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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 and Sacrament
January 12, 2020 – 8:30 & 10:30 am.
"Baptism of Our Lord"

**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)

"TEACH US HOW TO PRAY "

J. SOUTHBRIDGE

+ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and
beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. **Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ
crucified and risen.

God who searches us and knows us,

**You have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We
have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We
have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come
before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our
Savior. Amen**

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

Amen.

+ **GATHERING HYMN** ***"THIS IS THE SPIRIT'S ENTRY NOW"*** **ELW 448**

+ **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 God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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.
- ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful 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;
- ⁶**the 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.
- ⁸**The 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!”
- ¹⁰**The 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: Acts 10:34-43

- ³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by

God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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: Matthew 3:13-17

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



G Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

“WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN”

ELW 305

+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.

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

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence.

Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism (*especially for [name/s] baptized among us today*). Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises. Tear down obstacles of injustice so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we rejoice in the glory of your creation: the beauty of rivers and streams, glaciers and oceans, lakes and ponds. Bring restoration to your earth, and free us from overuse and abuse of water, air, and land. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, we give thanks for order in the midst of chaos, though we long for greater justice in our world. Raise up wise and compassionate servant leaders so that all experience your reign of peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, thank you for the powerful healing we witness through doctors and nurses, medication, therapy, and holistic means. Break through clouds of pain and anguish with your voice of comfort. Proclaim hope to all who grieve, and send healing to all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of courage, we rejoice in this community of hope. Strengthen all who are preparing for baptism and renew the faith of sponsors, mentors, parents, grandparents, friends, and all who guide the newly baptized in this life of joy. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of hope, unleash your Spirit to increase our trust in you. We give thanks for the lives of the saints who inspire us with lives of baptismal witness (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

“BAPTISM PRAYER”

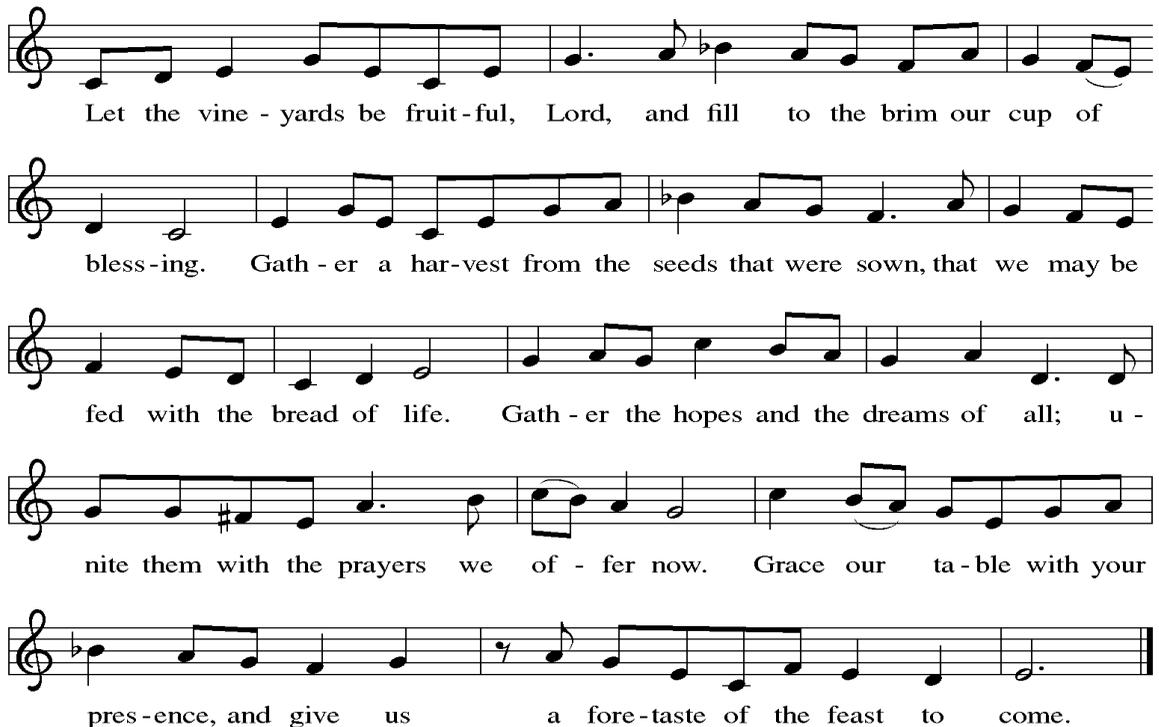
R. SHEPHARD

ANTHEM (10:30)

