

The Divine Service



"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12)

8th Sunday after Pentecost



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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 500 For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/500>

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, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; 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 Isaiah 55:10-11

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 8:18-25

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

stand

THE GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Before the reading, the following exchange shall be spoken.

M: The gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.
C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears,^[a] let him hear."

"Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 285:1,5,11-12 The Ten commandments Are the Law

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/285>

SERMON TEXT: EXODUS 20:8-11

SERMON THEME: TEN WORDS – THE FOURTH WORD.
JESUS CHRIST IS OUR SABBATH REST.

stand

Hymn 272 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

SERMON PRAYER

LITANY 2: A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, giver of all things, with gladness we give thanks for all your goodness. We bless you for the love with which you created us and by which you sustain us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, through whom you have made known your will and grace. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for your holy Church; for the means of grace; for the encouraging example of the fruits of faith your Spirit produces in the lives of believers; and for the hope of the life to come. Help us treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness with lives that are wholly given to your service:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Save and defend your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers filled with your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the holy sacraments. Make it perfect in love and in all good works, and establish it in the faith delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Give your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office in your Church that, by their faithful service, faith may abound and your kingdom increase:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Send the light of your truth into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to labor in the gospel both at home and in distant lands:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: In your mercy strengthen the younger churches and support them in times of trial. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord, and let their faith and zeal for the gospel refresh and renew the witness of your people everywhere:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Preserve our nation in justice and honor, that we may lead peaceable lives of integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially to President Trump, Governor Whitmer, Bob Gatt, the Mayor of Novi, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, and help them serve all citizens according to your holy will:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Sanctify our homes with your presence and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their baptisms, and enable their parents to train them in lives of faith and devotion. By the spirit of affection and service, unite the members of all families, that they may show your praise in our land and in all the world:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Let your blessing rest on the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who lay their hands to any useful task:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you in your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of your heavenly kingdom:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever:

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....

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 501 Oh Father, by Whose Name

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/501>

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Preacher & Celebrant
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Jeanette Schneider

Worship Tidbit for the 8th Sunday after Pentecost

The Sermon – How is the topic chosen? Every Sunday, the pastor preaches a sermon. What determines the topic? Scripture does not lay down a rule about preaching on any assigned topic for any assigned Sunday, other than preaching the gospel. The pastor usually chooses one of the readings for a particular Sunday as the sermon text. By preaching on the portions of Scripture used in the readings, the pastor is able to proclaim the whole counsel of God over a period of time. This enables the congregation to be nourished by all of God's word instead of hearing the "pastor's favorite" topics.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (7/26)

Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM

Monday
AM

SE Conference Steering Committee Meeting at Good Shepherd – 10:00

Adult Bible Class – 7:00 PM via Zoom

Tuesday

Adult Bible Class – 7:00 PM via Zoom

Wednesday

Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom

Adult Bible Class – 7:00 PM via Zoom

Sunday (8/2)

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.

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 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 13-21. 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.

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."

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.

HVL Golf Classic

The HVL Athletic Department is extremely excited to announce our annual HVL Golf Classic on Saturday, August 29th, 2020.

This year's golf outing will take place at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth. This annual event is the primary fundraiser for the HVL Athletic Department and supports our student-athletes by providing uniforms, equipment, and other financial assistance for our sports programs.

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.

A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

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

- 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 via Zoom
- 28 Adult Bible Class: The Missionary Journeys of St. Paul – 7:00 PM via Zoom
- 29 Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
- 29 Adult Bible Class: The Missionary Journeys of St. Paul – 7:00 PM via Zoom

AUGUST

- 2 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
TBD Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
9 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
16 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
18 Church Council – 7:00 PM
TBD Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
23 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
TBD 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

REDFORD PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

The Redford Pregnancy Care Center has opened again! We have already served a number of clients over the past few weeks. They were all long time clients and seemed as happy to see us as we were to see them! They didn't seem to mind having to make an appointment or wear a mask. Some who came took masks that we provided and they liked the patterns! Materials are being put in a bag by the RPCC staff and delivered to the clients at the back door to limit as much contact as possible. Hot-liners are still taking calls and keeping connected that way.

Your prayers and continued support is appreciated. If you have not done so already, check us out on Facebook and like us.

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

Sylvia Campbell	1745 Wickhamm	Royal Oak, MI 48073
Jim Hobley	6950 Farmington Road	West Bloomfield, MI 48322
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)
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