

# The Divine Service



"Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 7:19)

Second Sunday after Pentecost



AD 2020, June 14<sup>th</sup>

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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 188 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid**  
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/188>

*stand*

## 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:** **O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C:** **Amen**

*be seated*

## THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28

“You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

“See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.

*After the reading, the following exchange shall be spoken.*

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON      Romans 3:21-25a, 27-28**

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

*After the reading, the following exchange shall be spoken.*

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*stand*

## **THE GOSPEL      Matthew 7:15-29**

*Before the reading, the following exchange shall be spoken.*

M: The gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 15<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

*After the reading, the following exchange shall be spoken.*

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 382 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/382>

**SERMON TEXT**

MATTHEW 7:15-29

**SERMON THEME**

JESUS ALONE IS THE SOLID FOUNDATION.

*stand*

**Hymn 272 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

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

**SERMON PRAYER**

#### **LITANY 5: PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—1**

M: With all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the leaders of our synod and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our president, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the city of Novi, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For reasonable weather and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the good earth that God has given us and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*If there are other intercessions, the minister shall pray:*

M: For \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: In the communion of the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our lives to Christ our God.

**C: 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 Jan Papson whose committal was yesterday (June 13)

## 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 185 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/185>

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Preacher & Celebrant  
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder  
Jeanette Schneider

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## Worship Tidbit for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

God's people have always made public confession of their faith. Those confessions are summaries of the main teachings of the Bible, known as "creeds" (from the Latin *credo*, "I believe"). One creed which all Christians confess is the Apostles' Creed. The Apostles did not write it. Rather, it is a brief confession of the Apostles' teachings. In the early Church, new converts were asked to make a public confession of their faith just before they were baptized into Christ. Over time, that public confession developed into what we now know as the Apostles' Creed.

### THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (6/14)	Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM HVL Graduation (restricted attendance) – 2:00 PM
Tuesday	Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM via Zoom Church Council – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
Sunday (6/21)	Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM
Monday	Some of the pastor's family on vacation (6/22 – 6/30)

## **REGULAR SCHEDULE**

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM and Facebook Live.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

*NOTE:* The office hours in the summer will be fairly fluid. If you need pastoral care or want to come into church for any reason, please contact Pastor Schroeder. Call or text (248-719-5218) or email (welsnovi@aol.com)

## **SUMMER SERMON SERIES – TEN WORDS**

And [the LORD] he wrote on the tablets, in the same writing as before, the Ten Commandments that the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. And the LORD gave them to me. (Deuteronomy 10:4)

June 21	The Preface (Exodus 20:1-2)
July 5	The 1st Commandment (Exodus 20:3-6)
July 12	The 2nd Commandment (Exodus 20:7)
July 19	The 3rd Commandment (Exodus 20:8-11)
July 26	The 4th Commandment (Exodus 20:12)
Aug. 2	The 5th Commandment (Exodus 20:13)
Aug. 9	The 6th Commandment (Exodus 20:14)
Aug. 23	The 7th Commandment (Exodus 20:15)
Aug. 30	The 8th Commandment (Exodus 20:16)
Sept. 6	The 9th & 10th Commandments (Exodus 20:17)

## **GOING OUT OF TOWN THIS SUMMER?**

As you make your vacation plans, be sure to include a faithful worship pattern as part of your plans. In order to find the nearest WELS congregation at your vacation destination, check out the WELS Church Locator at <https://year-book.wels.net/unitsearch>. If there is no WELS congregation nearby to where you will be traveling, you may always catch Good Shepherd on Facebook Live or speak to Pastor Schroeder about alternatives.

## **CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE**

**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 now have a YouTube channel. A search for "Good Shepherd Novi" should bring up services. Currently, there are only two posted. As always, sermon manuscripts are posted on the pastor's blog ([www.LutheranSubject.blogspot.com](http://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. You may come in without appointment at these times: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00 AM - Noon and 6:00 - 9:00 PM. You may also set up an appointment at any time. Visits by appointment can be done either at church or at your home.

**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.

## **BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS**

If you or anyone you know would like to study the Scriptures and learn the basics of the Bible, please contact Pastor Schroeder for a Bible Information Class. It will be done over Zoom (or in person if you are willing) at your convenience.

## **Can you make face masks?**

A WELS member is handing out face masks to immigrants in Michigan, while giving them a Christian witness. If you would like to contribute some hand-made face masks (Christian symbols are permitted), please contact Tom Metzger, who is collecting them, at [metzgerfam5@hotmail.com](mailto:metzgerfam5@hotmail.com).

## **CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS**

Despite the public health emergency that has placed limitations on in-person visits to mental health providers, Christian Family Solutions (CFS) is continuing its outpatient counseling, day treatment and intensive outpatient programming via telehealth solutions, removing obstacles for those who need care. Mental health issues are not suspended during national emergencies. If anything, anxiety, depression, and the challenges of addiction are heightened at this time.

