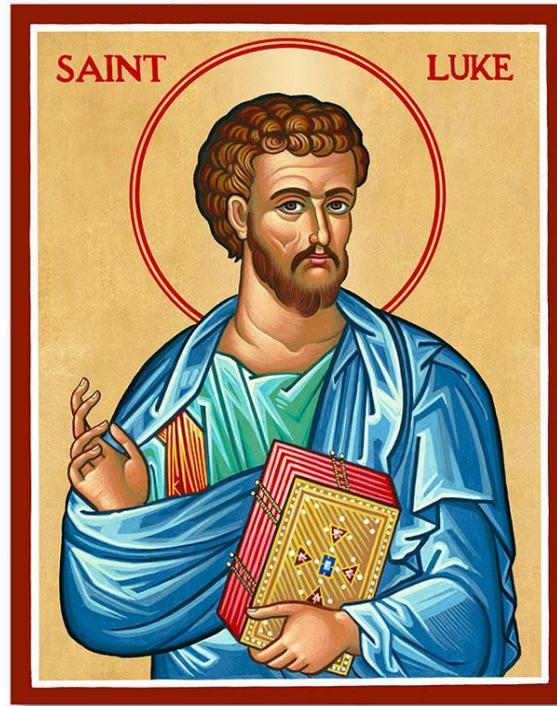


The Divine Service



"It seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you." (Luke 1:3)

Festival of St. Luke, Evangelist



AD 2020, October 18

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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 284 How Precious Is the Book Divine

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/284>

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: **Almighty God, you called Saint Luke the physician to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Grant that by hearing and believing your Word we may be healed of all sin and serve you with willing hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: Amen

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:8-13

Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes,
who are deaf, yet have ears!

All the nations gather together,
and the peoples assemble.

Who among them can declare this,
and show us the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right,
and let them hear and say, It is true.

“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD,

“and my servant whom I have chosen,
that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.

I, I am the LORD,
and besides me there is no savior.

I declared and saved and proclaimed,
when there was no strange god among you;
and you are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and I am God.
Also henceforth I am he;
there is none who can deliver from my hand;
I work, and who can turn it back?”

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

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 4:5-11

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 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.

Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

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

Stand

THE GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4; Luke 24:44-53

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.
C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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 552 (vv 1,19,3) By All Your Saints Still Striving

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

SERMON TEXT: LUKE 1:1-4; LUKE 24:44-53

SERMON THEME: LUKE PROCLAIMS A REAL JESUS FOR REAL SINNERS.

Hymn 272 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

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.

- For Paul Haase, tested positive for COVID-19

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 the family of Victor Vogt, father of Colleen Fadool, called to eternal rest (10/3)
- For the family of Ken Reisig, Sr., father of Ken Reisig, called to eternal rest (10/9)

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.**

Hymn 555 For All Your Saints, O Lord

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/555>

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Preacher & Celebrant

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder

Organist

Jeanette Schneider

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM, in person and on Facebook Live.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class is on Sunday at 8:45 AM.

Bible Matters, a Bible discussion group, meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Topics may be suggested to the pastor and will be announced prior to each session. Upcoming topics:

Oct 14 – What is God going to do about evil?

Oct 21 – I have doubts about the Bible. Now what?

Oct 28 – Marriage: Still God's plan; still a good idea

Nov 4 – Is it important that I'm special?

Nov 11 – Is it true that we can't judge anyone?

If anyone wants to follow along on Zoom, contact the pastor (welsnovi@aol.com) and I will send you a link. Your contribution to the discussion may have to be limited to the Chat feature.

OFFICE HOURS – Monday – Thursday (9:00 AM - Noon)

The pastor will be in his office unless a meeting has been scheduled elsewhere (consult the weekly schedule). The pastor is also available by appointment. Call or text (248-719-5218). You may also email (welsnovi@aol.com), but the response may be slower.

FESTIVAL OF ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

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. Luke, Evangelist.

St. Luke was a close companion of St. Paul. St. Paul refers to Luke a number of times, particularly that Luke was with Paul in the final days of Paul's life (2 Timothy 4:11). Luke wrote the gospel that bears his name and the book of Acts (which also demonstrates his association with Paul in the portions that talk about what "we" did). Not only was Luke a physician (Colossians 4:14), he was obviously a historian which is seen throughout Luke's Gospel and the book of Acts where Luke is careful to date events and cite people and places. We are especially grateful that, under the Holy Spirit's inspiration, Luke "carefully investigated everything ... so that (we) may know the certainty of the things (we) have been taught." (Luke 1:3,4)

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (10/18)	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM Divine Service (Festival of St. Luke) – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Evangelism Committee Meeting – 11:15 AM
Tuesday	Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM Church Council – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM Bible Matters (Topic: I have doubts about the Bible. Now what?) 7:00 PM
Friday	Chapel at Huron Valley Lutheran High School – 11:23 AM
Sunday (10/25)	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Reformation Celebration at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Westland 5:00 PM – Vespers 5:30 PM – Bratwurst dinner 6:30 PM – Luther Lecture (What good are good works?)

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 – SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

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. Normally, the names of these departed souls are recalled in a prayer on All Saints' Day, which is November 1. Since Good Shepherd does not have a specific All Saints' Day service, we transfer this prayer and these remembrances to the 3rd Sunday of End Times which focuses on Saints Triumphant.

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 15, 2020. When submitting these names, please include

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 to Thursday, November 15 will be submitted in the bulletin. Names may still be submitted as late as Sunday morning, but will not be printed in the bulletin.

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

FREEDOM FOR CAPTIVES

Safety First Parents are looking for “safe” schools during COVID 19, but at all times informed parents are also alert to questions of safety from sexual abuse. They look for clues on websites and in your published information. Take steps to protect children in your school and church. Freedom for the Captives provides sample protection policies and resources at freedomforcaptives.com. Please take a few minutes to listen to what Anita, a WELS member who survived child sexual abuse, says in her Freedom for the Captives video at wels.net/abuse-prevention. For more information, email freedom@wels.net.

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 - We may have the possibility of enrolling additional international students for the second semester. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about hosting an international student this would be a great opportunity to try it out. Hosting would be needed from January-May, and families would receive a \$3500 stipend for the 5 months of hosting. Call the school office for more information.

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.*

- 7 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 7 Bible Matters (Topic: The Church and the LGBTQ+ Community: How shall we love them?) – 7:00 PM
- 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: I have doubts about the Bible. Now what?) – 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: Marriage: Still God's plan; still a good idea) – 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: Is it important that I'm special?) – 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 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 8 Elders' Meeting – 11:25 AM
- 9 Pastors' Circuit Meeting at Our Saviour, Westland – 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: Is it true that we can't judge anyone?) – 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)

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](#) 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