

Polka Mass to be celebrated at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Please join the congregation at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 2164 Mt. Zion Road, York, on Sunday, May 3rd, at 10:30 a.m. for a Polka Mass with the Heidelberg Brass Band.

The Polka Mass with the Heidelberg Brass Band made its debut in May of 2015 in celebration of the 25th ordination anniversary of Pastor Glenn Beard, Jr., manager of the band. The Heidelberg Brass Band, formed in 1954, included Pastor Beard's father, Glenn Sr., and two uncles, Jim and Bob. Glenn Beard, Sr. has been the band's drummer for 68 years!

Since the time that he was a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pastor Beard had the desire to have a liturgical service comprised of original lyrics set to popular polkas and waltzes which the band could play. With the help and inspiration of Father Frank Perkovich, from Minnesota; Pastor Ed Battiste, from Ohio; and Pastor Carl Witt, from California; Lisa Beard, Pastor Beard's wife, and Dr. C. Jay Hertzog, a former member of the band, put together this unique service of worship. Lisa Beard wrote original lyrics for six pieces of music within the liturgy and Pastor Beard has written words for five pieces as well.

Since its debut, the band has led more than 100 worship services, including a Polka Mass wedding liturgy and a Polka Mass memorial service. The service is a very faithful celebration of Holy Communion and it is a fun and uplifting way to praise God in worship.

Everyone is invited to come out and be part of the fun!

