



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

February 15, 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

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 and Sacrament
February 15, 2015
“Transfiguration of Our Lord”
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
Who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like
stars.

Amen.

Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Holy and merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We
cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by
our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles’ wings,
that we may do your will with courage and delight.**

Amen

Hear the voice from heaven: “You are my own, my beloved.” God gives power to the weary
and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of +Jesus Christ, I
declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of God’s reign.

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“GATHER US IN”

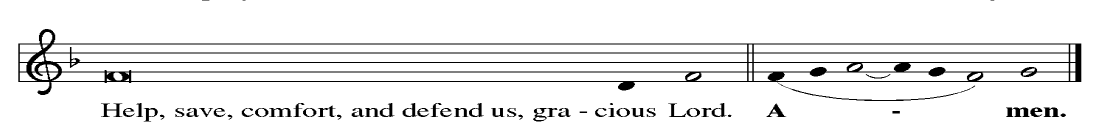
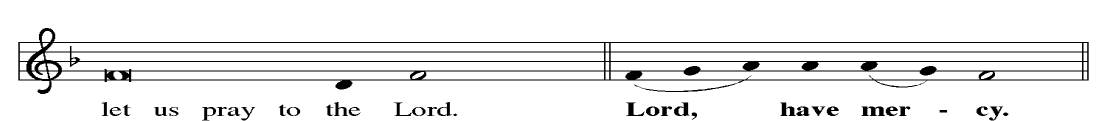
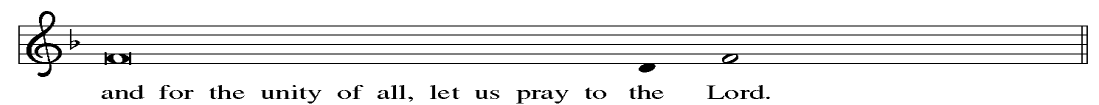
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+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

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



+HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

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.

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.

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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM

“FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA”

SENIOR CHOIR

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1–12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 50:1–6

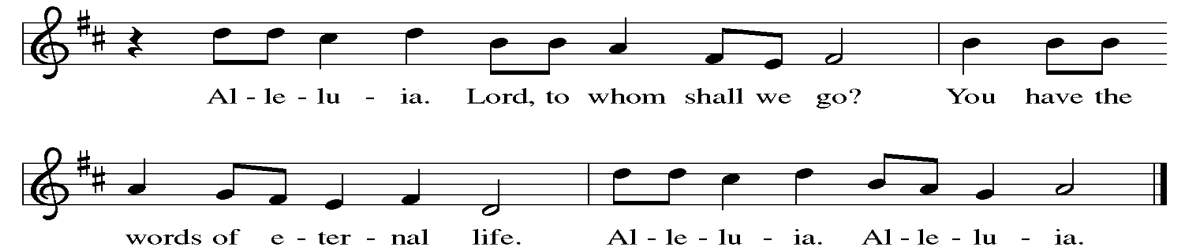
¹The mighty one, God the ¹LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun ¹to its setting.
²**Out of Zion, perfect ¹in its beauty,
God shines ¹forth in glory. R**
³Our God will come and will ¹not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a ¹raging storm.
⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth ¹from above
to witness the judgment ¹of the people.**
⁵"Gather before me my ¹loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed ¹it with sacrifice."
⁶**The heavens declare the rightness ¹of God's cause,
for it is God ¹who is judge. R**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3–6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

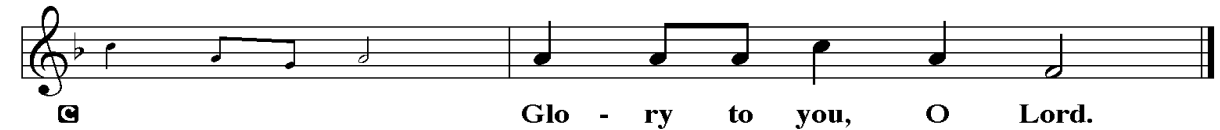
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+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

