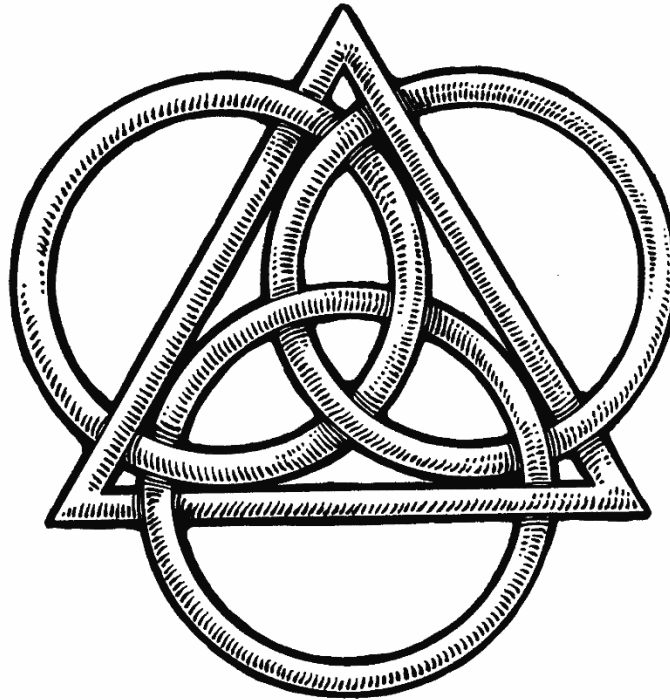


# The Divine Service



"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."  
(Matthew 28:19)

Trinity Sunday



AD 2020, June 7<sup>th</sup>

*Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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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 193 Come, Now, Almighty King**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/193>

*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:** **Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.**

**C:** **Ame**

*be seated*

### **THE FIRST LESSON           Genesis 1:1-2:3**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds<sup>(a)</sup> fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

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

**M:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON      2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

M:     The word of the Lord.

C:     **Thanks be to God.**

*stand*

## THE GOSPEL             Matthew 28:16-20

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

M:     The gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 16<sup>th</sup> verse.

C:     **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>[a]</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

M:     The gospel of the Lord.

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

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

### THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Pastor:   Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

People:   **Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

Pastor:   Now this is the true Christian faith:

People:   **We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

Pastor:   For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

People:   **What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor:   The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

People:   **yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

Pastor: In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty;

**People: yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**People: yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**People: yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

Pastor: For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

**People: so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.**

Pastor: The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**People: So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

Pastor: And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,

**People: so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.**

Pastor: Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

**People: It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.**

Pastor: Now this is the true Christian faith:

**People: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.**

Pastor: He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,

**People: equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;**

Pastor: and though he is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;

**People: one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;**

Pastor: for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

**People: He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

**People: Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.**

Pastor: This is the true Christian faith.

**People: Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.**

*be seated*

**HYMN 191 Father Most Holy, Merciful, and Tender**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/191>

**SERMON TEXT**

GENESIS 1:1 – 2:3

**SERMON THEME**

THE TRIUNE GOD CREATES GOOD THINGS.

*stand*

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

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

**SERMON PRAYER**

Prayer of the Church for Holy Trinity

**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 families in mid-Michigan effected by extreme flooding and evacuations
- For Jon Rumics, son of David & Diane Rumics, dealing with health concerns related to cancer treatments

**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 241** (v 4) **Alleluia! Let Praises Ring**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/241>

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Preacher & Celebrant  
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder  
Jeanette Schneider

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**THE ATHANASIAN CREED**

The Athanasian Creed is one of the three catholic creeds. The word catholic means universal, as in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. The word creed comes from the Latin word credo which means "I believe." Luther said of this creed, "I doubt whether the New Testament church has a more important document since the Apostolic age."

Although named for Athanasius, the bishop of Alexandria (ca. 296-373), it is almost certain that he did not write it. Neither Athanasius nor his contemporaries ever refer to it. But even if Athanasius did not write the creed, he certainly would have ascribed to it. Athanasius was one of the bishops at the ecumenical Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) which opposed the heresy of Arius (ca. 250-336). Arius denied the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, teaching that he is of a similar substance to God the Father, but not of the same substance. In essence, Arius claimed that Jesus Christ is not the eternal God. This belief has resurfaced in modern-day cults such as the Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons. The Council of Nicaea adopted the Nicene Creed to affirm that Jesus is "God from God, Light from Light, true God from True God" and "of one being with the Father."

