

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## Vespers

Vespers (LW, pp. 224-35), meaning “evening” (from the Latin *vespera*), was originally known as lucernarium, as candles or lamps were lit in the course of its liturgy. Vespers was originally part of the night office, but by the time of Saint Benedict, it was transferred to the early evening or late afternoon. In structure, Vespers is very similar to Matins as both services provide for the praise of God in psalmody, hymns, and canticles, the opportunity for the reading and proclamation of God’s Word, and space for the prayers of the faithful.

*“As human beings learn to talk by listening to others around them, so liturgical prayer must be learned by listening to the “Our Father,” to the Word addressed to us, and to the company of the family of God among whom we live. Where that lively and life-giving Word is received in the heart of faith, the prayer that is “conversation with God” happens.”— Dr. Ken Korby*

## Tuesday in Holy Week

April 7, 2020



Introit (*Ps. 67:1-3, 6b-7; antiphon: Gal. 6:14b, Lit. Text*)

But far be it from | me to boast\*  
except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.  
In him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from the dead;\*  
by him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.  
May God be gracious to us and | bless us\*  
and make his face to shine up- | on us,  
that your way may be | known on earth,\*  
your saving power among all | nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*  
let all the peoples | praise you!  
God, our God, shall | bless us.\*  
God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth | fear him!  
But far be it from | me to boast\*  
except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.  
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### Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord’s passion that we may obtain the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Gradual (*Ps. 35:13a, 1a, 2b*)

But I wore | sackcloth;\*  
I afflicted myself with | fasting.  
Contend, O LORD, with those who con- | tend with me;\*  
and rise | for my help!

## ORDER OF VESPERS/LSB 229

Welcome and Prayer  
Opening Hymn ..... **LSB 434**  
Opening Versicles and Common\*  
Lenten Ascription of Praise\*.....LSB 229  
Introit ..... LSB 229  
Office Hymn..... **LSB 453 vs 1-4**  
Scripture Readings (*on back*):  
Old Testament ..... Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Epistle..... 1 Timothy 6:12-14  
Gospel.....John 12:23-50  
Lenten Responsory ..... LSB 231  
Sermon ..... “”  
..... *Vicar Daniel Golden*  
Canticle\*... “In Silent Pain the Eternal Son”  
..... **LSB 432**  
Offering ..... LSB 232  
Litany\* .....LSB 288-289  
Lord’s Prayer  
Closing Collect  
Closing Hymn ..... **LSB 454**  
Announcements  
Postlude

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 434**.....Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

### OFFICE HYMN

**LSB 453 vs 1-4**.....Upon the Cross Extended

### CLOSING HYMN

**LSB 454**.....Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

### Old Testament: Jeremiah 11:18–20

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” <sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

### Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:12–14

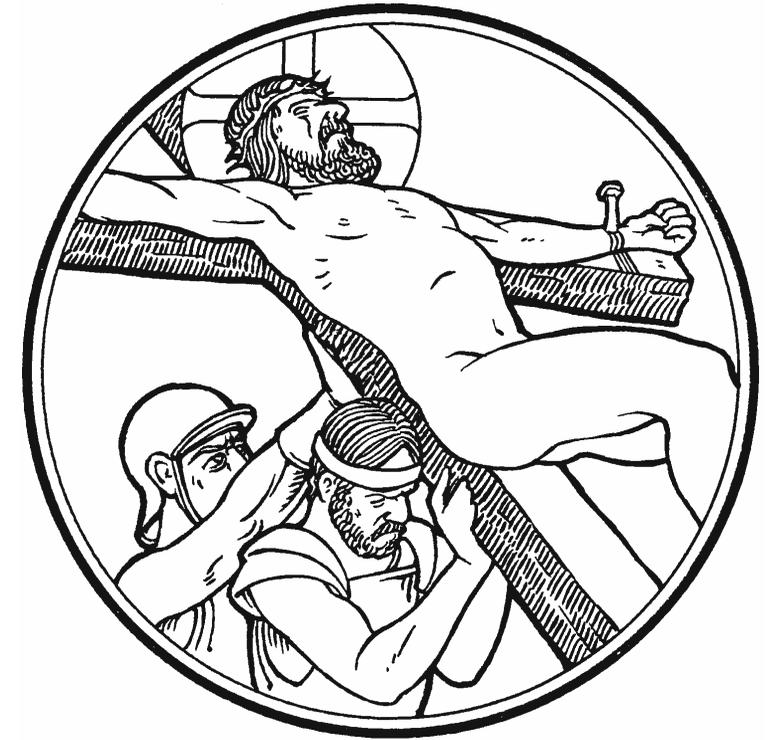
<sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Holy Gospel: John 12:23–50

<sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. <sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the

Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. <sup>37</sup>Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup>so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” <sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, <sup>40</sup>“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.” <sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. <sup>42</sup>Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God. <sup>44</sup>And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. <sup>45</sup>And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. <sup>46</sup>I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. <sup>47</sup>If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. <sup>48</sup>The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. <sup>49</sup>For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. <sup>50</sup>And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

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Order of Vespers

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