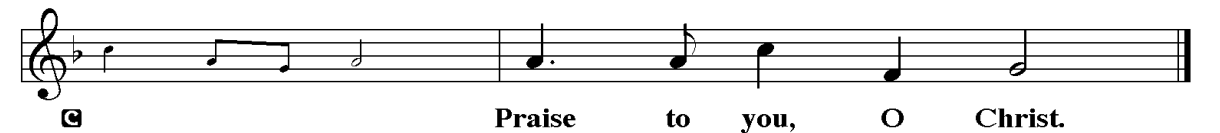


GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

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



²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

***"WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD"* ELW 866**

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

Called to know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Blessed are you, Holy One. It is your pleasure to shine the light of your presence on all you love. Enlighten your church and help it listen to and follow your Son. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, Holy One. Your creative love shines in every growing thing that stretches toward the sun. Restore your creation to vibrancy and beauty, and open our eyes to see your splendor. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, Holy One. You reveal true glory in the suffering of your Son. By his example, humble the hearts of leaders and quiet the pride of nations. Teach us the way of peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, Holy One. You are the strength of the sick and suffering, the lonely and forgotten, the fearful and despairing. Shine the healing light of your presence on them (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, Holy One. You pour your Spirit into young and old alike. Shine your light in the hearts of this congregation, and send us to carry your light to others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Blessed are you, Holy One. Your saints shine with the glory that fills the face of your beloved Son. At the last, gather us with them on your holy mountain. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

