW 732

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God’s saints for healing, wholeness, and peace in all the earth.

A brief silence.

Ancient One, you are beyond our understanding. Forgive us when our imaginations limit the depth of your being. Expand our vision of who you have been, who you are, and who you will be. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mountain maker, you created Earth and all that is in it. Heal environments damaged by human carelessness. Teach us to honor and care for your whole creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious sovereign, your majesty knows no bounds. Bring your kingdom to violent places. Send us out to share your peace in the world. Help us see how we participate in systems of injustice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Divine nurse, you care for all people. Stir us to care for all your children. Be with all who experience unemployment, homelessness, abuse, or who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Trinity, you call some to be prophets and some to be priests. Be with all who discern a call to ministry in your church. Bless the work of call committees and candidacy committees. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal truth, your word goes forth in every generation. We give you thanks for the priesthood of all believers and remember with joy and sorrow the saints who shared the gospel with us (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Or, “who proceeds from the Father.” The phrase “and the Son” is a later addition to the creed.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

"WE GATHER TOGETHER" D. PAXTON

OFFERTORY (10:30)

JUNIOR CHIMES
"HYMN OF THANKS" BEVERLY SIMPSON
AND JOHANN A.P. SCHULZ
"RINGJOY" BEVERLY SIMPSON

+OFFERING HYMN

"HERE I AM LORD" ELW 574

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful God,

C as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

+ CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

"BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR" ELW 838

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

Words and Music by GEORGE BENNARD

1. On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, The em-blem of
2. O that old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, Has a won-drous at-
3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, A won-drous
4. To the old rug-ged cross, I will ev-er be true, Its shame and re-

suf-fring and shame; And I love that old cross where the dear-est and best
trac-tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo-ry a-bove
beau-ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je-sus suf-fered and died
proach glad-ly bear; Then Hell call me some day to my home far a-way,

CHORUS
For a world of lost sin-ners was slain. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged
To bear it to dark Cal-va-ry. To par-don and sanc-ti-fy me. cross, the
Where His glo-ry for-ev-er I'll share.

cross, Till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the
old rug-ged cross,

old rug-ged cross, And ex-change it some day for a crown.
cross, the old rug-ged cross,

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

LIVING GIFTS have been designated by:

Coleman & Walton Families to the Memorial Fund in memory of David Sheridan.

Eileen Dumsick, Doug & Jean Miller, Eric Zech, Walter & Patricia Przybocki, Kirstie Felland, Thelma Lundgren, Ruth Ann Popper and John & Judith McKibben to the Memorial Fund in memory of Marcia Engelbrecht.

Jean & Don Turnbull and Barb Henderson to the Choir Fund in memory of Marcia Engelbrecht.

Jack & Doris Wood to the Education Fund in memory of Marcia Engelbrecht.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Open	Jacob Podolinski
Acolyte	Peyton Ryan	Jaden Biller
Crucifer	Alex Ryan	Jesse Biller
Greeters	XXX	Bill & Janet Ambrose
Ushers	XXX	Roger Sullenberger & George Billig
Altar Guild Counters	Open	Shelley Cottrill Kathy Wolfe & Chuck Luffy

PRAYER LIST - Our thoughts and prayers are with the following:

Lisa Yothers	Henry Poerio	Jackson Petak	Rev. John McLaughlin	Jackson Storey
Carrie Leone	Louis	Helen Lauffer	Margaret Schrieber	Norman Rearick
April Carey	Pam Martin	Charlotte Polesky	Mary Miller	Jeanne Kott
Joyce Frazier	Karol Handrahan	Aubrey	Jane Misutka	Jesse, Josh & Michelle
William Fealey	Denny Saddler	Amber Pritts	Abby Legler	Lisa
Craig McKenna	Ann Burns	Bryan Rearick	Michael	Chuck Thropp
Bill Cook	Ryan Quinn	Dakota Mutdosch	Susie	Evelyn Soderberg
Kevin Schultz	Connie Brinker	Robert Himler	Jimmy Soderberg	Pastor John Harmon
Mildred Stubbs	Patricia Sarp	Madison Hoopengardener	Chris Kosar	
Raymond Gross	Tim Loughran	Richard Bell	Lucinda Martin	Baby Piper
Bob Clark	Gerry & Jerome	Rowan Rusnock	Margaret Podolinski	Alex LaFranky
Darlene	Trudy Beistal	Lisa	John Askey Sr.	Frank Moore
Ron Livengood	Dylan Fennell	Lou Simek	Karen	Larry Cottrill
Luca Bell	Frank Sierawski	Terri Dunbar	Ted Speedy	
Chip Franklin	Connie Tarr	Kyle Kennon	Joan Brown	Mary McNamara
John Seruga	David Wood	Glenna Latshaw	Jennifer Wonsettler Burns	

Good Shepherd Members:

Jeff Ryan	Dennis McIntire	Ray Scherer	Bill Knackstedt
Mary McGee	Joyce Coates	Jean Hawes	Carole Bridges
Jane Croushore	Eleanor Elliott	Carol Stewart	Isabelle Bruggeman
Dorothy Stewart	Melanie Wood	Donna Seiler	Eleanor Besser
Dorothy Flock	Lisa Seiler	Jane Elliott	Roger Sullenberger
Barb Tychinski	Judy Monchak	Charlotte Hein	George Silvis

Those in care facilities:

Vanita Permar	Audrey Troutman	Peg Hobbs	Ruth Gesalman	Nancy Hebrank	Martha Chomko
Ann Shockey	Evelyn Richter	Bernie Fisher	Delver Flock	Eileen Silvis	

