
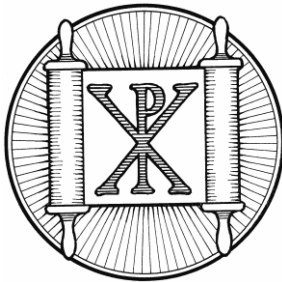


Good Shepherd



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.

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**The  
Hands  
of the  
Passion**



**Lenten Vespers**



**AD 2021, March 10**

# EVENING PRAYER

## VESPERS

Opening Hymn -- 127 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/127>

**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 14** *Sung In Unison*

# Psalm 14

## *Refrain*

Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus,  
come. Re - store your peo-ple and bless them.

## *Psalm Tone*

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”  
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men  
to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;  
there is no one who does good, not even one.

## *Refrain*

Will evildoers never learn—  
those who devour my people and do not call on the LORD?

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,  
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
let Israel rejoice and be glad!

**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*

## **Psalm Prayer**

Lord God, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and believe your word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Mark 14:43-65

And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant<sup>[a]</sup> of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." And they all left him and fled.

And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows.

### 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 -- 116 In the Hour of Trial

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/116>

### The Sermon

**Matthew 27:15-26**

THE HANDS OF THE PASSION

Hands of Self Preservation (Pontius Pilate)

### Hymn 268 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (*replacing Song of Mary*)

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/268>

*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 -- 120 What Wondrous Love Is This**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/319>

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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.*

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Preacher–	Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Organist	Jeanette Schneider

## **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**



- March 10**      **Hands of Self Preservation (Pontius Pilate)**  
*Matthew 27:15-26*
- March 17**      **Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)**  
*Mark 14:55-65*
- March 24**      **Hands of Brutality (Roman Soldiers)**  
*Matthew 27:27-31*

*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](http://www.splp.org)  
Becky Lohrmann, teacher

**St. Paul Lutheran School**  
(Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
17810 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48152  
(734) 453-0460  
[www.stpaulslivonia.org](http://www.stpaulslivonia.org)  
Mr. Paul Leifer, principal

**Huron Valley Lutheran High School**  
(9<sup>th</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
33740 Cowan Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 525-0160  
[www.hvlhs.org](http://www.hvlhs.org)  
Mr. Matt Foley, principal