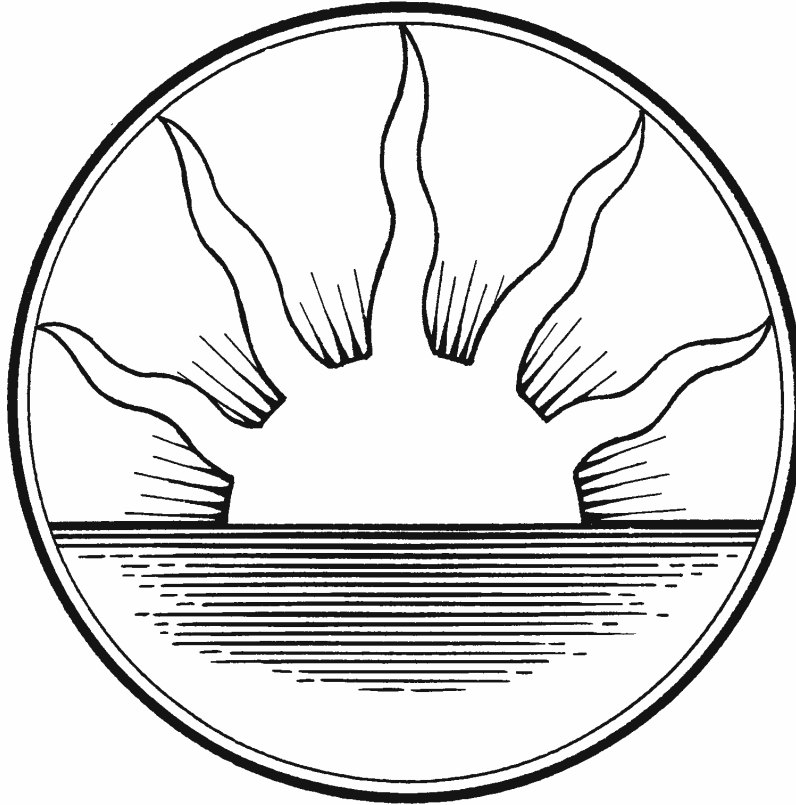


The Divine Service



*"Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come."
(Mark 13:33)*

1st Sunday In Advent



AD 2020, November 29

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41415 W. Nine Mile Road
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Good Shepherd is a member of the WELS (www.wels.net)*

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 7 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/7>

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: **Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: Amen

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63:16b,17; 64:1-8

For you are our Father,
though Abraham does not know us,
and Israel does not acknowledge us;
you, O Lord, are our Father,
our Redeemer from of old is your name.
O Lord, why do you make us wander from your ways
and harden our heart, so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.
Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From of old no one has heard
 or perceived by the ear,
 no eye has seen a God besides you,
 who acts for those who wait for him.
 You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
 those who remember you in your ways.
 Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
 in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
 We have all become like one who is unclean,
 and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
 We all fade like a leaf,
 and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
 There is no one who calls upon your name,
 who rouses himself to take hold of you;
 for you have hidden your face from us,
 and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
 But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;
 we are all the work of your hand.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY -- Psalm 24

Cantor – Verses

Congregation – Refrain & Glory be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Refrain



Psalm tone



Refrain

Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,*
 the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas*
 and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*
 Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?*
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?*
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

VERSE OF THE DAY:

M: Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)

C: **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.** (*sung*)



THE GOSPEL **Mark 13:32-37**

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter, beginning at the 32nd verse.

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

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

M: The gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn 22 **O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/22>

SERMON TEXT: ISAIAH 63:16b-17; 64:1-8
SERMON THEME: COME DOWN AND FIX THIS.

Hymn 17 God's Own Son Most Holy
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/17>

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Great O Antiphons of Advent

M: Let us pray.
O Emmanuel, our King and our Lord, the anointed of the nations and their Savior, come and save us, O Lord our God.

**C: Oh, come, oh, come Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

M: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily order all things; come and teach us the way of prudence.

*Solo: Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*

M: O Adonai* and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai, come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

*Solo: Oh, come, oh, come, Lord Adonai (ah – doh – nye),
who to your tribes on Sinai
In ancient times gave holy law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*

M: O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage, come quickly to deliver us.

* Adonai is the transliteration of the Hebrew word, meaning "Lord, master." This word is spoken when the reader meets the covenant name of יהוה which the Israelites never uttered. יהוה is translated in the Old Testament as LORD, or perhaps Jehovah.

- C: Oh, come, O Rod of Jesse's stem.
From every foe deliver them
That trust your mighty pow'r to save:
Bring them in victory through the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**
- M: O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can close; you close and no one can open; come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.
- Solo: Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*
- M: O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting, come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.
- Solo: Oh, come, O Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*
- M: O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone for uniting all people, come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.
- C: Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease,
and be yourself the King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

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 Jim & Lindsey (nee: Holloway) Hardiman who were blessed with the gift of a baby girl (Emma James Hardiman, born at 7:39 AM on November 24; 6 lbs, 1 oz.)
- ❖ *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 Rev. George Tiefel, retired pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, South Lyon, called to eternal rest (11/16)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 9 Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/9>

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Preacher & Celebrant

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder

Organist

Jeanette Schneider

Soloists

Lindsey Casmer & Dan Rauchholz

Worship Tidbit for the 1st Sunday in Advent

Happy New Year! No, we are not a month off. Today is the first day of a new Church Year. Liturgical worship includes a yearly review of the words and works of Jesus Christ. The Church Year progresses through the coming of Christ (Advent), his birth (Christmas), his being revealed as the Christ (Epiphany), his sufferings and death (Lent), his resurrection and his ascension to heaven (Easter), and his sending of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost). Today, we begin the re-telling of these events by which Jesus Christ won our salvation.

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.

ADVENT VESPERS

We prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord with prayer, meditation, and penitence. Advent allows for additional services to ponder our Lord's promises and their fulfillment. We worship on Wednesday at 7:00 PM. The theme of our Advent Vespers will be the Hymns of Advent.

December 2 The *Benedictus* – The Song of Zechariah

December 9 The *Magnificat* – The Song of Mary

December 16 The *Gloria in Excelsis* – The Song of Angels

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Wednesday Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
Advent Vespers – 7:00 PM

Sunday (12/6) Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM
Church Decoration for Christmas – 11:15 AM

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.

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.

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 3, at www.HVLHS.org and click on "Giving Tuesday". Thank you for all your support!

HVL Craft & Vendor Show Canceled for 2020

Due to gathering restrictions we will be unable to host this event for 2020, but we look forward to hosting again in December, 2021.

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.

HVL SUPPORT

At this time of year, we pause to give thanks to God for the many blessings he gives us every day. As Christmas approaches, we especially praise God for the gift of his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. At Huron Valley Lutheran High School, the next generation is taught the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord. Please consider a special, generous offering to our high school. And let's remember that our regular, planned gifts to HVL help our high school to meet its financial obligations in a timely manner.

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.

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.*

- 29 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 29 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 29 Elders' Meeting – 11:15 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)

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.

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.

LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Weekly Attendance

November 22	
Divine Service	25
Lord's Supper	20
Sunday School	3
Adult Bible Class	9
Thanksgiving (Nov 25)	15

Offerings for the Lord's Work

November 22	
General Fund	\$ 1,545.00
Building Fund	\$ 45.00
Windows/Siding	\$ 1,500.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 550.10

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Total Offerings	\$ 3,640.10
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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.

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