

The Divine Service



"At midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."
(Matthew 25:6)

3rd Sunday of End Times: Saints Triumphant



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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 215 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/215>

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 and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; 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

Isaiah 52:1-6

Awake, awake,
put on your strength, O Zion;
put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
for there shall no more come into you
the uncircumcised and the unclean.
Shake yourself from the dust and arise;
be seated, O Jerusalem;
loose the bonds from your neck,
O captive daughter of Zion.

For thus says the LORD: “You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money.” For thus says the Lord GOD: “My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing. Now therefore what have I here,” declares the LORD, “seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail,” declares the LORD, “and continually all the day my name is despised. Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am.”

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse .

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps^[a] and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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 206 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/206>

SERMON TEXT: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

SERMON THEME: AN IMMORTAL SAVIOR MEANS AN IMPERISHABLE HOPE.

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 Elaine Patton, hospitalized

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 Eunice Peterson, mother of Jeanette Schneider, recovering at home with COVID
- For the family of Irvin Haase, grandfather of Paul Haase, called to eternal rest (10/26)

LORD'S PRAYER

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 551 Jerusalem the Golden

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/551>

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Preacher & Celebrant
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Jeanette Schneider

PRAYER FOR SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

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.)

Samir Zayed, uncle of Norma Kirvan (October 17, 1937 – February 1, 2020)

Barbara Ann Sullivan (November 7, 1934 – February 29, 2020)

Paul Eugene Sullivan (January 22, 1938 – April 8, 2020)

Jerome Eugene Spaude, father of Cathy Mowers (September 1, 1928 – April 19, 2020)

Janet Lee Papson (September 13, 1952 – May 15, 2020)

Crystal Reisig, mother of Ken Reisig, (August 30, 1943 – August 8 2020)

Adolfine Janecke (November 11, 1924 – September 10, 2020)

Victor V. Voigt, father of Colleen Fadool (April 20, 1927 – October 3, 2020)

Ken Reisig, father of Ken Reisig, (September 15, 1940 – October 9, 2020)

Irvin Haase, grandfather of Paul Haase (March 2, 1922 – October 26, 2020)

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.

Worship Tidbit for the 3rd Sunday of End Times (Saints Triumphant)

Actions in Worship – Rubrics Rubrics (*ROO-brix*) instruct the congregation in regard to the various actions that are made during the service. Some believe the word rubrics means “rules.” Actually, the word rubrics comes from a word meaning “red.” That’s because the rubrics have traditionally been written in the orders of service in red. The rubrics are to be red, not read aloud, so that the service is not cluttered by excessive instruction from the pastor. It is best if the dialogue between God and his people is not disrupted by the pastor directing the congregation to sit, stand, kneel, etc... Some key words in rubrics which ought to be recognized are “may,” “shall,” and “should.” “Shall” means the congregation always does what the rubric says. “May” means that it is optional. “Should” suggests that the rubric is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory.

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:

Nov 18 – The canon of Scripture: Can we be sure we have the right books in the Bible?

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.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (11/15)	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Last Day for Wis. Lutheran Seminary Married Student Assistance offerings
Tuesday	Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM
Wednesday	Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM Bible Matters (Topic: Are all judgmental people bad?) – 7:00 PM
Sunday (11/22)	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Open Forum – 11: 15 AM; Voters' Meeting to follow

OPEN FORUM & VOTERS' MEETING

On Sunday, November 22 after church, we will have an Open Forum to discuss congregational matters, both in prioritizing plans and in implementing them. In order to make these plans and to actually carry them out, we need our members involved and engaged. Included in our discussions will be: serving God's people amidst COVID challenges, a financial update for 2020, presentation of a proposed budget for 2021, a need for new windows and siding for the church, installation of a “little library” at the newly installed bench along Meadowbrook Road, highlighting the importance of our members to grow in the word and to go with the word, and election of Church Council officers. If there are any other matters of importance, you may address them to Pastor Schroeder or to Dan Rauchholz.

While we hope to meet in person, we will also set up a Zoom link for people to be engaged from home. If you are interested in receiving that link, please email the church at welsnovi@aol.com.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Wednesday, November 25, we will have our Thanksgiving service, beginning at 7:00 PM. While our entire life is devoted to praising and thanking God for all of the blessings he gives us day after day, we recognize this holiday as a specific time to give thanks to God. In particular, since Thanksgiving is positioned at the conclusion of the harvest season, we use it as a time to remember God's First Article gifts (body and soul, eyes, ears, and all our members, mind and all abilities, and all that we need to keep our body and life, in addition, clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home spouse and children, land cattle and all that we own--Martin Luther's Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed).

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Married Student Assistance

Annually, Good Shepherd has been participating with the WELS congregations throughout Michigan for a food drive for the married students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, alleviating their expenses while they study for the ministry and take care of their families. COVID-19 has made the collection of food prohibitive; the Seminary is not accepting such donations. Instead, they have asked us to take a monetary collection which will be exchanged for gift cards to be handed out to the students. Checks can be made out to "Good Shepherd" (designate it: Seminary), and we will send in one check from our congregation to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Your contributions are appreciated by these students and their families.

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.

HVL Giving Tuesday, December 1

All friends and supporters of HVL are invited to participate in a special day of giving! Our goal is to raise \$100,000 in this campaign to support the ongoing ministry at HVL of "Preparing Students for Life". To participate in this special event, go to our website between November 16 and December 1, at www.HVLHS.org and click on "Giving Tuesday". Thank you for all your support!

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.

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.

Christian Education

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

A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

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

- 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)
- 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: The canon of Scripture: Can we be sure we have the right books in the Bible?) 7PM
- 22 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 22 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 22 Open Forum (in person and on Zoom) – 11:15 AM
- 22 Voters' meeting to follow Open Forum
- 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)

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

- 2 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 2 Advent Vespers – 7:00 PM
- 6 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 6 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 6 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 6 Church Decoration (?) – 11:20 AM
- 9 NO Catechism Class; memory work still as scheduled
- 9 Martin Luther Memorial Home Board Meeting, Lansing – 4:00 PM
- 9 Advent Vespers – 7:00 PM
- 13 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 13 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 13 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 14 Pastors' Circuit Meeting at Our Saviour, Westland – 9:30 AM – Noon
- 15 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM
- 15 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 16 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 16 Advent Vespers – 7:00 PM
- 20 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 20 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:00 PM
- 25 Christmas Day Festival Service – 10:00 AM
- 27 NO Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 27 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

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