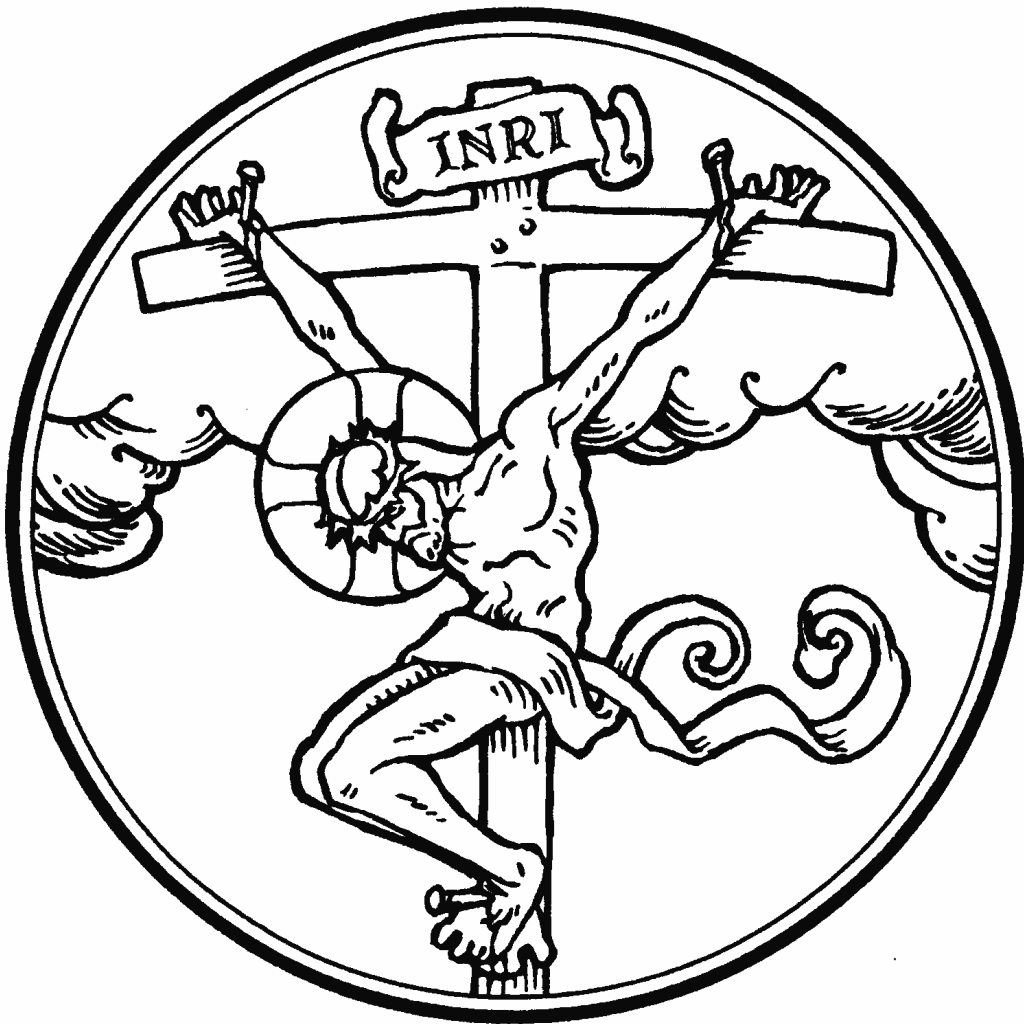


WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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	118	O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head
	Chief Hymn	117	O Dearest Jesus
	Closing Hymn	129	Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Psalm of the Day - 130

Psalm Prayer God of might and compassion, open your ears to the prayers of your people, who wait for you. Do not leave us in the depths of our sins, but listen to your Church pleading for the fullness of your redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sermon Matthew 27:11-26
THE CRUCIFIED KING – The King Condemned

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 27:1-26

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

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 Pastor Paul Schaefer of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth.
Organist --	Jeanette Schneider

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