

The Divine Service



"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne." (Matthew 25:31)



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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 208 Great God, What Do I See and Hear

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/208>

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 God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.**

C: **Amen**

THE FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10

“As I looked,

thrones were placed,

and the Ancient of Days took his seat;

his clothing was white as snow,

and the hair of his head like pure wool;

his throne was fiery flames;

its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued

and came out from before him;

a thousand thousands served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;

the court sat in judgment,

and the books were opened.

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

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children^[b] of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

Stand

THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter, beginning at the 31st verse .
C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?'³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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 704 Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWS2008/704>

SERMON TEXT: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

SERMON THEME: THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME

Hymn 272 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C: Let your ears be attentive to our cry.

M: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

C: If you kept a record of sins, we would surely be lost.

M: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

M: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

M: Keep us faithful to your Word, send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.

C: Make us faithful in sharing your word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

M: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

C: Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen.

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.

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)
- For the family of Irvin Haase, grandfather of Paul Haase, called to eternal rest (10/26)

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 214 Jerusalem the Golden

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/214>

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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 11 – Are all judgmental people bad?

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

Nov 25 – Thanksgiving service

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.

Worship Tidbit for the 2nd Sunday of End Times (Last Judgment)

Actions in Worship – Ceremonies

In our Divine Service, we not only speak, we also act. We desire our actions to reflect what we are saying with our words. These actions are called *ceremonies*. These ceremonies are to enhance our focus on Christ. Such ceremonies include crossing oneself to reflect our baptismal covenant, kneeling to emphasize our humility and penitence, using a processional crucifix to focus our eyes on the crucified Savior whom we worship, standing to confess our faith or to hear the gospel in a position of victory, etc... There are many ceremonies which a congregation may practice. It is most important that a congregation understands why they observe the ceremonies they do so that these ceremonies will effectively reinforce the rites and reflect our faith. Instruction in these ceremonies will never end so that new members will understand their significance and so that long-time members will continue to find value in them.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (11/8)	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM Elders' Meeting – 11:30 AM
Monday	Pastors' Circuit Meeting-Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Westland 9:30AM – Noon
Tuesday	Redford Pregnancy Care Center Board Meeting – 3:30 PM
Wednesday	Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM Bible Matters (Topic: Are all judgmental people bad?) – 7:00 PM
Thursday	Deadline for Names for Remembrance for All Saints Prayer
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

CALL FOR NAMES -- SAINTS TRIUMPHANT: LAST CALL

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. Good Shepherd will 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 19, 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 Thursday, November 12 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.

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.

Into the 2nd Quarter By God's Grace - Through the first quarter we enjoyed the benefits of face to face instruction, interscholastic sports, and many of our traditional activities (Spirit Week, Activity Day, Costume Contest). Some activities, such as dances, could not occur, and many activities were modified or had limited attendance, but what a blessing to be together and enjoy the blessings God gives through face to face interaction.

Athletic Update - Soccer and Equestrian finished their seasons in October. Soccer finished 2nd in conference with a record of 4-4. It is the end of an era for HVL equestrian. Senior Marina Froehlich has been the HVL Equestrian team the last 4 years. We thank her and her family for their dedication to the sport over the last 4 years. Girls volleyball is beginning postseason play at the time of this writing, and the cross country team in only its 2nd year of existence, is having another fantastic year. Sophomores Natalie Malczyk and Erika Van Loton qualified for the state championships on Nov 7. Erika also took first place in the conference and regional meets, and was named the conference MVP!

HVL Wreath & Poinsettia Sale - The order deadline is November 13. All orders will be delivered to HVL on November 24. HVL Boosters will receive \$10 from every purchase. To purchase, or for more information go to our website at www.hvlhs.org.

Fall Band & Choir Concert at HVL - Due to attendance restrictions, only 2 attendees per participant are able to watch the fall band/choir concert live on November 8; however, we will be taping the performance and making it available online following the event.

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.*

- 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: Are all judgmental people bad?) – 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)
- 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?) – 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 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)

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

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