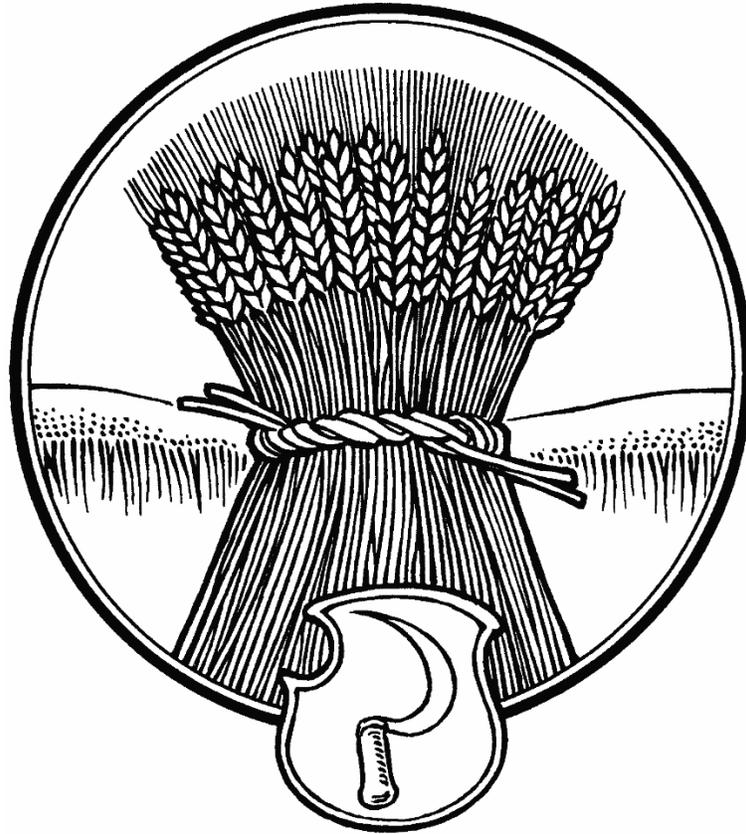


The Divine Service



[Jesus] said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



AD 2020, June 28th

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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 580 Every Morning Mercies New
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/580>

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, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through 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 **Exodus 19:2-8a**

They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

After the reading, the following exchange shall be spoken.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 5:6-11

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

After the reading, the following exchange shall be spoken.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

stand

THE GOSPEL Matthew 9:35–10:8

Before the reading, the following exchange shall be spoken.

M: The gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter, beginning at the 35th verse.

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

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

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 548 O Lord, in Prayer You Spent the Night

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/548>

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 9:35-38

SERMON THEME: Ask the Lord for Workers

1. Because we need called workers.
2. Because our Lord shows us compassion.

stand

Hymn 272 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

Sermon Prayer

Responsive Prayer for the Sundays after Pentecost (page 127)

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 545 **Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/545>

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Guest Preacher -- Professor Marcus Bode from Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw.

Organist -- Jeanette Schneider

Worship Tidbit for the 4th Sunday after Pentecost

For most of the Sundays after festivals of Epiphany and Pentecost, the paraments on the altar are green. Green causes us to think of things that grow. While we come to God's house to be fed and nourished, it is God who grows the faith that is in us. The Lord has chosen to come to us through the gospel in word and sacraments to create, nourish, and strengthen our faith. By regularly coming to God's house for the Divine Service, by regularly eating and drinking the Lord's Supper, by partaking in Bible study whether in class or in private, et al., we give the Holy Spirit opportunity to grow us in the faith.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Sunday (7/5) Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM

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)

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) 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 and click on "Sign up for Newsletter" or call or email the school office at 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.

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). 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.

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 and click on REQUEST APPOINTMENT.

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."

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

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
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Mr. Matt Foley, principal