

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.



“The crowds ... were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Matthew 21:9)

6th Sunday in Lent
Palm Sunday



AD 2020, April 5th

Worship Note for the 6th Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

The final Sunday in the Lenten Season has one of two focuses. Our readings make the focus for our worship “Palm Sunday,” the day on which Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem to the praises of the crowds who had come for the Passover Festival. This Sunday is sometimes also referred to as “Passion Sunday.” Here the focus is not as much on Jesus’ triumphant entry as it is on his coming to Jerusalem to suffer and die. The day on which Jesus entered Jerusalem was the 10th day of the first month of the Jewish calendar. It was on this day that the Jews would select their Passover lambs for slaughter. On this same day, our Lord presented himself as the true Passover Lamb, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

THE COMMON SERVICE – PAGE 15 *(without communion)*

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.

Notes for Passiontide

Today is the 5th Sunday in Lent. We are entering Passiontide (the final two weeks of Lent), in which the Passion of our Lord intensifies. Therefore, the Lenten fast also intensifies which we can observe in our worship setting. The sights and sounds in God's house are muted even more. For the past number of weeks, our celebration has been muted in the following ways:

There is no Alleluia in the Verse of the Day.

We do not sing the *Gloria in Excelsis* after the Absolution.

There are no flowers on the altar.

Now you will note these additional practices.

The *Gloria Patri* (Glory be to the Father) is omitted from the Psalms

All artwork or icons have been removed or veiled.

The ringing of the church bell ceases.

All music is muted except for the support of congregational singing.

Our services will practically be barren of celebration, but that is the point. We are fasting. We are penitent. We are intently focusing on the sufferings and death of Jesus. Ceremony and celebration will return with vigor on Easter Sunday when we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord which declares that sins are forgiven and that death is destroyed.

Opening Hymn -- 131 ("All Glory, Laud, and Honor")

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

C: Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who loves and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow will be broken.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Hymn 363 (“The King of Glory Comes”)

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

VERSE OF THE DAY – Hymn 126:V1 (“Lord Jesus, You are Going Forth”)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PALM SUNDAY

716 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet With
 2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer; With
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn; The
 4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake The



ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!" To
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne. A -
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown. The
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns. Ho -



greet what pomp of king - ly pride No
 stride a colt he pass - es by As
 sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries. The
 san - na to the Sav - ior's name Till



bells in tri - umph ring, No ci - ty gates swing
 loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ve - ry
 streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 heav - en's raft - ers ring, And all the ran - somed



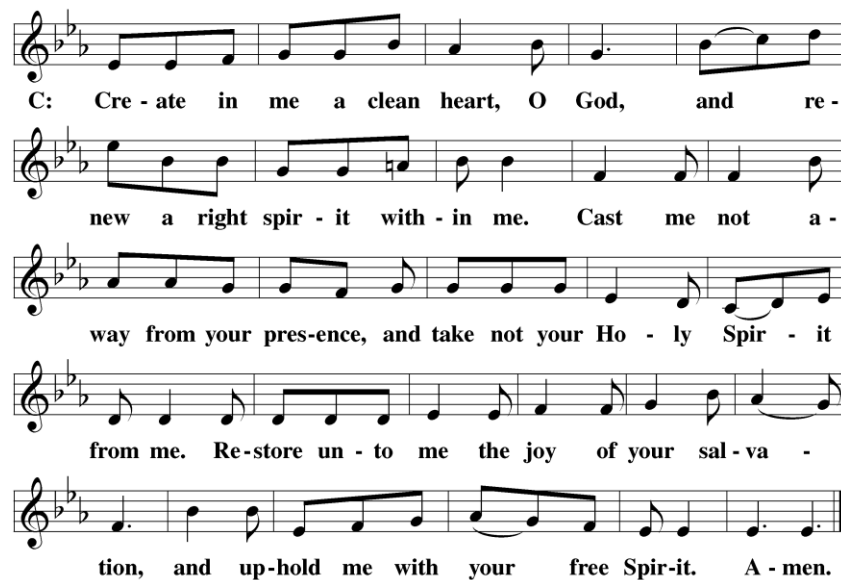
o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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THE SERMON

SERMON TEXT - MATTHEW 21:1-11
 SERMON THEME - BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES TO SAVE

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

SERMON PRAYER

Prayer of the Church for Palm Sunday

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.

