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**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."*

Service of the Word

February 17, 2019 – 8:30 & 10:30 am.

"Seventh Sunday after Epiphany"

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

When you see the following symbol "+", please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

"O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE"

D. WOOD

+ CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us. **Amen.**

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Mighty and loving God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope and love. Amen

Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **Amen.**

+ **GATHERING HYMN**

“IN ALL OUR GRIEF”

ELW 615

+ **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**

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.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

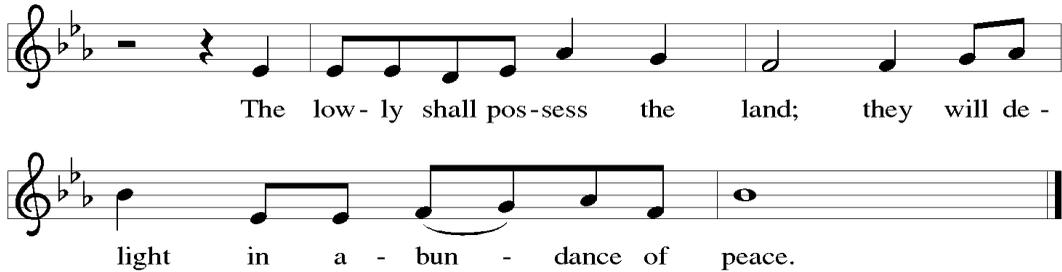
⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40



- ¹Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- ²**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.**
- ³Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.
- ⁴**Take delight | in the LORD,
who shall give you your | heart's desire. R**
- ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what | God will do.
- ⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**
- ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.
- ⁸**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil. R**
- ⁹For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.
- ¹⁰**In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.**
- ¹¹But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.
- ³⁹**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**
- ⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and | rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you | they seek
refuge. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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: Luke 6:27-38

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Fill us with a spirit of generosity and care. Lead us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Show us new ways to be helpful to others. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the earth. Grant seasonable weather for the planting and harvesting of crops. Protect farms, orchards, and gardens from damage. Bless those who till fields, those who care for livestock, and all who provide food. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the nations. For all researchers and leaders who work to resolve complex issues; for all who teach peace and reconciliation to communities in conflict; for those affected by earthquake, drought, or storms, and all who come to their aid. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those who lack adequate food, shelter, or access to medical care; for those unable to find gainful employment. Heal the sick, and comfort the grieving (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Inspire us to be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. Teach us to give freely of ourselves and to offer our lives in service. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially*). Even in the midst of death, give us faith to trust your promise of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

“MY PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU ”

