
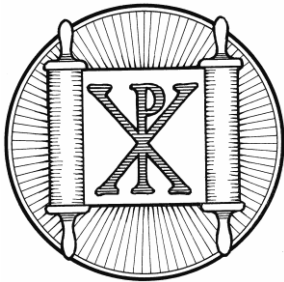


Good Shepherd



Evangelical
Lutheran Church

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



We have gathered to meditate at Vespers. Vespers is an evening service, coming from one of the daily offices at which the Church meets to meditate upon God's Word. Our particular order is called Evening Prayer. In this service, our Triune God is pleased to serve us with his promises and mercy. Lenten Vespers focus on the coming of the Messiah to forgive sins and to bring us into his eternal kingdom.

If you are visiting with us this evening, we ask you to sign our guest book by the church entrance. If you would like to learn more about the Evangelical Lutheran Church – its confession or its practice, please speak to the pastor. We hope you will join us again soon.



**The
Hands
of the
Passion**



Lenten Vespers



AD 2021, February 24

EVENING PRAYER

VESPERS

Opening Hymn -- 111 Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/111>

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

Psalm 141

C: **Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Psalm of the Day -- Psalm 38 *Sung In Unison*

Refrain



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm tone



Refrain

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger*
or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,*
and your hand has come down upon me.

My guilt has overwhelmed me*
like a burden too heavy to bear.

Refrain

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;*
my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;*
you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,*
O Lord my Savior.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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Psalm Prayer

Lord our God, you did not forget the pierced body of your Son and his sighing was not hidden from you. In your kindness look also on us, your children, weighed down with sins, and grant us the fullness of your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Mark 14:1-26

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the^[c] covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Seasonal Response

**All: All we, like sheep, have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
By his wounds we are healed.**

Chief Hymn -- 303 With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/303>

The Sermon **Luke 18:9-14**
THE HANDS OF THE PASSION
Hands of Repentance (Tax Collector)

Hymn 268 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (*replacing Song of Mary*)
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/268>

The OFFERING

The following prayer or other prayers may be used concluding with the LORD'S PRAYER and the PRAYER FOR PEACE.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

M: **Thanks be to God.**

C: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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.**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

C: In peace, Lord, you let your servant now depart according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for ev'ry people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn -- 109 When O'er My Sins I Sorrow

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/109>

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Intercessions

Intercessions that are requested prior to the bulletin's printing will be included in the bulletin. Requests may be made prior to the service as well.

Preacher— Rev. Paul Schaefer, St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth
Organist — Julie Weber

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM, in person and on Facebook Live.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class is on Sunday at 8:45 AM.

Lenten Vespers will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM through March 24.

Lenten
Vespers
2021



February 17	ASH WEDNESDAY Divine Service with the Imposition of Ashes Hands of Misguided Zeal (Peter) <i>John 18:4-11</i>
February 24	Hands of Repentance (Tax Collector) <i>Luke 18:9-14</i>
March 3	Hands of Betrayal (Judas Iscariot) <i>John 13:21-30</i>
March 10	Hands of Self Preservation (Pontius Pilate) <i>Matthew 27:15-26</i>
March 17	Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas) <i>Mark 14:55-65</i>
March 24	Hands of Brutality (Roman Soldiers) <i>Matthew 27:27-31</i>

Vespers is at 7:00 PM.

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We encourage our members to utilize opportunities for Christian education, grounded in the Evangelical-Lutheran faith. While we do not own and operate a school on our property, we are able to enroll our children at the following schools.

St. Peter Lutheran School
(Pre-K only)
1343 Penniman Avenue
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 421-9022
www.splp.org
Becky Lohrmann, teacher

St. Paul Lutheran School
(Pre-K through 8th grade)
17810 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48152
(734) 453-0460
www.stpaulslivonia.org
Mr. Paul Leifer, principal

Huron Valley Lutheran High School
(9th grade thru 12th grade)
33740 Cowan Road
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 525-0160
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Mr. Matt Foley, principal