

The Divine Service



They were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4:41)

5th Sunday after Pentecost



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SERVICE OF THE WORD

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

Opening Hymn

Hymn 304 ~ Jesus Sinners Does Receive

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/304>

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven lines of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, Our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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FIRST LESSON Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:
“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Dress for action like a man;
I will question you, and you make it known to me.
“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,
 or who laid its cornerstone,
 when the morning stars sang together
 and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
 “Or who shut in the sea with doors
 when it burst out from the womb,
 when I made clouds its garment
 and thick darkness its swaddling band,
 and prescribed limits for it
 and set bars and doors,
 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
 and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”


M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 46

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



Refrain

The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

God is our refuge and strength,*

an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way*

and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam*

and the mountains quake with their surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*

the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;*

God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that I am God;*

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia. (Galatians 4:6 cf. NIV)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

M: The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 538 ~ The Church's One Foundation

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/538>

SERMON

Who is the Lord's Chosen Servant?

1. A Faithless People
2. A Faithful Person
3. A People Made Faithful

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

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.

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:

- **For Jon Rumics, son of David & Diane Rumics, who is undergoing chemo treatments again**
- **For the teacher graduates of Martin Luther College who have been assigned to their fields of labor**
- **The graduates of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary who have been assigned to serve as pastors at their fields of labor**
- **For Rick Haase, father of Paul Haase, Thanksgiving for successful bypass surgery**
- **For Sherrie Bradley, recovering from surgery**
- **For Bob & Susan Shipe, who are coping with various health concerns**
- **For Harold Boehler, father of Caitlin, Caleb Schroeder's girlfriend, diagnosed with cancer**
- **For friend of Mark Casmer, prayer of comfort for Bill Navarre, his wife DeeDee (who's time on this earth is apparently limited), and their 3 kids.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

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 484 ~ Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/484>

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

or

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 462 ~ Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/462>

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Preacher & Celebrant	Seminarian Benjamin Kieta
Organist	Jeanette Schneider

Seminarian Ben Kieta has completed his first year of studies at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI. He is a member of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Livonia, and the son of Pastor Geoff and Becky Kieta.

Worship Tidbit for the 5th Sunday after Pentecost

The Readings – History from synagogue: Old Testament worship was centered in the temple. However, in 586 BC Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem. Not only was the temple destroyed so that offerings and sacrifices ceased, but the Israelites were hundreds of miles away from Jerusalem making it impossible to worship there. The result was the birth of the synagogue. Worship in the synagogue centered on readings from Moses and the Prophets, singing of the psalms, an exposition on one of the readings (i.e., a sermon), and prayer. Christian worship, with its liturgical rite, has borrowed heavily from the Old Testament form. Our readings come from the Old Testament, New Testament epistles, and one of the four Gospels.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM, in person and on Facebook Live.
Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, and Bible Matters will resume in September.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, Pastor Schroeder's office hours will be a bit more sporadic than usual. To ensure his availability, it is best to make an appointment. He will remain available by phone or text (248-719-5218). You may also email (welsnovi@aol.com), but the response may be slower.

OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Schroeder and some of his family will be out of town for vacation from June 13 (after the service, of course) until June 30. Some family will still remain at home. In case you should need pastoral care, please contact Pastor Gregory Gibbons at (734) 968-3523.

GOOD SHEPHERD 40TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

A pictorial retrospective of Good Shepherd has been produced and is at church. You are welcome to look through it. While there are many photos, there is also a lot of information about the history of the congregation. So, if you look at it, you will probably not be able to read through all the articles. The copy at church will be placed in Good Shepherd's library, but you may want your own copy. We will contact Shutterfly to see what kind of discounted rate we can get for a bulk order. (Without discounts, the books runs well over \$100.) We will see how many are interested in a copy, understanding that you may change your mind if the cost ends up being too high.

CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE

Besides Facebook Live and YouTube, you can find the pastor's sermons archived on this blog. You can use the search bar to find a particular date, day of the Church Year, or Scripture reference.

Pastor Schroeder will be available for private devotions, Holy Absolution, and Holy Communion to members in small groups or to individuals. You may call to set up an appointment at any time. Visits by appointment can be done either at church or at your home.

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.

A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

JUNE *Note: All dates are subject to review.*

27 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)

JULY *Note: All dates are subject to review.*

4 Divine Service (Rite of Confirmation) – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)

7 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM

11 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)

11 Open Forum – 11:15 AM (Voters' Meeting to follow)

14 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM

18 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)

18 Long-Range Planning Meeting – 11:15 AM

19 SE Michigan Conference Planning Meeting – 10:00 Am - Noon

21 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM

25 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)

26-28 Family VBS – 6:30 – 8:00 PM

28 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM

FAMILY VBS – July 26-28; 6:30-8:00 PM

We will be offering a Vacation Bible School for the whole family to partake in. It will be Monday – Wednesday evenings. The children will have their own materials that they will enjoy. Tentatively, the theme will be, "Soaring High."

Adults will have a different topic. We will work under the theme, "Finding God." It is designed for all levels of interest in the Bible and religion in general. We will consider how various religions speak about God, how the true God reveals himself, and how to be sure what we know about God is true and helpful. We will consider what is trustworthy and untrustworthy when it comes to knowing God's will for us.