- For Rawland Storm who continues treatment for cancer
- Supplication during the COVID-19

In our prayers....

While we offer up prayers for specific requests in our services, petitions and intercessions can be offered up throughout the week for continued concerns. Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

- Josie Shipe, niece of Bob & Susan Shipe, who was diagnosed with ataxia, a degenerative neurological disorder
- Jan Papson, who continues to suffer from the effects of cancer at home

SUPPLICATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Almighty God, merciful Father, our ever-present help in time of trouble, once again we have come to realize that your thoughts are not our thoughts, your ways are not our ways. In your wisdom, you have permitted a highly contagious virus to cause fear and panic, pain and loss. Do not let the hearts of your people despair, but sustain and comfort them.

Grant health, wisdom, and courage to all governing officials so that they may serve in their offices to maintain order in society, to provide for the care and safety of the people they serve, and to prevent unrest and wickedness in a time of crisis.

Grant health, safety, and courage to all doctors, nurses, care-givers, first responders, and all others who provide care for the sick and the dying. Protect them from harm, and grant that their skills may be used for the benefit of those they tend to.

Grant all people patience and perseverance as we endure this pandemic. Bless all who have contracted this virus with healing and strength. Protect the elderly, the frail, and all others who are especially susceptible to great harm or death. Guide all people so that they may demonstrate love for their neighbors and seek the good of others.

Keep our hearts and eyes fixed upon you and your promises. While much in this world remains unsure, and while we are sure that all things in this world will finally pass away, keep us mindful that your word will never pass away and that your mercy endures forever. Bless us with confidence in your faithful care and comfort in the midst of fears.

Dear Lord, we even pray that you will use this pandemic as an opportunity to make your love and mercy known to a world which is consumed in uncertainty and to hearts that are at unrest. Make us bold to proclaim the certainty of your promises and to demonstrate your selfless love in all that we do for our fellowman.

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.

HYMN 130 ("Hosanna, Loud Hosanna")

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn 133 ("Ride On, Ride On in Majesty")

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Preacher & Celebrant
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Jeanette Schneider

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live only)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Services will continue to be conducted via Facebook Live and posted on our YouTube channel. The Holy Week schedule will be:

Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 5 (10:00 AM)
Maundy Thursday – Thursday, April 9 (7:00 PM)
Good Friday – Friday, April 10 (7:00 PM)
Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 12 (10:00 AM)

Private Communion is available by appointment at any time.

Private Communion is available during Holy Week without appointment at these times:

Monday, April 6 8:00 AM – Noon and 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Thursday, April 9 8:00 AM – Noon
Friday, April 10 8:00 AM – Noon
Saturday, April 11 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours at Good Shepherd have adjusted during the COVID-19 quarantine. For the most part, Lisa will be working from home. Pastor Schroeder will be in his office in case you would like to come in for Private Communion. Private Communion can be arranged at any time by appointment, or you can come without appointment at the following times:

Mondays – 8:00 AM – Noon and 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Thursdays – 8:00 AM – Noon and 6:00 – 9:00 PM

NOTE: The evening time will not be available on Maundy Thursday because a service will be conducted at 7:00 PM.

CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE

Online Worship: You can join in our services via Facebook Live (Sundays, 10 AM and Wednesdays 7 PM). You can find it here, or by searching for "Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church." Make sure you click to the one in Novi.

Archived Resources: We now have a YouTube channel. A search for "Good Shepherd Novi" should bring up services. Currently, there are only two posted. As always, sermon manuscripts are posted on the pastor's blog (www.LutheranSubject.blogspot.com). You can use the search bar to find a particular date, day of the Church Year, or Scripture reference.