“BAPTISM PRAYER”

SENIOR CHOIR

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



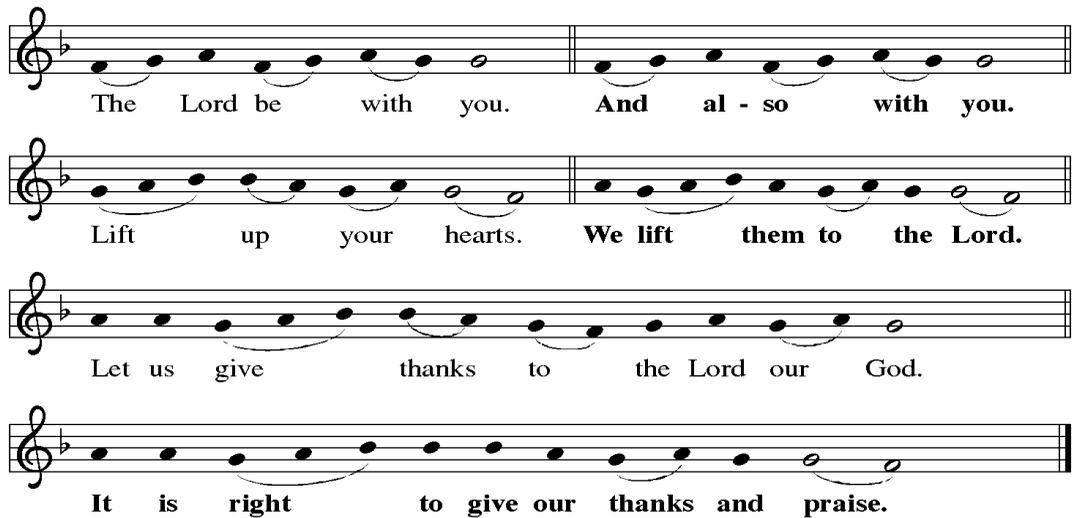
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your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

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of wonder,

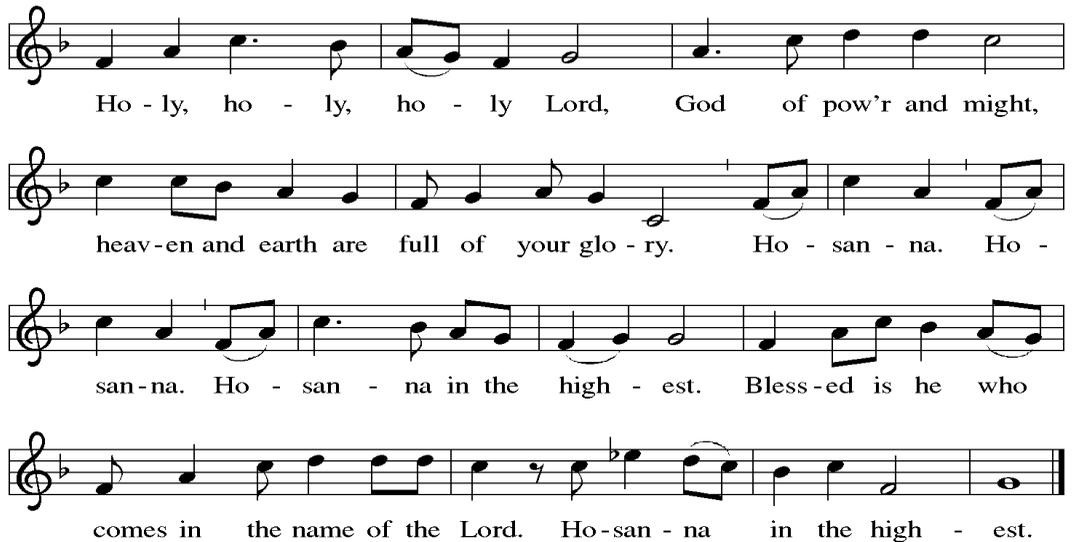
C you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. 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

