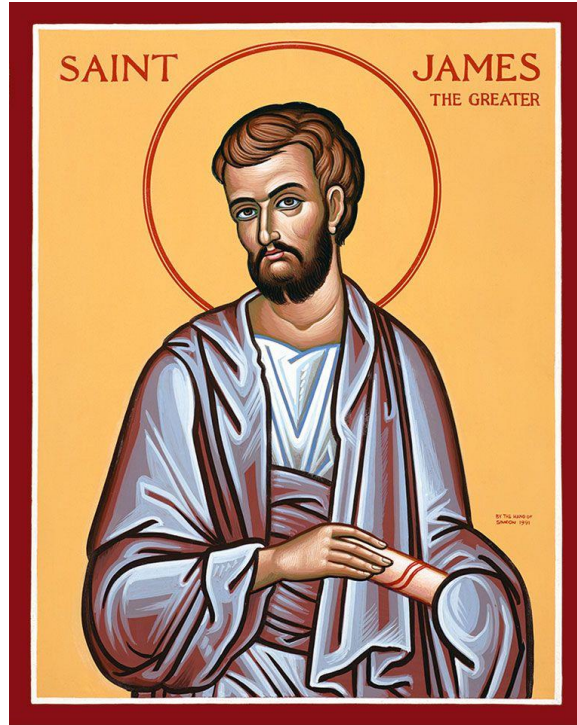


# The Divine Service



The mother of Zebedee's sons came to him with her sons, kneeling and ... said to him, "Promise that in your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right hand and one on your left hand." (Matthew 20:20-21)

## Festival of St. James the Elder, Apostle



AD 2021, July 25

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## DIVINE SERVICE II

Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. This order is intended to be used when Holy Communion is celebrated.

### **HYMN 586 ~ O Splendor of God's Glory Bright**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/586>

#### **INVOCATION**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

#### **CONFESSION**

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

#### **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Mark 10:47*

**M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C:** Christ, have mercy.

**M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**M:** Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C:** Amen.

## GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

*Gloria in Excelsis*

*Shall be sung to O Jesu Christe, Wahres Licht (CW 383, "Blessed are They, Forever Blest")*

- 1 All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.
- 2 Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.
- 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
You take all human sin away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
From God's right hand, your mercy share.
- 4 You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
"All glory be to God!" Amen.

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

**O** gracious God, we remember today your servant James, who readily followed the calling of your Son, Jesus Christ, and was first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for his name. Enable the leaders of your Church to forsake all false and passing allurements and follow him alone, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

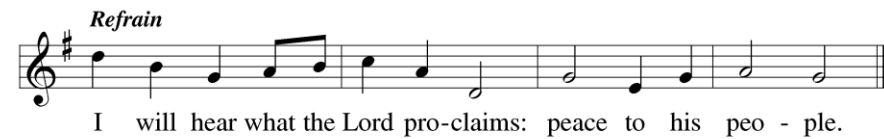
### 1 Kings 19:9-18

There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

**M: The word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM OF THE DAY ~ Psalm 103



#### ***Refrain***

I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

Praise the LORD, Q my soul;\*

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins\*

and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave\*

and crowns you with love and compassion.

#### ***Refrain***

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,\*

slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve\*

or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,\*

so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,\*

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

#### ***Refrain***

As a father has compassion on his children,\*

so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,\*

he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;\*

the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him\*

from everlasting to everlasting.

**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***

## SECOND LESSON      Acts 11:27-12:3a

Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers<sup>[a]</sup> living in Judea. And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread.

**M:    The word of the Lord.**

**C:    Thanks be to God.**

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia. (5:10)

### VERSE OF THE DAY



## GOSPEL      Mark 10:35-45

**M:    The Gospel according to Mark chapter 10, beginning at the 35<sup>th</sup> verse.**

**C:    Glory be to you, O Lord.**

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be

baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**M:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY ~ 552 (v 1, 15,3) By All Your Saints Still Striving**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/552>

**SERMON: MARK 10:35-45**

**GLORY COMES ONLY BY GOD’S GRACE.**

#### **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian\* and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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 Harold Boehler, father of Caitlin, Caleb Schroeder's girlfriend, undergoing treatments for cancer
- For Earl Schroeder, father of Pastor Schroeder, who is recovering in a nursing home
- For the family of Mary Jo Lawrie (nee: Weindorf, former member) who was called to eternal rest (June 19) after years of battling cancer
- For the family of Pastor James Bartz (served Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, MI) who was called to eternal rest (July 8).

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you this day for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and by whose testimony you have fixed our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

#### *Sanctus*

*Shall be sung to Ewing (CW 214, "Jerusalem, the Golden")*

- 1 O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.
- 2 Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

**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.**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**



## LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN ~ 435 The Will of God Is Always Best

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/435>

## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*

*Shall be sung to Kuortane (CW 388, "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven")*

*Luke 2:29-32*

- 1 O Lord, now let your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised  
incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!
- 2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**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:** Amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN ~ 447 Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode**

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### **MINOR FESTIVAL -- ST. JAMES THE GREATER, APOSTLE**

Lutheran worship is liturgical. While that often refers to an order of worship, it can also refer to the calendar of the Church Year. The Church Year includes major festivals, such as Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost, etc... Today we recognize a minor festival, the Festival of St. James the Elder, Apostle.