Those in the Service

Lindsey Patrick	Paul Harrold	Adam Neiderhiser	Sean Sabiston	Ryan Cutcliffe
Michael Shupe	Derek Leach	Ryan Ilich	Tyler Beranek	

Friends and relative of the Good Shepherd family:

Nancee Roberts – cancer – Cousin of Cyndi Stiles
Esther Blackson – cancer of voicebox – requested by Mary Jane Aaron
Jayme Flock – Childhood Cancer
Nancy Walsh – Breast Cancer – Requested by Bill & Patti Benton
Dorinda Dee – Niece of Mary Jane Aaron - Minimal change disease
Richard Wright & Family – Blood Clots – requested by Joan Rappold
Joan Foster – Sister of Jacki Guhl – had an accident & is unable to walk
Frank Moore – Father of Megan Coppetti – needs a liver transplant
Fran McCallen – Breast cancer – requested by Joy & Michael Stynchula
Joanne Mazzoni – Heart Issues – requested by Jim Monnich
Howard Parker – Pancreatic cancer
Rachael Latshaw – Non-hodgkins lymphoma – niece of Doris & Jack Wood
Betty Wenzel – requested by Bob & Donna Seiler
Kathy Seiler – daughter-in-law of Bob & Donna Seiler
Laurel Beranek – Diabetes – granddaughter of Jane Elliott
Julie - cancer – requested by Rachel King
Matthew Miller – awaiting liver transplant – requested by Augie Nicolai
Paulette Willocheel – Back operation – requested by Dorothy & Jim Stewart
Rosalie Stewart – Parkinsons’s Disease – requested by Dorothy & Jim Stewart
Robin – Multiple Scrosis
Morgan Krakosh & Family – Morgan is disabled & having lung problems – requested by Jim Monnich
Cathy Smith - tumor on heart – niece of George Smith – requested by George & Mary Ann Smith
Natalie Anthony – cancer – sister of Ken Hebrank – requested by George & Mary Ann Smith
Laura Bell – rheumatoid arthritis
June Muse – requested by Jim Monnich – heart attack
Pat Depalma – requested by Joyce Coates
Wanda – thyroid/heart – requested by Debbie Sullenberger
Dorothy Kuschar – Internal Injuries – requested by Peg Hobbs
Judy Shea – Cancer – requested by Lillian Shea
Amanda & Tim – Expecting a baby and baby may have problems – requested by Doris Wood
Joseph Misutka - cancer – requested by Debbie Sullenberger
Marcus Malara – cancer – requested Linda Dunheimer
Dick Jones – Recovering from major surgery – brother of Marion Bendl
Orville Tustin -- Lung cancer -- requested by Sharon Greene
Penny Newmann -- requested by Joyce Coates
Bob Bayus -- pancreatic cancer -- requested by Monnich family
Jill Coates -- sister-in-law of Joyce Coates
Genevieve & Pam Hite -- medical issues
William Simpson -- 3 yr. old needing heart transplant
Larry Bowers -- req. R. Atwell and A. LeCuyer
Randy Barker -- cousin of Joyce Coates

Remember to notify the office of any changes. Thank you....

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22 - 29, 2015

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Coffee Hour
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
		Pie Pick Up
Monday	9:00 am.	New Neighbors
	6:30 pm.	Webelos II
Tuesday	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Brunot – Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 12:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Newsletter Folding
Thursday		HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Coffee Hour
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.....

46 Sundays

Budget \$171,925.88
 Giving \$164,015.61
 Behind \$ 7,910.27

We have received 57 pledges to date. Please don't forget to turn in your Estimate of Giving Cards if you haven't already done so. The Finance Committee uses them to budget for next year.



We still have names available in the office for our Christmas Wish List programs. Reminder that items need to be back to the church by December 7th.

JOIN US On Sunday, November 29th after the 10:30 service, members of WELCA will be assembling Christmas Remembrances for members of our congregation who are in care facilities. Small items are needed, such as hand cream, chapsticks, calendars, puzzles, puzzle books and Christmas novelties. Donations may be placed in basket next to card display in commons area. If you would like to help; bring something for lunch and meet in the Sunday School Rooms.

Thank you,
 WELCA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We are in need of a Chairperson for the Evangelism Committee, the Stewardship Committee and Vacation Bible School. If you would like to consider serving Good Shepherd in this capacity, please let Pastor Frank or the church office know.

The Greensburg Lions are once again collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids to be reconditioned for a new life. If you have any old glasses or hearing aids that you would like to donate, drop them off in the office.

November is Personal Care Kit collection month to send aid to the victims of the Nepal earthquakes earlier this year. Next week please bring with you to church -- **a Metal Nail Clipper or Nail Clipper with File.**

The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your help on this project.

The Office will be closed on Monday, November 30.

The Annual Advent Dinner is December 6th at 5:00 pm. Advent presentation to follow at 6:00 pm. Sign up in the commons area.



DECORATING FOR ADVENT AND THE HOLIDAY SEASON WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AT 1:00 PM. CONTACT JACK GESALMAN IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.



CHRISTMAS CRECHE SHOW

December 3 & 4
 4:00 pm. – 8:00 pm.
 December 5
 11:00 am. – 3:00 pm.

First United Methodist Church, 15 East Second St., Greensburg PA

Westmoreland County Live Nativity

Westmoreland County Court House 5:45 pm.

Dec. 3/4 Dec. 10/11 Dec. 17/18

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