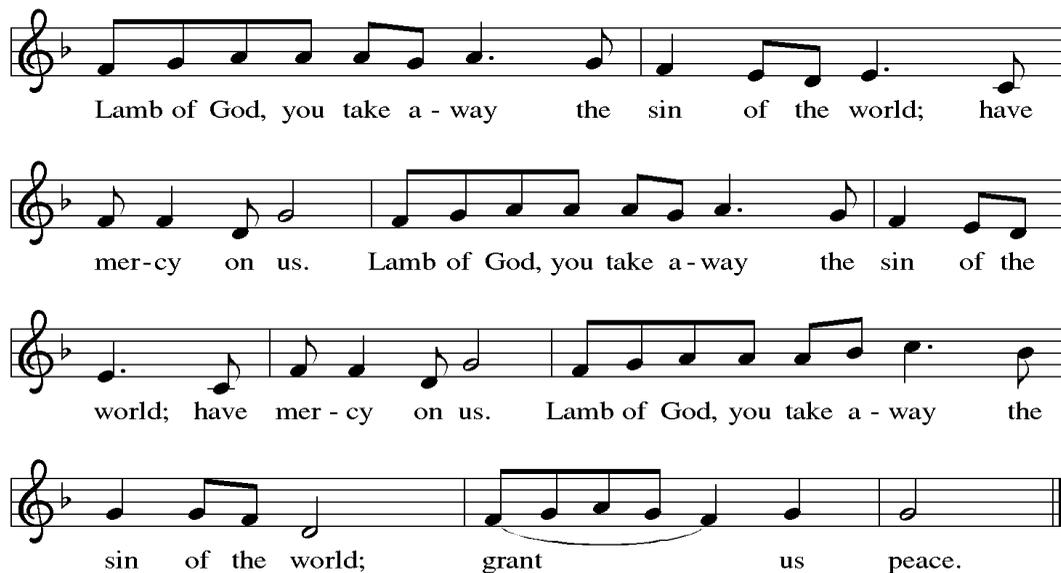
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

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.

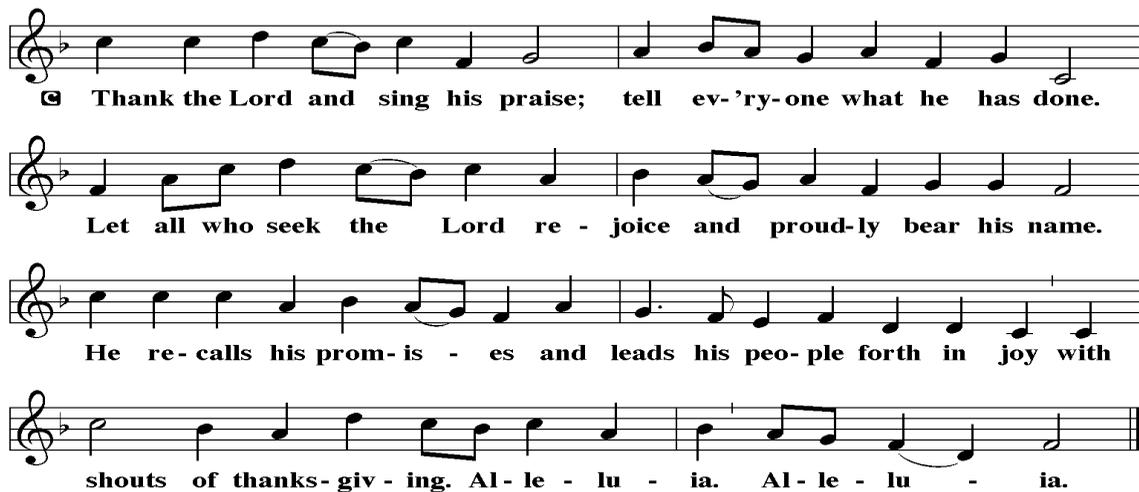
DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT



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 396, 800, 308 (Vs. 3).