The Athanasian Creed first appeared in Gaul (France) late in the 5th century. Early in that century, Europe was invaded from the east by barbarian tribes, notably the Vandals and Goths. This event marked the beginning of the Dark Ages. During this time, the people and the clergy lapsed into illiteracy and ignorance of the Scriptures. In addition, some of the invaders were Arian in their beliefs. Out of this confusion came the need for a clear statement of faith. The result was the Athanasian Creed.

The Athanasian Creed quickly assumed an important role in the orthodox church. (Much of the visible church was overrun with Arianism.) Emperor Charlemagne (ca. 742-814), in order to preserve the true Christian faith, decreed that all churchmen had to learn this creed and to be able to teach it to the laity.

The second portion of the Athanasian Creed reaffirms the Nicene Creed regarding the person of Jesus Christ. However, it begins with a most excellent presentation on the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. It says no more and no less than Scriptures say, letting the paradox of God's nature stand (i.e., God is one; God is three).

Confessors of the creed should not be put off by the second to last article which says: "Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire" (cp also John 5:28,29). The article does not teach salvation attained by human works, but simply reflects that our good works (or lack thereof) are evidence of God-given faith (or unbelief). When we remember that our good works are actually God's work through us, then we will understand this article correctly (cf Ephesians 2:8-10). In addition, we remember that we are judged based on Jesus' merits, not our own. We have been given the credit for Christ's righteousness. Therefore, we are heirs of eternal life.

This creed ought to bring us great comfort, as it speaks clearly about our God and his plan for our salvation. Its clearness and boldness are refreshing in this age of doctrinal confusion. This is no wishy-washy confession. It states what the Scriptures teach - there is no God but the Lord revealed in the Scriptures, and there is no salvation outside of the name of Jesus Christ. All who deny this deny the truth; and all who deny the truth forfeit salvation.

Finally, a study of this creed and the history which surrounds it shows how important it is for us to be familiar with the history of the Christian Church. When we understand how Christians who have gone before us identified error and combated it, then we will better be able to do the same.

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### **THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

<b>Sunday (6/7)</b>	Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Elders' Meeting – 11:30 AM
Monday	Michigan District Convention broadcast virtually (900 AM - 5:00 PM)
Tuesday	Michigan District Convention broadcast virtually (900 AM - 5:00 PM)
Wednesday	Michigan District Convention broadcast virtually (900 AM - 5:00 PM)
Saturday	Committal for Jan Papson at Glen Eden, Livonia – 11:00 AM
<b>Sunday (6/14)</b>	Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM

### **REGULAR SCHEDULE**

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

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Note: The office hours at Good Shepherd are going to be fairly fluid as we enter the summer months. If you want to contact Pastor Schroeder for any kind of meeting, call or text (248) 719-5218.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **COVID-19 AND MASKS AT CHURCH**

As was noted in previous communications, we expect that people will wear masks in attendance at church. Are they annoying? Yes. Are they inconvenient? Yes. Are they an infringement on our freedoms or a method of preserving health? Well, opinions differ there, and that is part of our challenge as we come together to worship. Some feel masks are useless; others are truly bothered when they see people who do not wear masks. Now, put both of these people together in a church and you can sense the problem.

In consultation with the Church Council, here is what I am asking of all our worshipers: Please wear masks throughout your time at church. Even if you think a mask is a wasted effort, your fellow member in the row in front of you may not share your opinion. So, please endure the inconvenience out of love for all worshipers so that nothing would hinder people coming to hear God's word and partake in the sacrament together as the body of Christ.



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

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

### **JUNE**

- 7 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 7 Elders' Meeting – 11:20 AM
- 8-10 Michigan District Convention broadcast virtually
- 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
- 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)

### **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)."

### **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

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**WELS CHURCH LOCATOR** - If you are traveling out of town or on vacation, you can visit [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net) and click **Find a Church/School** at the top of the page, to find a WELS Church near you.

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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