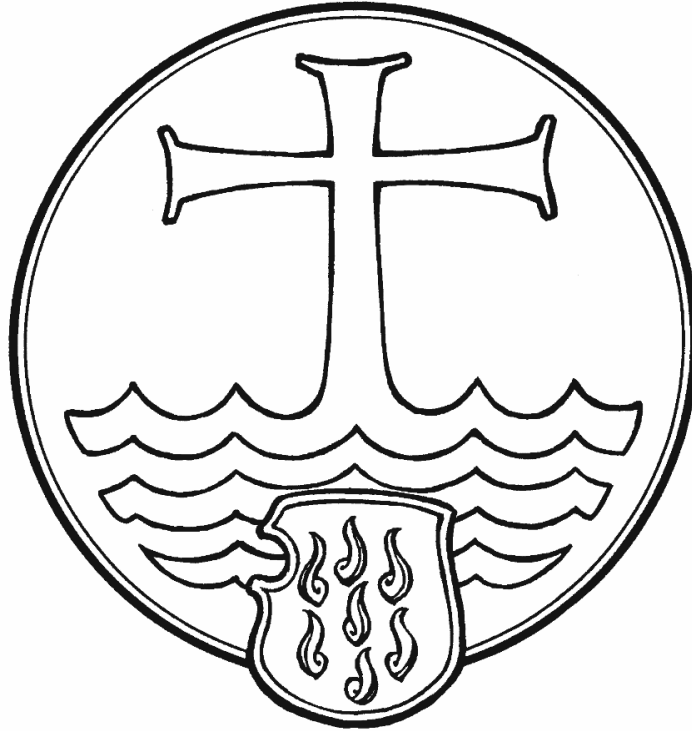


The Divine Service



"I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you." (John 16:7)



The Day of Pentecost



AD 2020, May 31st



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The Divine Service

This order of service is a variation of the Common Service, p 15 in Christian Worship. To limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus as much as possible, singing will be restricted to only a few places. The responsive portions of the liturgy shall be spoken. Where you see this symbol + you may make the sign of the cross.

HYMN 184 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/184>

stand

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and Merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil, and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: **Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.**

C: Amen.

be seated

THE FIRST LESSON Joel 2:28-29

“And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

After the reading, the following exchange shall be spoken.

M: The word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON ACTS 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested^[a] on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

After the reading, the following exchange shall be spoken.

M: The word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

stand

THE GOSPEL JOHN 16:5-11

Before the reading, the following exchange shall be spoken.

M: The gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. John, the 5th chapter, beginning at the 11th verse.
C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

After the reading, the following exchange shall be spoken.

M: The gospel of the Lord.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The congregation shall confess the **Nicene Creed (p 18)** or the **Apostles' Creed (p 19)** at the direction of the pastor.*

be seated

HYMN 182 **Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/182>

SERMON TEXT JOHN 16:5-11

SERMON THEME THE HOLY SPIRIT IS SENT FOR YOUR ADVANTAGE.

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD - HYMN 272

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/272>

OFFERING

Stand

SERMON PRAYER

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

M: Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and giver life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as you gave new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord.

In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:

C: **I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.**

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

M: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives.
Help us. Intercede for us. Train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.

C: In this Christian Church, he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

M: Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and latter days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your word and promises: “Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you.” And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

C: On the Last Day he will raise up me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

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.

- For the family of Martin Mohler, husband of Ann Mohler, who died (May 14)
- For Jon Rumics, enduring health concerns from cancer treatments
- For families in mid-Michigan effected by extreme flooding and evacuations

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 180 Holy Spirit, God of Love

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/180>

CLOSING PRAYER

M: ... one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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.



Preacher & Celebrant
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Jeanette Schneider

Worship Tidbit for the Coming of the Holy Spirit (The Day of Pentecost)

On a number of Sunday each in the Church Year, the color of the paraments on the altar is red. The color red is used because it brings to mind several images. On the day of Pentecost, the image we think of is fire. The Holy Spirit's presence was made known by the tongues of fire that rested on the disciple's heads. The color red is used for those days which focus on the Holy Spirit's work or the zeal he creates in Christians (e.g., Mission Festival). Red is also the color of blood. Therefore, red is also used on many of the Minor Festivals which remind us of saints who have shed their blood in death rather than turn from the faith.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (5/31)	Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM
Monday	Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon Palabra de Vida Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
Thursday	Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Sunday (6/7)	Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Elders' Meeting – 11:30 AM
Monday	Michigan District Convention broadcast virtually (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM) Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Tuesday	Michigan District Convention broadcast virtually (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
Wednesday	Michigan District Convention broadcast virtually (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
Thursday	Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM and Facebook Live.

OFFICE HOURS

The office hours at Good Shepherd are going to be fairly fluid as we enter the summer months. If you want to contact Pastor Schroeder for any kind of meeting, call or text (248) 719-5218.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

If you or anyone you know would like to study the Scriptures and learn the basics of the Bible, please contact Pastor Schroeder for a Bible Information Class. It will be done over Zoom (or in person if you are willing) at your convenience.

CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE

Online Worship: You can join in our services via Facebook Live (Sundays, 10 AM). You can find it here, or by searching for "Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church." Make sure you click to the one in Novi.

Archived Resources: We now have a YouTube channel. A search for "Good Shepherd Novi" should bring up services. Currently, there are only two posted. As always, sermon manuscripts are posted on the pastor's blog (www.LutheranSubject.blogspot.com). You can use the search bar to find a particular date, day of the Church Year, or Scripture reference.