+ 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 - jice 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

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF January 12 - 19, 2020

Today is “Meal on Wheels Cookie” Sunday

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday Club
	9:30 am.	Coffee Hour
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	Following Service	Sr. Youth Movie
Monday	6:00 pm.	Brownies
	6:30 pm.	AOL Den
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot – Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	12:30 pm.	Parkinson’s Support Group
	6:30 pm.	Bears 2
	7:00 pm.	Meals on Wheels Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm.	Webelos
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416
Thursday	6:30 pm.	Tigers
Friday	9:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	9:00 am. – 4:00 pm.	Victoria – Social Room
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday Club
	9:30 am.	Coffee Hour
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	Following service	ANNUAL MEETING
	Following Meeting	Jr. Youth Meeting
	6:00 pm.	7 th Grade Confirmation
	7:00 pm.	8 th Grade Confirmation



JANUARY 19, 2020 - Following the 10:30 am. Service.
 Packets are available in the Commons Area.

Rev. Peter Asplin, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Vitality will preach at good Shepherd on Sunday, January 26th.

Council Openings

There are Five (5) openings on council this year. Four (3) year terms and One (1) year term. Candidates must be communing and contributing members of the congregation. Why not take a more active role in the Congregation? These are very important positions to fill. The requirements include attending a monthly meeting and being a representative for a committee at the council meetings. If you are interested in running, please contact Pastor Frank, a Council member listed on the inside front cover of the newsletter or the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to include something in the bulletin, please have it to the church office by Wednesday before 12:00 pm. The bulletin is run Wednesday afternoons and folded first thing Thursday Morning. Thank you.

Happy Birthday Lois Cairns, Tyler Fauth, Howard McMurtrie, Dorothy Gesalman, Abigail Fox, Shelley Cottrill, Deborah Fox, Chuck Luffy and Karen Neiderhiser. (If we have missed your birthday in recent weeks, we do not have it in our records. Please help us update them. Thank you)

2020 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up. Please note that your number may be different for the 2020 year. We are renumbering in alphabetical order.

2019 Giving Statements were emailed on January 6, 2020. If you did not receive one via email, a paper copy is available in the hallway next to the envelopes until the end of January after which they will be mailed.

LIVING GIFTS – A new sign-up sheet is posted in the hall. Please sign up for those dates that may have special meaning to you. Please note: When signing up for a Living Gift, please make sure that you make the check out to Good Shepherd. The treasurer will then send a check to the designated recipient. Good Shepherd is unable to deposit checks made out to other institutions and if the check does not go through the treasurer it is hard to keep track of for giving statements

9th Annual Soup Sale February 1 & 2

Warm up the winter months with our 9th Annual Soup Sale. Order form is up in the Commons area. Proceeds benefit the 2021 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Thank you in advance for your support.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have a head for numbers? Good Shepherd is in need of a Treasurer. After many years, Shelley Cottrill is stepping down. Please notify the office if you are interested.
Thank you Shelley.

Do you want to help from home? We have a spot for you. After many many years, Donna Ruble is giving up her duties securing food for funeral dinners. All the information is provided for you. We just need a friendly voice on the other end of the line. Contact the office if you are interested.

The Christian Ed. and Worship & Music Committees are in need of a Chairpeople.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 19, 2020

Taize' Worship in Zion's at 6:00 PM

Along with the Greater Greensburg Community, we invite you to come together to pray a beautiful Taize' Worship Service in this special week of prayer.

The Pastors of Harrold Zion Lutheran, St. Bruno Roman Catholic, St. Paul's Roman Catholic, and Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Churches have committed to intentionally gathering several times each year to pray this service together. It is especially fitting that we should do so in this

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

We will also welcome The Rev. Bishop Edward Malesic of the Greensburg R.C. Diocese who will join with us.

*Bishop Kusserow was previously obligated for this evening