James was the son of Zebedee and the brother of St. John. James and John were known as the "Sons of Thunder," which reveals their passionate nature (sometimes misguided). James was one of the three apostles who was privileged to witness Jesus' most intimate moments in his ministry (e.g., the raising of Jairus' daughter, Jesus' transfiguration, Jesus' sufferings in Gethsemane). After Jesus' resurrection, James remained in Jerusalem to proclaim the gospel. He was also the first of the apostles to be martyred for his faith, being "put to death by the sword" (Acts 12:1,2). We pray that our passion and zeal for our Lord is as evident as it was in James and that we would suffer all, even death, rather than forsake him who will never forsake us.

### **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](mailto:welsnovi@aol.com)), but the response may be slower.

## **THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

Sunday (7/25)	<b>Divine Service</b> – In person and Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Evangelism & Stewardship Committee Meetings – 11:15 AM
Monday	Family VBS – 6:30-8:00 PM
Tuesday	Family VBS – 6:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday	Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM Family VBS – 6:30-8:00 PM Ice Cream Social – 8:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM

## **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING**

In order to make the most of opportunities to proclaim the Gospel in our community, we need to budget our expenses and our time. We will be meeting to determine our plans and to pray that God will bless them. Our next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Sunday, July 25 at 11:15 AM. All members are encouraged to participate in our Evangelism efforts, whether on the committee or not. But we do need people who are willing to be on the committee to plan.

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

Our next Stewardship Committee meeting will be Sunday, July 25 at 11:15 AM. The main purpose of our Stewardship Committee right now is to coordinate events to foster the bonds of fellowship among our members and to serve our community as well. While we can come up with ideas, it is important that congregation is on board with these ideas to make them beneficial for us and for others. In other words, we need your participation to make these events go well. Got an idea? Willing to make some phone calls? Want to see our congregation more energetic and vibrant? Then you can help. Join us on Sunday, July 25 after church.

## **FAMILY VBS WEEK!!!! – 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. 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 religious 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.

## **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.

### **GOOD SHEPHERD 40<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### **WINDOWS AND SIDING**

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 through June our generous offerings have raised \$33,250 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 \$40,442. That leaves us with \$22,058 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.

### **WAYS YOU CAN SERVE**

#### **1) Pick up ice cream novelties for VBS**

We will conclude our in-person VBS with an ice cream social. We will hand out ice cream treats to our in-person guests on Wednesday, July 28. We will need someone to purchase them (you will be reimbursed) and deliver them to church.

#### **2) Mailings to new movers**

We have subscribed to a service that provides the addresses of people who have moved into our area. Every other month, there will be 140 labels and stamps that will need to be affixed to postcards and mailed. Labels and stamps will be provided by church.

If you are interested in any of these service projects, please contact the church. We will supply more details if you need them.

<b>LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD (7/18)</b>	
<b>Attend/Communion</b>	
39/31	
<b>Offerings</b>	
General Fund	\$4,055.00
Missions	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$120.00
Siding/windows	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$4,275.00</b>

## **A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

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

- 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
- 28 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 29 Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM

### **AUGUST**      *Note: All dates are subject to review.*

- 1 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 2 Elders' Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 3 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Board Meeting – 3:30 PM
- 4 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 4 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 8 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 11 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 11 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 12 Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM
- 13 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study via Zoom – 10:00 AM
- 15 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 15 Long-Range Planning Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 18 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 18 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 19 Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM
- 22 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 22 Evangelism and Stewardship Committee Meetings – 11:15 AM
- 25 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 25 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 26 Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM
- 29 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 29 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM

### **NOTES from Huron Valley Lutheran High School (HVL)**

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

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

- Aug 9 - Fall Sports Practices Begin
- Aug 10-12 - Soccer & Volleyball Camps for Grades 4-8 (6:00-7:30pm)
- Aug 25 - Grade 9 Orientation
- Aug 26 - First Day of School

**HVL Summer Sports Camp** - All students entering grades 4-8 are eligible for HVL Volleyball & Soccer Camps on Aug 10-12 (6-7:30pm). Register on our website ([www.hvlhs.org](http://www.hvlhs.org)) or call the school office (734) 525-0160 to register. Please register by August 4.

**Summer Improvements** - We are looking at giving the classrooms a much needed makeover with fresh paint, new tables and chairs, and new ceiling tiles. We have one room nearly completed and would like to do the rest over the course of the next year. If you are able to donate time or money to this project please let us know. We are planning painting days on August 12 and August 14. Watch for more details to come.

**HVL Golf Classic** - Mark your calendar for the HVL Golf Classic which will take place on Saturday, August 28th. Go to our website to register, become a sponsor, or make a donation. All proceeds go towards the HVL athletic department.

### **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](http://everyoneoutreach.com).

You can find the *Let’s Go* resources at [welscongregationalservices.net/lets-go/](http://welscongregationalservices.net/lets-go/).

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

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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

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(Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

17810 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48152

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33740 Cowan Road  
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