Person-to-person care: Pastor Schroeder will be in his office to offer private devotions, Holy Absolution, and Holy Communion to members in small groups or to individuals. You may come in without appointment at these times: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00 AM - Noon and 6:00 - 9:00 PM. You may also set up an appointment at any time. Visits by appointment can be done either at church or at your home.

In case you contract COVID-19: Please contact Pastor Schroeder. He will alert the congregation so that your fellow members may pray for you, and he will keep everyone informed of your condition. If possible, Pastor Schroeder will visit you during your quarantine. At the very least, he will keep in contact with you and provide devotional materials. If you want to ask for intercessions for loved ones, we will certainly remember them in our prayers, too. If your loved one has no pastor, ask if they would like Pastor Schroeder to visit them.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (4/5)	Divine Service – Facebook Live at 10:00 AM
Monday	Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon Catechism Class – 4:30-6:00 PM
Thursday	Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon Maundy Thursday – Facebook Live at 7:00 PM
Friday	Good Friday – Facebook Live at 7:00 PM
Sunday (4/12)	Easter Sunday Divine Service – Facebook Live at 10:00 AM
Monday	Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Thursday	Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Once we get past Holy Week, Pastor Schroeder is hoping to offer some kind of Bible Class which can be viewed online. As of this writing, the format and topic are still being determined. You will be updated once plans are solidified.

TEDDY BEAR DRIVE

This will be suspended for the time being. We plan on distributing these through the hospital later in the year. For now, keep any teddy bears you may have purchased.

A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

NOTE: All dates will be confirmed the closer we get to them.

APRIL *Note: All dates are subject to review, based on the COVID-19 updates.*

- 5 Palm Sunday (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 9 Maundy Thursday (Facebook Live -- 7:00 PM)
- 10 Good Friday (Facebook Live -- 7:00 PM)
- 12 Easter Festival (Facebook Live -- 10:00 AM)
- 19 Divine Service (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 21 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 26 Divine Service (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)

MAY

- 3 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 15 HVL Spring Concert – 7:00 PM
- 16 Meet-Your-Neighbors breakfast – 9:00-11:00 AM
- 17 Ice Cream Social / Dedication of Church Bell Tower
- 17 Evangelism & Stewardship Committee Meetings – 11:15 AM
- 19 Church Council

NOTES from Huron Valley Lutheran High School (HVL)

Join HVL's Mailing List - Go to HVLHS.org and click on "Sign up for Newsletter" or call or email the school office at mail@hvlhs.org to be added.

International Program

We are excited to have a new international student beginning this semester from Italy. We are currently looking for host families for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact HVL to find out more about this rewarding program. (734) 525-0160

Call News

Mr. Tyler Morgan has returned his call to serve at HVL. Please keep HVL in your prayers as they continue to extend calls to fill a position for Athletic Director and instructor.

On March 15, Mr. Neil Schlieve received a call to serve as the principal of St. John's in Bay City, Michigan. Please keep the Schlieve family in your prayers as they consider how God would have them serve.

Attention all 8th Grade Students - HVL is now accepting applications for next year. Call the office, schedule a shadow date, check out our website (www.HVLHS.org).

HVL Financial Position - We thank you for your support of HVL through your prayers, volunteering, words of encouragement, and financial gifts. One example of your support for HVL is shown in the individual gifts given to HVL each year. So far this year, individual gifts have totaled over \$140,000. This is a tremendous blessing! If we are able to meet our goal of \$300,000 for this year, it will allow us to erase the deficit from prior years and put HVL on solid financial footing for the future. This is a tremendous opportunity for which we are truly thankful, and it is only possible due to your support.

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

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Margaretha Lester	935 Union Lake Road Apt. 218	White Lake Twp., MI 48386
Elaine Patton	42600 Cherry Hill Road, Rm. 115	Canton, MI 48188
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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)
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