Person-to-person care: Pastor Schroeder will be in his office to offer private devotions, Holy Absolution, and Holy Communion to members in small groups or to individuals. You may come in without appointment at these times: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00 AM - Noon and 6:00 - 9:00 PM. You may also set up an appointment at any time. Visits by appointment can be done either at church or at your home.

In case you contract COVID-19: Please contact Pastor Schroeder. He will alert the congregation so that your fellow members may pray for you, and he will keep everyone informed of your condition. If possible, Pastor Schroeder will visit you during your quarantine. At the very least, he will keep in contact with you and provide devotional materials. 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.

CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Despite the public health emergency that has placed limitations on in-person visits to mental health providers, Christian Family Solutions (CFS) is continuing its outpatient counseling, day treatment and intensive outpatient programming via telehealth solutions, removing obstacles for those who need care. Mental health issues are not suspended during national emergencies. If anything, anxiety, depression, and the challenges of addiction are heightened at this time.

CFS has been providing telehealth services since 2008, so we are experienced and effective at delivering services via secure, HIPAA-compliant video connection. We have been focused on refining our practices to obtain the same great outcomes for what is traditionally in-person programming – at a time when video counseling is so greatly needed.

We have expanded our reach to offer both outpatient and IOP/Day Treatment to people in a number of states via telehealth options. Telehealth means many of the old geography limitations are gone. We have openings to serve anyone regardless of their distance from a particular clinic.

If you or someone you know could benefit from evidence-based counseling integrated with a Christian perspective, please reach out to CFS, as we stand ready to assist and will remain focused on our mission to provide the healing and helping mission of Jesus Christ.

Simply call 800-438-1772 or visit www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org and click on REQUEST APPOINTMENT.

COVID-19 AND MASKS AT CHURCH

As was noted in previous communications, we expect that people will wear masks in attendance at church. Are they annoying? Yes. Are they inconvenient? Yes. Are they an infringement on our freedoms or a method of preserving health? Well, opinions differ there, and that is part of our challenge as we come together to worship. Some feel masks are useless; others are truly bothered when they see people who do not wear masks. Now, put both of these people together in a church and you can sense the problem.

In consultation with the Church Council, here is what I am asking of all our worshipers: Please wear masks throughout your time at church. Even if you think a mask is a wasted effort, your fellow member in the row in front of you may not share your opinion. So, please endure the inconvenience out of love for all worshipers so that nothing would hinder people coming to hear God's word and partake in the sacrament together as the body of Christ.

A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

NOTE: All dates will be confirmed the closer we get to them.

MAY *Note: All dates are subject to review, based on the COVID-19 updates.*

31 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)

JUNE

1 Palabra de Vida Board Meeting – 7:00 PM via Zoom

7 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)

7 Elders' Meeting – 11:20 AM

8-10 Michigan District Convention broadcast virtually

14 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)

14 HVL Graduation – 2:00 PM

16 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM via Zoom

16 Church Council – 7:00 PM

21 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)

28 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)

REDFORD PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Here is an update on what is happening at the Pregnancy Care Center during these trying times. We have been closed since the middle of March. Because of the age of our volunteers, we have been encouraged to not come into contact with the clients. Nevertheless, we have helped one mom twice as she requested aid, and we made sure we practiced social distancing! We are able to receive calls via our 24 hour hotline and would help anyone who is in an emergency situation in need of diapers or formula.

We appreciate your wonderful support of our work and pray that we can be back servicing our moms soon. Before shutting down, we were seeing quite a few more moms than in the past. We miss our work tremendously, especially the opportunity to share God's Word. We realize we will need to change the way we see our girls, once we are able to open again. We are exploring different options. Please keep our moms and the center in your prayers. We know God is in control and will do what is best for all of us.

Look for us on Facebook and Like us!

Can you make face masks?

A WELS member is handing out face masks to immigrants in Michigan, while giving them a Christian witness. If you would like to contribute some hand-made face masks (Christian symbols are permitted), please contact Tom Metzger, who is collecting them, at metzgerfam5@hotmail.com."

NOTES from Huron Valley Lutheran High School (HVL)

HVL Graduation - Sunday, June 14

We are pushing back our graduation date to June 14, in hopes of being able to do something on campus. It is likely that attendance will be limited to graduates and their families, but we will live stream the service. More information will come as the date approaches.

HVL Financial Position - \$11,000 was received for the Giving Tuesday Now campaign & an additional \$10,600 was received last month through the Thrivent Donors Choice matching promotion. Thanks to all our generous supporters! Throughout the year HVL has received a little over \$200,000 in individual gifts and support. To God be the glory!

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.

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

Sylvia Campbell	1745 Wickhamn	Royal Oak, MI 48073
Jim Hobley	6950 Farmington Road	West Bloomfield, MI 48322
Margaretha Lester	935 Union Lake Road Apt. 218	White Lake Twp., MI 48386
Elaine Patton	42600 Cherry Hill Road, Rm. 115	Canton, MI 48188
Mary Zuehlke	29451 Halsted Road Apt. 118	Farmington Hills, MI 48331

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.

St. Peter Lutheran School
(Pre-K only)
1343 Penniman Avenue
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 421-9022
www.splp.org
Becky Lohrmann, teacher

St. Paul Lutheran School
(Pre-K through 8th grade)
17810 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48152
(734) 453-0460
www.stpaulslivonia.org
Mr. Paul Leifer, principal

Huron Valley Lutheran High School
(9th grade thru 12th grade)
33740 Cowan Road
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 525-0160
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Mr. Matt Foley, principal