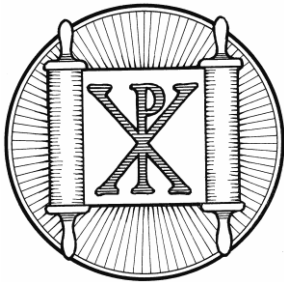


Good Shepherd
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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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, March 3

EVENING PRAYER

VESPERS

Opening Hymn -- 106 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/106>

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.

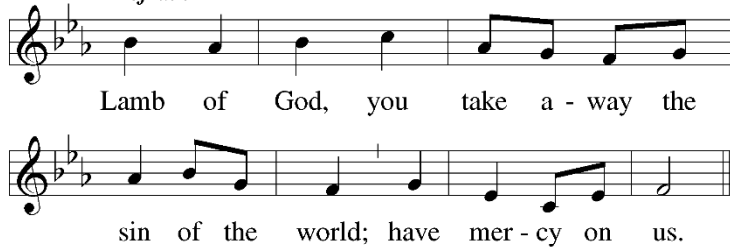
Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

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 6 *Sung In Unison*

Refrain



Psalm tone



Refrain

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

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

Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint;*
O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.

Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;*
save me because of your unfailing love.

Refrain

I am worn out from groaning.*
My eyes grow weak with sorrow.

Away from me, all you who do evil,*
for the LORD has heard my weeping.

The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;*
the LORD accepts my prayer.

**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, you anointed your Son to be king for the sake of your Church. Help us, as members of his kingdom, to serve him faithfully and to come to the full knowledge of his grace and glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**Mark 14:27-42**

And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.

And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

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 -- 121 Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/121>

The Sermon

John 13:21-30

THE HANDS OF THE PASSION

Hands of Betrayal (Judas Iscariot)

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 -- 319 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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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. James Frey, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Belleville

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



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
www.hvlhs.org
Mr. Matt Foley, principal