

The Divine Service



*"By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"
(Matthew 21:23)*

19th Sunday after Pentecost



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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 242 Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/242>

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: **Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: Amen

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: “What do you^[a] mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

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

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

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THE GOSPEL Matthew 21:28-32

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter, beginning at the 28th verse.
C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

M: The gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

All readings are from the English Standard Version

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.

Hymn 304 Jesus Sinners Does Receive

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

SERMON TEXT: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

SERMON THEME: Repent and Live!

1. Repentance is not sour grapes.
2. Repentance is not for the faint of heart.
3. Repentance means walking the walk.

Hymn 272 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

CLOSING PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

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, October 18 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.

CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE

Divine Services: We have in-person services on Sundays at 10:00 AM.

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 are posting our services on YouTube. A search for "Good Shepherd Novi" should bring up services. 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. Please set up your visit by appointment at any time.

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.

CALL FOR NAMES – ALL SAINTS' DAY

Every year, we remember the names of loved ones who have died in the Christian faith, praising God for the mercy he has had upon them and thanking God for preserving them in that saving faith throughout their life. Traditionally, the names of these departed souls are recalled in a prayer on All Saints' Day, which is November 1. In 2020, November 1 lands on a Sunday, so we will observe the Festival of All Saints and have a remembrance of the saints who have been called to glory in this past year (since November 17, 2019).

In addition to members of Good Shepherd who have been called to eternal rest, you may submit the names of your own loved ones who have died in the Christian faith between November 17, 2019 and November 1, 2020. When submitting these names, please included

1. the name of the deceased
2. your name
3. how he/she was related to you
4. the dates of his/her birth and death, if known

All names given by Thursday, October 29 will be submitted in the bulletin. Names may still be submitted as late as Sunday morning, but will not be printed in the bulletin.

The prayer which will be spoken on the Festival of All Saints is listed below.

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Almighty God, today we recall with thanksgiving those saints who were taken from us in the Church Militant and carried by the angels to you and the Church Triumphant. Especially, we give you praise for our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day:

(The names of those who are to be remembered are read).

To these, you have granted eternal rest this past year. We thank you for giving them new life in Christ while on this earth and for sustaining them in true and saving faith throughout their life. We praise you for finally giving them the fulfillment of your promises of salvation and eternal life. Strengthen and sustain us in this saving faith so that we may also join with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven in joyful praise, peace, and rest forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen

A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

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

- 11 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 11 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 11 HVL Conference of Congregations – 2:00 PM
- 12 Pastors' Circuit Meeting at HVL – 9:30 AM – Noon
- 13 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM
- 14 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 14 Bible Matters (Topic: What is God going to do about evil?) – 7:00 PM
- 18 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 18 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 18 Evangelism Committee Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 20 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 21 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 21 Bible Matters (Topic: TBD) – 7:00 PM
- 25 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 25 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 25 Reformation Rally at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Westland
 - Vespers – 5:00 PM
 - Dinner – 5:30 PM
 - Luther Lecture – 6:30 PM
- 28 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 28 Bible Matters (Topic: TBD) – 7:00 PM

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

- 1 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 1 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 1 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 3 Election Day (Good Shepherd serves as a polling place.)
- 4 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 4 Bible Matters (Topic: TBD) – 7:00 PM
- 8 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 8 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 8 Elders' Meeting – 11:20 AM
- 9 Pastors' Circuit Meeting at HVL (?) – 9:30 AM – Noon
- 10 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Board Meeting – 3:30 PM
- 11 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 11 Bible Matters (Topic: TBD) – 7:00 PM
- 15 Deadline for Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Student Aid
- 15 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 15 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 15 Open Forum (?) – 11:15 AM
- 17 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM
- 17 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 18 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 18 Bible Matters (Topic: TBD) – 7:00 PM
- 22 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 22 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 22 Voters' Meeting (?) – 11:15 AM
- 25 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 25 Thanksgiving Service – 7:00 PM
- 29 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 29 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)

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.

Upcoming Event:

Oct 11 HVL Conference of Congregations Meeting (2pm)

HVL Virtual Auction

A huge thank you for everyone's tremendous support of the auction. Over \$40,000 was raised! Every dollar raised assists HVL in carrying out its mission of preparing students for life. Praise God for the wonderful generosity of our supporters!

Accreditation News

Every five years, HVL hosts a site visit team to renew our accreditation through WELSSA and NCPSA. This week we received news from our site visit that HVL is being recommended for Exemplary Accreditation Status! This status requires meeting 95% of the standards. (HVL met 98% of the standards.) We will be receiving a full report from the site team with recommendations that we will incorporate into our 5-year school improvement plans. Receiving exemplary status is a testament to our faculty, staff, students, parents, and association!

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

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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 phone app.

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
www.hvlhs.org
Mr. Matt Foley, principal