While our Family VBS will meet in person, we also recognized that many people seemed to prefer a drive-through arrangement of picking up materials for their children and working through them at home. Since it was so well-received, we will try to offer the same thing with our Family VBS. Logistics have yet to be figured out with that. If you are able to help with our VBS this summer, especially in the area of the drive-through event, there will be a planning meeting after church on Sunday, June 13.

WINDOWS AND SIDING UPDATE

Recently our congregation signed a contract with Kerns Brothers to replace the windows and siding on the church. The total cost of the project is about \$62,500, and to date our generous offerings have raised \$29,450 for the project. In the May Council meeting the final \$7,192 in the Alice Laho Trust memorial was added to the Windows & Siding Fund to increase total available funds to \$36,642. That leaves us with \$25,808 needed to completely fund the project. Should it be necessary, we have applied for a loan through Lutheran Association for Church Extension (LACE). Council members are currently weighing the merits of possibly using some of our existing savings in lieu of paying the costs associated with borrowing. Your thoughtful consideration for a gift toward this project is appreciated.

LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD (6/20)	
Attend/Communion	
19	
Offerings	
General Fund	\$1,375.00
Missions	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Siding/windows	\$150.00
TOTAL:	\$1,585.00

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 Host Families Needed

HVL's International Program is a unique ministry that allows us to share Jesus with young people all over the world. We thank our host families this year who have opened their hearts and homes to help with this ministry. We are now placing students with host families for the 2021-2022 school year and need more host families. Host families are asked to provide meals, transportation to/from school, and a room/bed. The international student's natural family provides for all other needs (spending money, clothes, entertainment, etc.) Host families receive a stipend each year to host an international student. (Amount varies between \$550-\$800/month) Families would host the student from late August 2021 until the beginning of June 2022. If you are interested in hosting a student, or if you would like more information, please contact HVL at your earliest convenience.

NEW FACULTY AT HVL

We welcome Mr. Wade Shult to the HVL family. Mr. Shult graduated from Martin Luther College with a degree in secondary mathematics. He and his wife will be moving out here in July. Mr. Shult will be teaching upper level math as well as having other responsibilities. We look forward to meeting Mr. and Mrs. Shult and welcoming them to the HVL family.

WELS RADIO HOUR broadcasts 10:30-11:30 AM, Sundays, out of Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church of Redford. It airs on WLQV, AM 1500 and 92.7 FM. It is also simulcast on faithtalkdetroit.com and can be heard on the [faithtalkdetroit](http://faithtalkdetroit.com) phone app.

WELS CHURCH LOCATOR - If you are traveling out of town or on vacation, you can visit www.wels.net and click **Find a Church/School** at the top of the page, to find a WELS Church near you.

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.

Equipping Members for Personal Witness

Personal witnessing has always been important. But in our increasingly unchurched culture, it is more important than ever. In his book, *You Found Me*, author Rick Richardson reports that when unchurched people were asked “How effective would invitations to church be through the following methods?” 51% said an invite from friends would be very effective. Compare this to just 29% for an online video invite and 18% from a Facebook ad. In a survey conducted by the Barna Group in 2019, unchurched people were asked how they would like to explore faith. 30% said a casual one-on-one conversation was preferred—the highest percentage of any method. Compare this to just 5% who would prefer a tract and 7% who would prefer to explore faith via video. These findings only confirm what we likely already know by intuition and experience—personal witnessing is the most important form of evangelism we need to be doing.

The WELS Commission on Evangelism is dedicated to helping WELS members be more active and prepared to be personal witnesses of Jesus Christ.

To this end, the Commission is releasing two new resources—Everyone Outreach and Let’s Go.

Everyone Outreach is a culture-shaping program designed to help congregations build cultures of outreach so that it isn’t just something the pastor or evangelism committee does. It is what every member and every ministry is doing. The program consists of a two-day workshop hosted by the congregation where members discover how their current thought habits may be keeping them from participating in outreach. Following the workshop, resources are provided to assist members in creating new thought habits that will result in more outreach efforts.

Let’s Go provides video-based personal witness training. It consists of seven lessons in which Christians are taught a simple, three-part process for sharing their faith—*Love* the unchurched people God has brought into their lives; *Listen* carefully to their cares, concerns, and questions; and *Lead* them to the gospel so that the Holy Spirit can change their hearts and lives. The lessons can be used in a large- or small-group Bible study setting or by an individual Christian.

In other words, the goal of Everyone Outreach is to create an *aspiration* for personal witnessing and the goal of Let’s Go is to create an *affinity* for personal witnessing.

You can learn more about Everyone Outreach at everyoneoutreach.com.

You can find the Let’s Go resources at welscongregationalservices.net/lets-go/.

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St. Peter Lutheran School

(Pre-K only)
1343 Penniman Avenue
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www.splp.org
Becky Lohrmann, teacher

St. Paul Lutheran School

(Pre-K through 8th grade)
17810 Farmington Road
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www.stpaulslivonia.org
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Huron Valley Lutheran High School

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

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