

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



We gather to celebrate the Divine Service. It is at the Divine Service that our Triune God is pleased to serve us. We are sinners who dare to stand on holy ground, confident that the Lord will receive us for the sake of Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. We confess our sin and, therefore, our need for God's mercy and salvation. Since God is pleased to bestow his forgiveness through Word and Sacrament, that is the purpose of our gathering. In Word and Sacrament, the Holy Spirit delivers to us Jesus who presents us to the Father as his precious saints.



The Crucified King.

Lenten Vespers



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It is a laudable custom to make the sign of the cross on yourself where you see the sign of the cross (+) in the order of service.

The Hymns	Opening Hymn	121	(Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing)
	Chief Hymn	Thomas Kingo	(Jesus stricken, smitten, and crowned with thorns)
	Closing Hymn	104	(Go to Dark Gethsemane)

Jesus stricken, smitten, and crowned with thorns

VIL DOG HIMLEN INTET TALE* [14]

Sung to the Tune of der am Kreuz
(On my Heart Imprint Your Image, CW 319)

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| 1 | Yet will heaven naught be speaking
While our Jesus' goes His way?
Shall their lies be ever breaking
Darkened truth by light of day?
Shall our Jesus, whom we know
Without guilt did ever go
Now be beaten, persecuted?
Shall He now be executed? | 6 | Now they place a crown of hatred
On the Saviour's sweetest head,
Which from thorns they quickly plaited
(Thorns, the curse of sin's first deed)
Sharp as sword and needle edge
Serpent's fangs, the dreaded pledge,
'Gainst His sacred temple bruising
Forth His precious blood comes oozing. |
| 4 | Whip and scourge we must remember
Beating Jesus all about
Every tired and weakened member
Till the blood comes streaming out!
Every lash brings deepest woes
To the flesh and bone it goes
As a worm we see Him wringing
And His heart within is stinging. | 9 | O my Jesus, how I wonder
That my heart for Thee must bleed,
For my conscience sad doth ponder
How I scourged Thee oft indeed.
And my sins so crude and rash
Hang upon each strike and lash
Every time that Thou art smitten
And with many woes art beaten. |
| 5 | After all this bloody lashing
Which Him covers over all
On His body they are placing
Robe of royal purple pall
With a cloak of honour tied
They may lead Him forth despised;
Glorious God in royal clothing,
They may tread upon with loathing. | 14 | Every time Thy precious glory
As a fool I cast away
Spare me yet the wretched story
Of eternal shame to pay!
Wash it all in gracious flood
Blot it out with Thy dear blood.
That with all my sins forgiven,
I eternal life am given. |

These Lenten Passion hymns were written by Thomas Hansen Kingo (1634-1703). Kingo was a Danish pastor and a prolific hymn writer. He was instrumental in assembling the first official hymnal for the Lutheran Church in Denmark, which was finally edited and approved by a committee. This final version of that hymnal contained 85 of Kingo's own hymns. It included his name on the title page and became known as "Kingo's Salmebog." Kingo is often referred to as Denmark's first great hymn writer and as "the singer of orthodoxy."

These hymns have been translated into English by Rev. Mark DeGarmeaux. All of Thomas Kingo's Passion hymns can be found translated in their entirety at:

<https://www.blc.edu/comm/gargw/gargy1/M.DeGarmeaux.html>

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Psalm 22

Refrain



Be - hold the Lamb, be - hold the Lamb of



God, who takes a - way the sin of the world.

Psalm Tone



My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me?

I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by men and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

“He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.
Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

Refrain

My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

A band of evil men has encircled me,
they have pierced my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O LORD, be not far off;
O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

Psalm Prayer Father, when your Son hung on the cross, he cried out to you in agony and grief. You gave him the strength to endure so that death might be destroyed and life restored. Have mercy on us all our days and preserve us in true faith unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sermon Matthew 27:27-31
THE CRUCIFIED KING – The King Mocked

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.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Matthew 27:27-66

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, ^[a] lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph,^[d] and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

Seasonal Response

Cantor: 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.

Preacher -- The pastors in the Lenten rotation are choosing to remain at their own churches to limit any potential spread of COVID-19. The sermon this evening was prepared by Rev. James Frey, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bellville

Organist -- Jeanette Schneider

SHUT-INS Please remember our shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers.

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