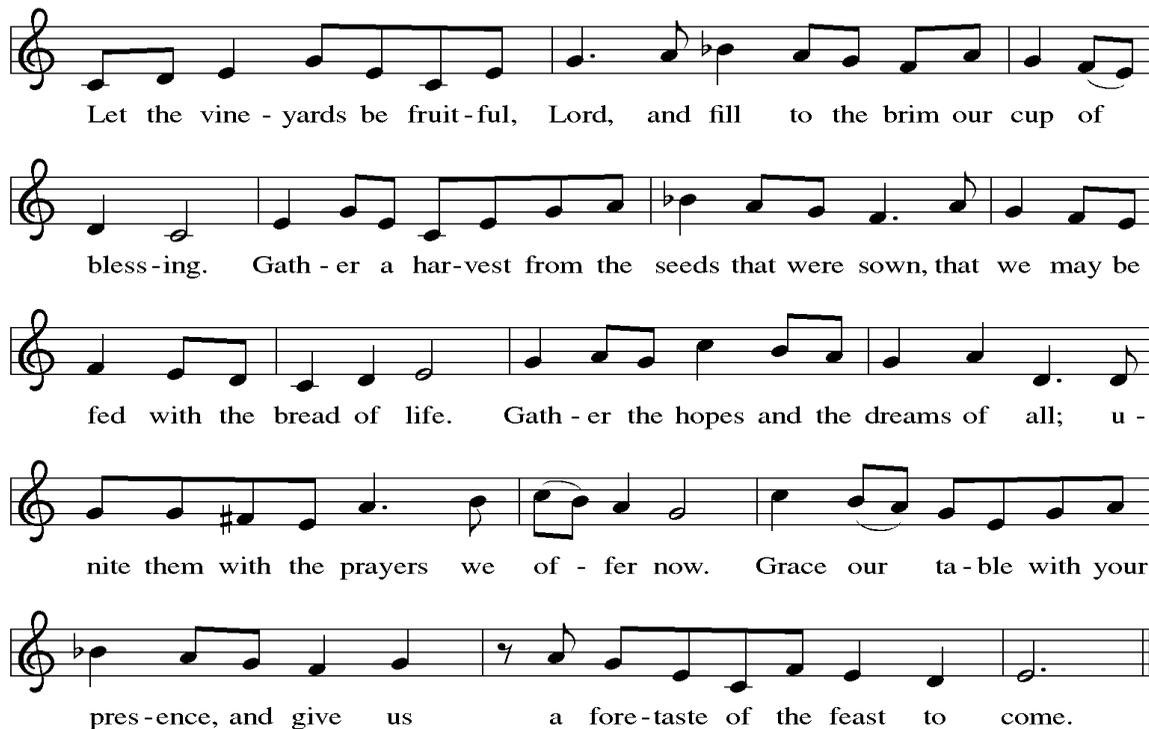
L. SMITH

ANTHEM (10:30)

*“OH, PRAISE THE GRACIOUS
POWER”*

**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 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 all creation,

C **All you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

+ BENEDICTION

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN

“JESUS PRICELESS TREASURE”

ELW 775

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“SORTIE”

G. BLAKE

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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.

Thank you to Kathy Howells for supplying today!

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Rich Welsh	Debbie Sullenberger
Acolyte	David Welsh	Cody Barnard
Crucifer		Colin Ecker
Greeters		Joanne McMahan
Ushers		Chuck Luffy & Andrew King
Altar Guild	Tammy Welsh	Shelley Cottrill
Counters		Sue Strasser & Barb Henderson

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF February 24 – March 3, 2019

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Senior Choir
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
Monday	6:30 pm.	Webelos
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot – Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	6:30 pm.	AOL Den/Wolves 2
Wednesday	5:30 pm.	Bears
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416
Thursday	6:00 pm.	Brownies
	6:00 pm.	Dryridge Garden Club
Friday	9:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	8:00 am. – 10:30 am.	B. S. Pancake Breakfast
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Senior Choir
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	3:00 pm.	Pack 416 Committee
	6:00 pm.	7 th Grade Confirmation
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416 Committee
	7:00 pm.	8 th Grade Confirmation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 5 is the Annual SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Dinner. Sign Up in the Commons Area.

March 6 is ASH WEDNESDAY - Services are at 12:00 pm. & 7:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 9 – W/ELCA Lenten Brunch.

All women are invited to join us for brunch on Saturday, March 9th from 10 am till noon. Bring and share your favorite Bible verse. We will feature a wide assortment of brunch items and great fellowship. Before leaving we will share in an activity. Come and be a part of us. Remember, as a Lutheran woman, you ARE a woman of the ELCA.

March 10 – First Holy Communion Class Orientation. If your child is in 3rd grade or above, and he or she hasn't received instruction as of yet, and you believe they are expressing interest and readiness to learn more about this Sacrament toward making their First Holy Communion, then your child is invited to these up-coming classes. Let Jenny know if you plan to attend the Orientation (724)834-1940.



WEEKEND BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM – Items due back by March 5th

MEALS ON WHEELS – CAR CRUISE MEETING – MARCH 12 at 7:00 pm.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Good Shepherd's Sixth Annual Art Show

The Sixth Annual Good Shepherd Art Show has been scheduled for March 30th from 6:30 till 8:00 after Saturday service, with an encore show March 31st between Sunday services. Everybody is invited to attend! We are asking members, family and friends including members of all organizations that meet at our church to display their artwork, craftwork, photography, woodwork, sculpture, design, painting, construction, stitchwork, design coloring books... All ages! Last year we had 125 submissions from 51 contributors! The range of ages was 3 thru 91. Parents, feel free to submit your child's art projects, or your parent's art, as well as your own! If you do not submit anything, come and see the work of your fellow parishioners. Any questions contact Jack Gesalman, 724-837-7556! Registration forms are available on the Greeter's Table. Please take one or more, fill them out and submit your form by March 24th although they will be taken the day of the event. A sign-up sheet, if you wish to bring desserts and hors-d'oeuvres to the reception, is posted by the fountain. THIS IS NOT A SALE! IT IS A FELLOWSHIP EVENT!! SEE YOU THERE!

Boy Scout Troop 416

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Saturday, March 2, 8:00 to 10:30 AM

Good Shepherd Church

501 Fairfield Drive, Greensburg

West Point Development



\$5.00 – Adults

\$3.00 – Children 11 and under

All proceeds benefit the
Troop 416 Equipment Fund.

Learn more about us
www.troop416.net