CFS has been providing telehealth services since 2008, so we are experienced and effective at delivering services via secure, HIPAA-compliant video connection. We have been focused on refining our practices to obtain the same great outcomes for what is traditionally in-person programming – at a time when video counseling is so greatly needed.

We have expanded our reach to offer both outpatient and IOP/Day Treatment to people in a number of states via telehealth options. Telehealth means many of the old geography limitations are gone. We have openings to serve anyone regardless of their distance from a particular clinic.

If you or someone you know could benefit from evidence-based counseling integrated with a Christian perspective, please reach out to CFS, as we stand ready to assist and will remain focused on our mission to provide the healing and helping mission of Jesus Christ.

Simply call 800-438-1772 or visit [www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org](http://www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org) and click on REQUEST APPOINTMENT.

## **A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

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

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

- 14 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 14 HVL Graduation – 2:00 PM
- 16 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM via Zoom
- 16 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 17 Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 21 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 28 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)

## **JULY**

- 1 Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 5 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 8 Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 12 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 15 Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 19 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 21 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 22 Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 23-25 Martin Luther Memorial Home Retreat in South Haven
- 26 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 27 SE Conference Steering Committee Meeting at Good Shepherd – 10:00 AM
- 29 Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom

## **AUGUST**

- 2 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 5 Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 9 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 12 Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 16 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 18 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 19 Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 23 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 26 Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 30 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- Sunday School Teachers' meeting – 11:20 AM

## **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.

### **THANK YOU**

On behalf of the faculty and staff at HVL we thank you for partnering with us in the amazing privilege of "Preparing Students for Life". As the 2019-2020 school year comes to a close we thank God for the countless blessings he has poured out and ask that he would continue to watch over, guide, and protect the graduating class of 2020. We also pray that God would watch over you and your family during the summer months and we look forward to the 2020-2021 school year. Throughout the summer, if you have any questions about anything HVL related, please do not hesitate to reach out by phone or email. God's richest blessings!

### **HVL Graduation - Sunday, June 14 (2pm)**

HVL will be holding the class of 2020 Graduation service on Sunday, June 14, at 2pm. Due to restrictions on the size of gatherings, we will not be able to open the graduation to the public this year. Each graduate is receiving a limited number of tickets and only those with tickets will be able to attend. We will, however, be live-streaming the entire service. Go to our website (www.hvlhs.org) on Sunday, June 14 at 2pm to watch the service online. We join together in asking God's blessings on our 24 graduates as He continues to strengthen and uphold them in their faith in Jesus, and as they seek to glorify Him and be a blessing to others.

### **HVL Class of 2020 Graduation**

Guest Preacher: Pastor Jeremy Husby (HVL class of 2000)

Valedictorian: Zachary Ott

Salutatorians: Dana LeFevre & Logan Schlieuwe

Class Verse: Psalm 16:7-11

Class Hymn: All Glory Be to Christ

Class Colors: Blue & White

Class Flower: Sunflower

### **"Mission Journeys" Opportunity**

When: July 14-16

Where: Ascension Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA

How to get Involved: Ascension Lutheran Church is looking for 4-6 high school students and 1 or 2 chaperones to travel to Harrisburg and help them put on this event. Housing and meals would be provided by the church. Travel costs would be split by the group going. If interested in this opportunity please email Mr. Grosinske (sgrosinske@hvlhs.org) or Mr. Foley (mfoley@hvlhs.org) no later than June 15. Obviously, this trip will only happen if conditions for travel and gatherings are safe and recommended by that time, but we are wanting to find out now if anyone is interested if conditions allow for a trip.

### **Coaches Needed**

We are currently scheduling and making plans for fall and winter sports for the 2020-21 school year. We will be in need of coaches for volleyball and cheerleading. If you or someone you know is interested in coaching, please contact Mrs. Ruth at kruth@hvlhs.org.

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

<b>Sylvia Campbell</b>	1745 Wickhamn	Royal Oak, MI 48073
<b>Jim Hobley</b>	6950 Farmington Road	West Bloomfield, MI 48322
<b>Margaretha Lester</b>	935 Union Lake Road Apt. 218	White Lake Twp., MI 48386
<b>Elaine Patton</b>	42600 Cherry Hill Road, Rm. 115	Canton, MI 48188
<b>Mary Zuehlke</b>	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.

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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](http://www.splp.org)

Becky Lohrmann, teacher

**St. Paul Lutheran School**

(Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
17810 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48152  
(734) 453-0460

[www.stpaulslivonia.org](http://www.stpaulslivonia.org)

Mr. Paul Leifer, principal

**Huron Valley Lutheran High School**

(9<sup>th</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
33740 Cowan Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 525-0160

[www.hvlhs.org](http://www.hvlhs.org)

Mr. Matt Foley, principal