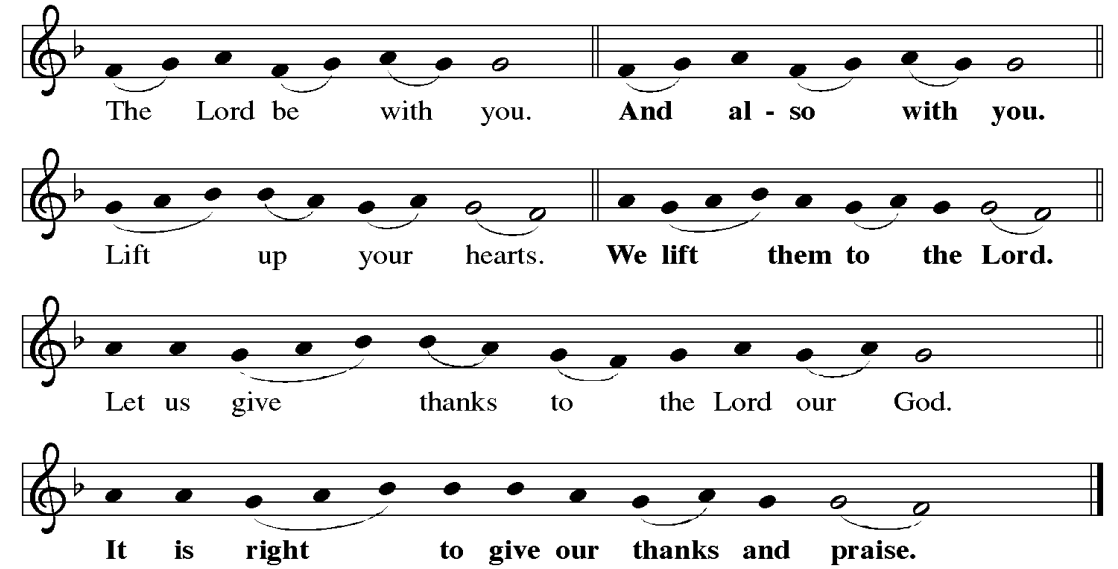


C Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

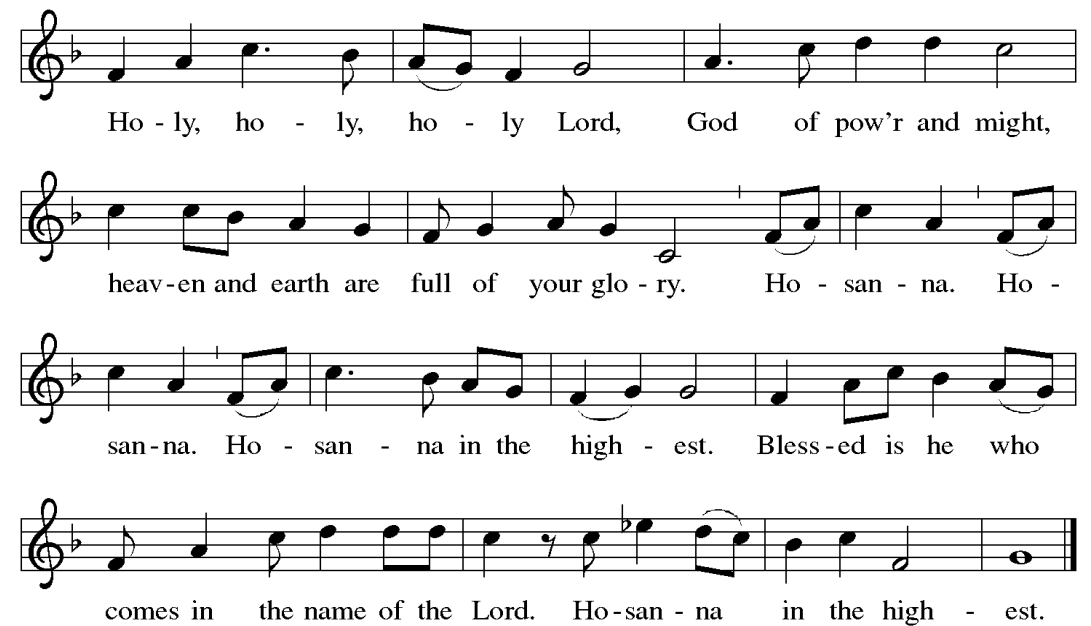
A Merciful God,
C as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

+ 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

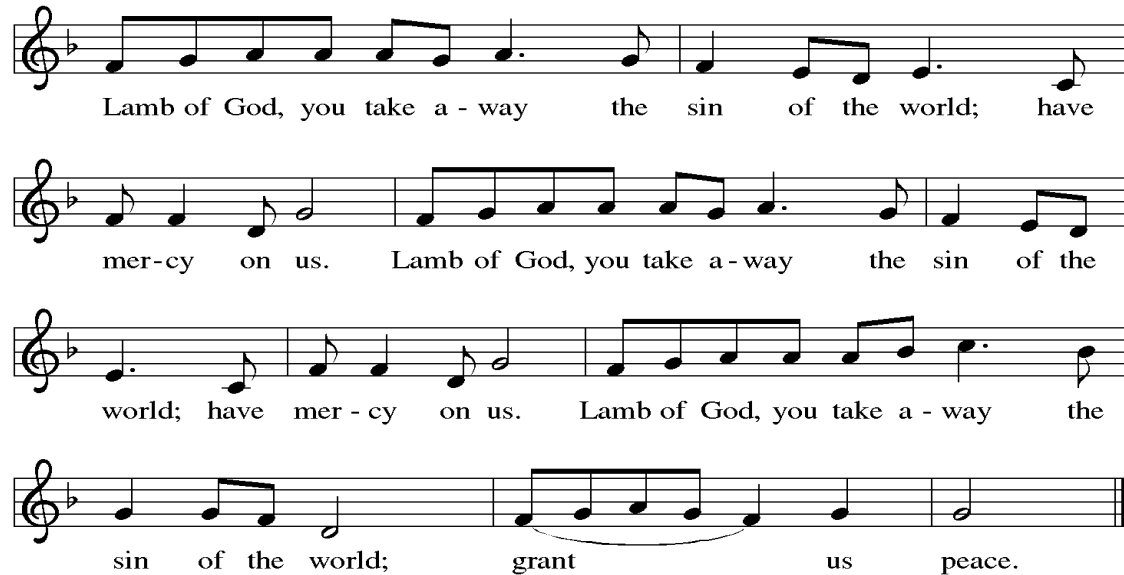
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is 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

