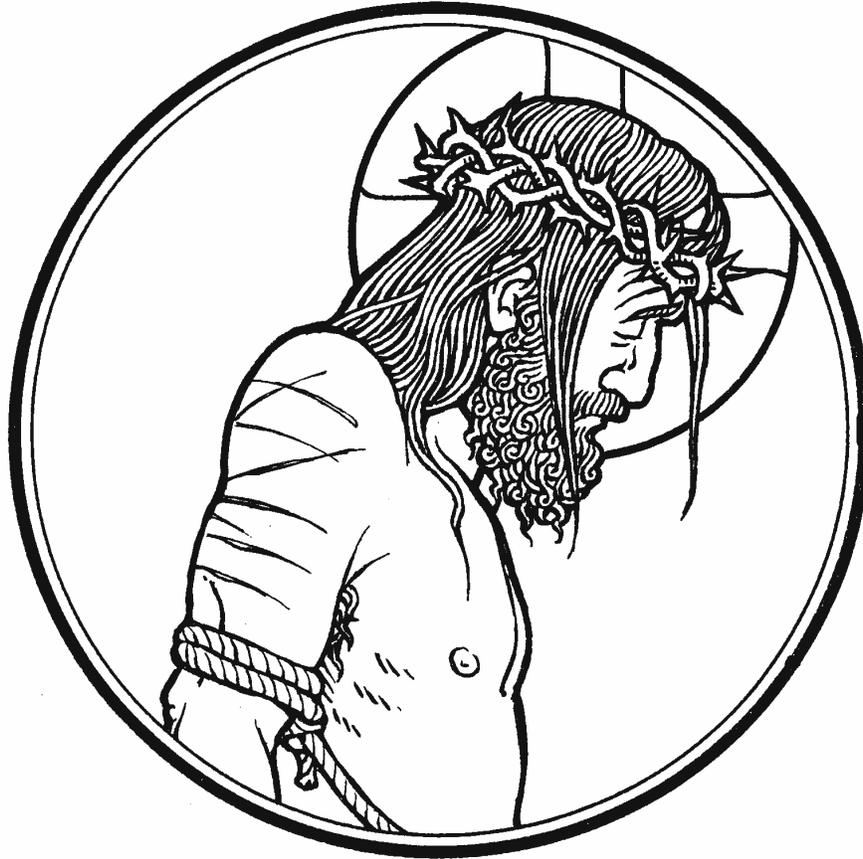


The Divine Service



*"And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
(Matthew 27:29)*

4th Sunday of End Times: Christ the King



AD 2020, November 22

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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 351 Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/351>

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: **Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: Amen

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

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

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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

THE GOSPEL Matthew 27:27-31

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27th chapter, beginning at the 27th verse .
C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

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

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 217 The Head that Once Was Crowned
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/217>

SERMON TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-28
SERMON THEME: ALL THINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHRIST THE KING.

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 the family of Rev. George Tiefel, retired pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in South Lyon, called to eternal rest (11/16)

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 Elaine Patton, recovering from illness
- 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 220 O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/220>

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Preacher & Celebrant Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Organist Jeanette Schneider

Worship Tidbit for the 4th Sunday of End Times (Christ the King)

Adiaphora in Worship – Adiaphora are the “in between things,” in other words, things that our Lord has neither commanded nor forbidden. What specific commands has the Lord given regarding the kind of worship services we have? Really, not many. So why do we do things the way we do them? A complete answer would take pages, so please bear with a short answer.

The Divine Service is mainly where God comes to serve us. He forgives our sins and comforts our souls through word and sacrament. The order of service that we use keeps our hearts and minds focused on that fact. The rites keep us Christ-centered. The rubrics keep us orderly. The ceremonies keep us reverent. We would not want our worship to suggest that our Lord is not worthy of divine glory or that our worship is about us (our desires and our entertainment).

Is it possible to have Christ-centered, God-pleasing worship without all of the liturgical rites, rubrics, and ceremonies? Sure, just like it's possible to play a baseball game on a hockey rink. It's possible, but there is a more preferred and proper way to do it. In order to keep our Divine Services theologically Lutheran and Christ-centered, we prefer the proper use of rites, rubrics, and ceremonies in our liturgy.

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, will be suspended until January 2021.

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 (11/22) 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

Wednesday
Catechism Class – TEST at home
Thanksgiving Service – 7:00 PM

Sunday (11/29) Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM
Elders' Meeting – 11:20 AM

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).

OPEN FORUM & VOTERS' MEETING

TODAY (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.

POINSETTIAS

The Ladies of Good Shepherd will be setting out a sign-up sheet soon for Christmas poinsettias. The cost will be determined soon. Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd Worship Committee. Cash can be left in the collection plate but needs to be designated “poinsettias.” The poinsettias will be used to decorate the church for the Christmas services. You are welcome to take yours home after the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will be decorating the church in anticipation of the Christmas season on Sunday, December 6 at 11:15 AM. This involves setting up the Nativity scene in the front of the church, putting up ornaments on the trees, hanging wreaths, etc.... All are welcome to join us.

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!

BAD WEATHER POLICY FOR SERVICES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

We will always have services as scheduled at Good Shepherd. Since I live across the parking lot, I can get to the church no matter how bad the weather gets. Even if the service is just me and my family, we will be here. For everyone else, please use your God-given common sense to determine whether or not you will get on the road to attend any service when the weather is bad. We don't want anyone to risk his or her life to be here. But if you do venture out, the scheduled service will take place. It may be only a handful with a cappella singing and/or spoken liturgy, but we will be here.

Bible Classes and meetings may be canceled due to weather. Check your email regarding announcements to see if any of those scheduled events is canceled. If there is no email about it, it is not canceled. But again, use common sense to determine if you can make it, and call the pastor to let him know if you will not be coming.

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.*

- 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 – 11:15 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)

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.

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution Opportunity

Although the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act suspended required minimum distributions from IRAs and other qualified retirement accounts in 2020, IRA owners age 70.5 and above can still make qualified charitable distributions of up to \$100,000 per person, per year from their accounts this calendar year.

If you make a direct transfer from your IRA to your congregation, WELS, or other 501c3 charities, you are not liable for income tax on that part of your distribution. The transfer must be in the charity's name, not yours. This has been a permanent part of our tax code since 2016.

While such distributions may be made at any time during the year, since just several weeks remain in 2020 we encourage you to move forward with this soon if you want to do it.

Here is the link for more information on the WELS website: <https://mcg.welsrc.net/download-mcg/ira-charitable-distributions/> Again, gifts may be made to your congregation, WELS, or other 501c3 non-profits. If you would like to make gifts to several WELS ministries, you may make one gift to the WELS Foundation, and have them make transfers to the various ministries. WELS Foundation will also provide you the appropriate receipt for the gift.

If you want to request an IRA qualified charitable distribution, please speak first with your financial planner/IRA custodian and your tax professional. For more information on how WELS Foundation may assist you, please contact Christian giving counselors Rev. John Graf (john.graf@wels.net; (414) 899-8173 or Rev. John Kenyon (john.kenyon@wels.net; (414) 405-9226.

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](http://faithtalkdetroit.com) phone app.

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