

# The Divine Service



TEN WORDS -- The Preface  
"I am the LORD your God who brought you  
out of Egypt." (Exodus 20:2)

Third Sunday after Pentecost



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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 340**                    **Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**  
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/340>

*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, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C:** **Amen**

*be seated*

## THE FIRST LESSON                    Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

“Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON    Romans 4:18-25**

In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*stand*

## **THE GOSPEL                    Matthew 9:9-13**

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

M: The gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 9<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

*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 384 By Grace I'm Saved**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/384>

**SERMON TEXT**

EXODUS 20:1-2

**SERMON THEME**

TEN WORDS -- THE PREFACE

THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS FREED YOU.

*stand*

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

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

**SERMON PRAYER**

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.

*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:

**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 596 Let Me Be Yours Forever

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/596>

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Preacher & Celebrant      Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder  
Organist                      Jeanette Schneider

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## Worship Tidbit for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus warned his disciples, “Beware of false prophets.” False prophets were at work in the church even before Jesus ascended into heaven. One false teaching which became prevalent in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD was that Jesus was not truly God. It was taught that Jesus was a specially appointed servant used for God’s purpose, but not God from eternity. If that were true, then Jesus’ payment for sin does not count for us – for no mere man can save another man (Psalm 49:7-9). In 325 AD, the Christian Church held a special council at Nicea to address this heresy. The result of this and subsequent councils was the Nicene Creed. Notice how much more thorough the Nicene Creed is than the Apostles’ Creed in its confession of who Jesus Christ is.

## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

**Sunday (6/21)**                      Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM  
**Monday**                              Pastor & Laura Schroeder on vacation (6/22 – 6/30)  
**Sunday (6/28)**                      Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM  
**Wednesday**                      Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom

## OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Schroeder and some of his family will be on vacation from June 22 – 30. In case of pastoral care, you may call Pastor Schaefer of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth at (734) 658-5735.

## REGULAR SCHEDULE

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live)

**NOTE:** To this date, it has not been necessary to add the 8:30 AM service. As soon as it should become necessary, you will be notified of the change in the schedule.

**Office Hours:** 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)

## **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://yearbook.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.

## **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)

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| 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) |

## **ADULT BIBLE CLASS – JULY 27-29 (7:00 pm)**

COVID-19 restrictions is making a regular VBS impractical, if not impossible, this year. There will, however, be a three-night virtual Bible Class on Zoom. It will run Monday-Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, July 27-29. We will be considering the Missionary Journeys of St. Paul. You may want to read through the book of Acts leading up to the dates for our Bible Class. Paul's journeys in particular cover Acts 13-28. Time will not permit an in depth study of all verses, but we will consider how Paul served as a missionary and how we can adapt Paul's mission work to our own setting.

All are welcome to join us for this class, but registration will be necessary. Call or text (248-719-5218) or email ([welsnovi@aol.com](mailto:welsnovi@aol.com)) to get the information for our Zoom sessions. If you would choose to join us in person, please let the pastor know that so he may be prepared with class materials for you.

## **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.

## **NOTES from Huron Valley Lutheran High School (HVL)**

**Join HVL's Mailing List** - Go to [HVLHS.org](http://HVLHS.org) and click on "Sign up for Newsletter" or call or email the school office at [mail@hvlhs.org](mailto:mail@hvlhs.org) to be added.

## **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](mailto:kruth@hvlhs.org).

## **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.

## **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)
- x Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 12 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 16 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM via Zoom
- xx 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
- xx 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
- 27 Adult Bible Class: The Missionary Journeys of St. Paul – 7:00 PM
- 28 Adult Bible Class: The Missionary Journeys of St. Paul – 7:00 PM
- 29 Adult Bible Class: The Missionary Journeys of St. Paul – 7:00 PM
- xx Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom

## **AUGUST**

- 2 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- x Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 9 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- xx 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
- xx Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 23 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- xx 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



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

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| <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           |
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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](http://faithtalkdetroit.com) and can be heard on the [faithtalkdetroit](http://faithtalkdetroit.com) 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