

# 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

## Children’s Easter Vespers St. Mark, Evangelist

(Transferred)  
April 26, 2023



**Introit** (Ps. 92:1-5; antiphon: Mark 16:15)

Go into | all the world\*  
and proclaim the gospel to the whole cre- | ation.  
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,\*  
and your faithful- | ness by night,  
to the music of the lute | and the harp,\*  
to the melody | of the lyre.  
For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;\*  
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.  
How great are your works, | O LORD!\*  
Your thoughts are | very deep!  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
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and proclaim the gospel to the whole cre- | ation.

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You have enriched Your Church with the proclamation of the Gospel through the evangelist Mark. Grant that we may firmly believe these glad tidings and daily walk according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Gradual

 (Ps. 119:105, 103; 45:1a, c)

Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.  
How sweet are your words | to my taste,\*  
sweeter than honey | to my mouth!  
My heart overflows with a | pleasing theme;\*  
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

## ORDER OF VESPERS LSB 229

Welcome and Prayer  
**Opening Hymn** ..... LSB 458  
*Children sing vv. 1 & 5*  
Opening Versicles and Common  
Ascription of Praise\* ..... LSB 229  
Introit\*—*See Propers*  
**Office Hymn** ..... LSB 467  
*Children sing vv. 1 & 6*  
Scripture Readings (*on back*):  
Old Testament ..... Isaiah 52: 7-10  
Gradual—*See Propers*  
Epistle..... II Timothy 4: 5-18  
**Hymn**..... LSB 473  
*Children sing vv. 1 & 2*  
Gospel..... Mark 16: 14-20  
Common Responsory ..... LSB 230  
Sermon ..... *Vicar Noah Kerstein*  
Canticle\* ..... LSB 231  
Kyrie\* ..... LSB 233  
Lord’s Prayer\* ..... LSB 233  
Collects\* ..... LSB 233  
Prayers\* ..... LSB 233  
Benedicamus\* ..... LSB 234  
Benediction\* ..... LSB 234  
**Closing Hymn** ..... LSB 466  
*Children sing vv. 1 & 3*

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 458**.....Christ Jesus Lay  
in Death's Strong Bands

*Children sing stanzas 1 & 5*

### OFFICE HYMN

**LSB 467**.... Awake, My Heart,  
with Gladness

*Children sing stanzas 1 & 6*

### HYMN

**LSB 473** ....Our Paschal Lamb  
that Sets Us Free

*Children sing stanzas 1 & 2*

### CLOSING HYMN

**LSB 466**.....Christ Has  
Arisen, Alleluia!

*Children sing stanzas 1 & 3*

### Old Testament: Isaiah 52:7–10

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

### Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5–18

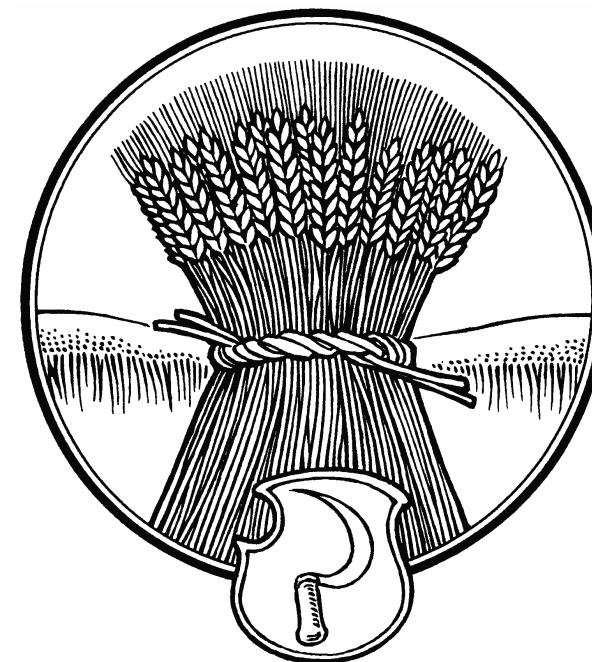
<sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. <sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. <sup>9</sup>Do your best to come to me soon. <sup>10</sup>For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. <sup>12</sup>Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. <sup>14</sup>Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. <sup>15</sup>Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Holy Gospel: Mark 16:14–20

<sup>14</sup>Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." <sup>19</sup>So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup>And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

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