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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
July 1, 2018 – 10:30 am.
“Time after Pentecost”

*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.*

When you see the following symbol “+”, please stand.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

“MY COUNTRY ‘TIS OF THEE” ORGAN & TRUMPET

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in
steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Eternal God our creator,

In you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ✝ forgives you all your sins.

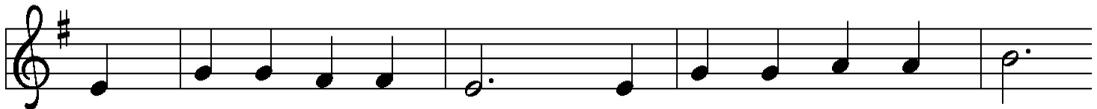
Amen.

+ **GATHERING HYMN** *“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”* **ELW 733**

+ **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**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

+HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.
³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30 (Read Responsively)

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.
²**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.**
³You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.
⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance. R**
⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.
⁶**While I felt se- | cure, I said,
"I shall never | be disturbed.**
⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.
⁸**I cried to | you, O LORD;
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**
⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?"

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;

O LORD, | be my helper.” R

¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever. R

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

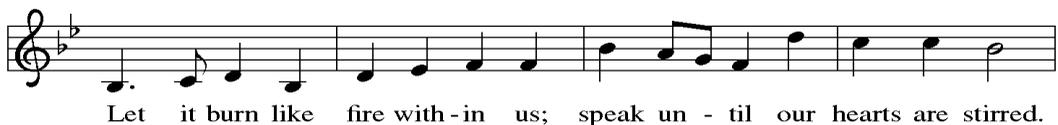
⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ 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

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God’s merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, send out your church to cross boundaries for the sake of your holy compassion. Use our words and our actions to bring peace and wholeness to all people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bountiful God, all creation is a gift from you. Protect the earth from disaster and misuse. Free us from selfishness and help us to honor the bounty of nature, sharing our earthly home gently with one another and with future generations. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Liberating God, soften the hearts of rulers and governments. Strengthen the voices of those who cry out for freedom and opportunity for the overlooked, oppressed, and abused. Teach your people to speak peace to all people and nations. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful God, give us faith and make us whole. Ease the anxiety of undiagnosed or chronic illness. Soothe the heartache of miscarriage or infertility. Look with compassion on all who cry to you for healing (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Mighty God, protect and bless all civil servants, local government officials, and members of the armed services who work for our safety and security. Help us to be thoughtful citizens and good neighbors in our community. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Immortal God, your mercies never end and your faithfulness is everlasting. Inspire us by the faith of the saints (*especially Catherine Winkworth and John Mason Neale*) to wait patiently for your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”

ORGAN & PIANO

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 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.

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

May God, whose power in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN

“MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY”

ELW 890

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“HYMN OF PRAISE”

J. DENTON

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A LIVING GIFT has been designated by:

Ruth Gesalman to Westmoreland County Food Bank in loving memory of husband, Bob Gesalman on the Anniversary of their wedding.

Music Director
Organist
Trumpet & Piano

Nancy Flinner
Jean Brunot
Greg Bittner

SERVING TODAY: Thank you to Harry Harbaugh for serving today.

10:30

Lector	Mark Gesalman
Acolyte	Cody Barnard
Greeters	Linda Harbaugh
Ushers	George Billig & Roger Sullenberger
Altar Guild	Linda Harbaugh
Counters	Jenny Luffy

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF July 1 - 8, 2018

Sunday	10:30 am.	Service of the Word
		Youth Gathering Return
Monday	7:00 pm.	Family Fun Night Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am.	Unity Quilters
	10:30 am.	Chat-n-Sew
Wednesday	Office Closed	Happy Fourth of July
Thursday	7:00 pm.	Car Show Meeting
Friday	9:00 – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
		W/ELCA Theater – “Nunsense”

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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.

Capital Fund Drive

The congregation’s Capital Fund Drive is continuing. Our immediate goal is to raise \$16,200 so we can pay for the air conditioning. So far we have raised \$2,284.00 towards the A-C. Green envelopes marked Building Fund are in the church pews to be used for this purpose. (The blue envelopes for Long Range Initiative will remain in the pews as well as white envelopes for regular offering if you need one.) Please do not confuse the three and please support your church with your continued giving.

On **July 8th W/ELCA** is hosting a summer theatre party to see Nunsense at St. Vincent's College. This is a matinee showing, followed by dinner on your own at Giannilli's II. This promises to be a fun event. Husbands invited as well to share in the fun. Sign up in the Commons Area.

The parking lot is being paved beginning July 9th. If traveling to the church, you will have to park at the front entrance or along the outside of our grounds and walk. Thank you.

Family Fun Night is in two weeks, Friday, July 13th 5 till 9.

It is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee and Youth Group to benefit both the Youth Groups. We will have a Bounce House, Dunk Tank, Caricatures, Balloon Animals, Sand Art, Big Foot Information, military ATV ride, Games and Prizes, Food, Fire Truck, Bake Sale, Fun and Fellowship! There will be some new games and some old favorites. Games will include putting, duck pond, Bean Bag throw, ping pong toss, ring the flamingo, alligator ring toss, a ball toss, plinko and net ball. We will be seeking volunteers to sell tickets, redeem coins for prizes, manage the games, and sell the food.

We Need Volunteers!!!!!!!!!!

We would like to involve everybody in the church with this event so please sign up on the sheet that is posted by the water fountain and note what you would like to do. If you can contribute to the Bake Sale there is a separate signup sheet. When you sign up please take a teal Thrivent t-shirt from the shelves in Jenny's office. We would like all volunteers to wear one. Thrivent contributed \$250 that was used to rent the Bounce House and the Dunk Tank!!!!

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH



SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018

Show: Noon - 4 pm

Registration: 10 am - 12 noon

Awards: 3 pm

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Donations welcome. For more information, to donate or help with registration, please call 724-689-9677 or e-mail baskey6306@yahoo.com

The Car Show is in need of Auction Baskets. If you know of anyone or you yourself would like to donate a basket of goodies, please contact Gail Brown at 724-396-1648. ALL proceeds benefit Tri-City Meals on Wheels.