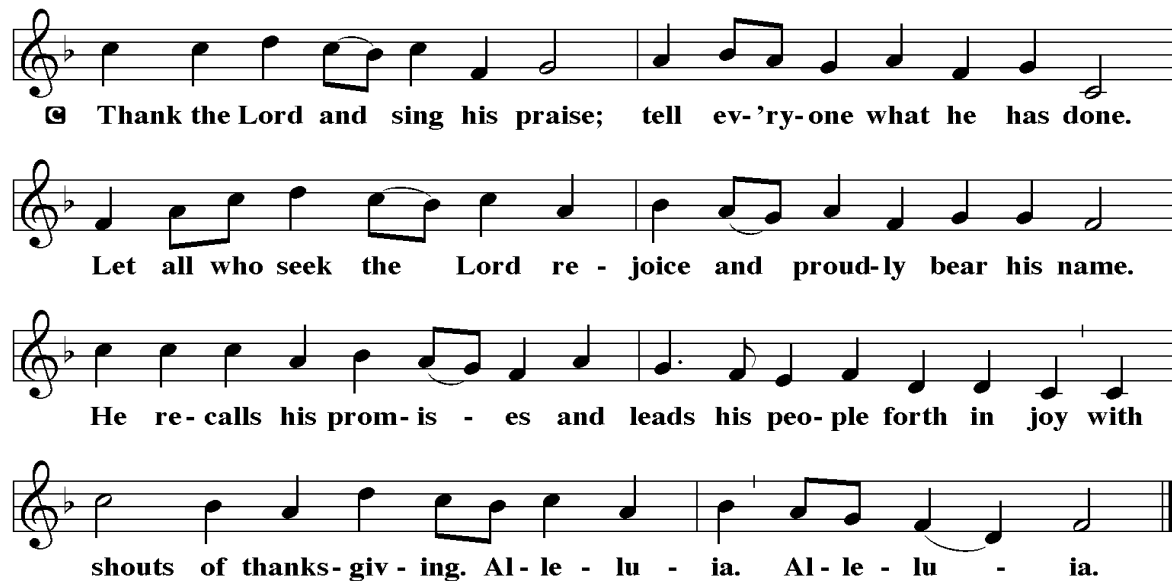
During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, 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 481, 315, 815.

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick/homebound/imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

God the Father, light-creator; God the Son. Light for Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR”

ELW 838

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Val Pollock in loving memory of Bill Pollock and his birthday, February 19th.

A **LIVING GIFT** has been designated by:

Ruth Gesalman to Tri-City Meals on Wheels in loving memory of husband, Bob Gesalman.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Melanie Wood	Ellen Monnich
Acolyte	Taylor Dunn	Ben Podolinski
Crucifer	XXX	Tyler Fauth
Torchbearers	XXX	Open
Greeters	Open	Jim & Lisa Hook
Ushers	Open	Jack Rutter & Joe Cottrill
Altar Guild	Barb Henderson	Lisa Hook
Counters		Sue Strasser & Barb Henderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER – Come join us for Pancakes & Sausage. It is always a delicious meal. Sign up in the commons area.

WINTER POTLUCK – Sign up in the commons area for the Winter Potluck on February 22 following the 10:30 service. Come join us for fellowship and food.

Our Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.) & Vesper services (7:00 pm.) begin on Wednesday, February 25th. We are in need of soupmakers and host committees. 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.

If the situation arises that a wheelchair is needed, there is one located in the hallway under the coat racks. Thank you to Jack & Mina Rutter for securing a wheelchair for us.

Youth Group tubing that was originally scheduled for February 28th has been deferred due to the Youth trip to the sight and sound theater in Lancaster on March 14th. There will however, be a regular meeting the morning of Saturday, February 28th at 10 am. There are still spots open for youth to attend the Sight & Sound Theater trip. Contact Kathy Wolfe if interested.

Our Food Pantry is well stocked with most food items due to your generosity. We, however, are in need of jellies & peanut butter, paper products and toiletries.

Important Dates

February 17	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
February 18	Ash Wednesday Services (12:00 & 7:00)
February 22	Winter Potluck
February 25	Soup & Sandwich (6:00 pm.) Vespers (7:00 pm.)
March 7	Troop 416 Pancake Breakfast

LENTEN THURSDAY NOON SERVICES

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF February 15-22, 2015

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:00 am.	Senior Choir
	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 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
Monday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	6:30 pm.	Webelos II
	7:00 pm.	Council Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
	4:30 pm. – 7:00 pm.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	12:00 pm.	Ash Wednesday service
	7:00 pm.	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:00 am.	Senior Choir
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	11:30 am.	Winter Potluck
	4:00 pm.	Carini

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.

February 19: The Rev. John Smaligo

Harrold Zion Lutheran Church

February 26: The Rev. Peter E. Norby

St. Luke Lutheran Church and

Harrold Zion Lutheran Church

March 05: The Rev. Jerry Nuernberger

First Lutheran Church

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

Our Worship and Luncheon are not held on days when Greensburg-Salem School District declares school closing due to snow.