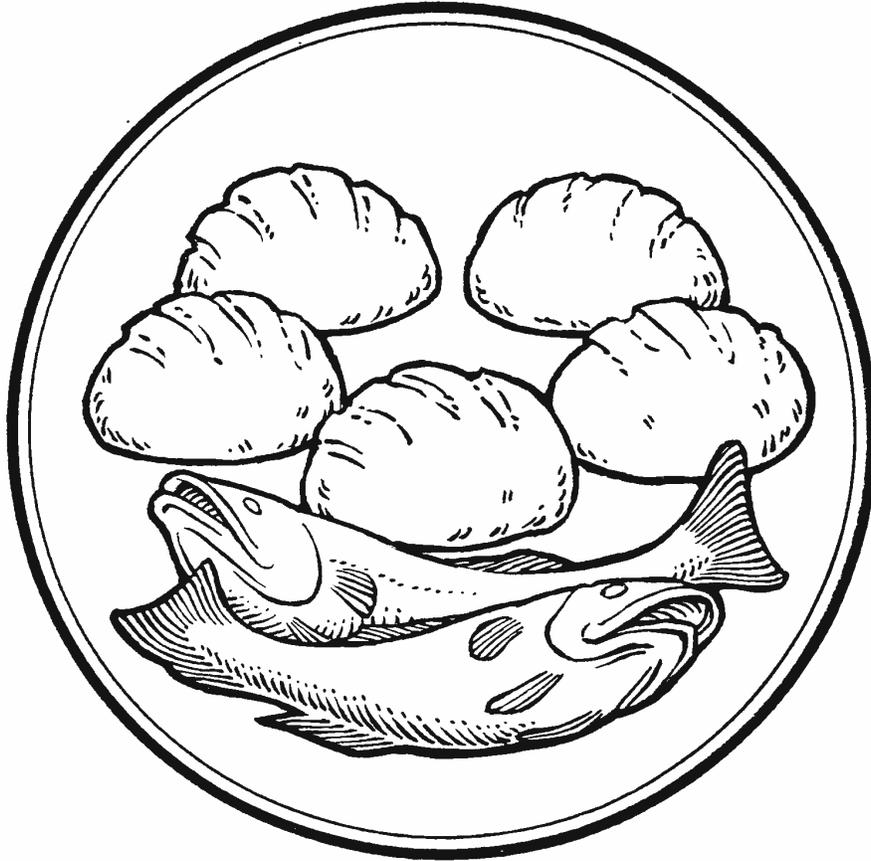


The Divine Service



THE LORD KEEPS ON GIVING!
Matthew 14:13-21

11th 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 586 **O Splendor of God's Glory Bright**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/586>

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 reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

Isaiah 55:1-5

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,
“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

stand

THE GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter, beginning at the 13th verse.

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

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 349 Jesus, Priceless Treasure
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/349>

SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 14:13-21
SERMON THEME: THE LORD KEEPS ON GIVING!

stand

Hymn 272 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/272>

SERMON PRAYER

Responsive 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:

- Thanksgiving for Linda Larson's completed surgery
- For Michael Douglas, who will be having abdominal surgery this week.

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 470 Praise to You and Adoration

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/470>

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Preacher & Celebrant Rev. Mike Bater
Organist Jeanette Schneider

Our guest preacher today is Rev. Mike Bater who is retired. Previously, Pastor Bater had served for many years at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lansing.

Worship Tidbit for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Following the sermon, the pastor often speaks what is called the “Votum.” The Votum is a blessing upon God’s people who have just been nourished by the preached word. Like the benediction, it is not a wish that the pastor expresses, but a promise of God that is upheld. One votum often used by the pastor is this: “The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7) In other words, the peace which was proclaimed through the merits of Christ is yours now and always.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (8/16)	Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM
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 (8/23)	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 out of town August 12-16. In case of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Paul Schaefer of St. Peter's Evangelical Church in Plymouth at (734) 658-5735.

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)

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)

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."

CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE

Divine Services: We have resumed our services at church, Sunday at 10:00 AM. For details about what you can expect and what will be expected of you, see this:

<http://lutheransubject.blogspot.com/2020/05/a-pastoral-concern-return-to-church.html>

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 are posting our services on YouTube. A search for "Good Shepherd Novi" should bring up services. 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. Please set up your visit by appointment at any time.

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.

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

- 16 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 18 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Class – 10:00 AM via Zoom
- 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

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

- 6 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 13 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 13 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 14 Catechism Class – 5:00-6:30 PM
- 14 Palabra de Vida Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 15 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Board Meeting – 3:00 PM
- 15 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 20 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 20 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 21 Catechism Class – 5:00-6:30 PM
- 21 Bible Information Class – 7:00 PM
- 23 Martin Luther Memorial Home Board Meeting – 4:00 PM
- 27 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 27 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 28 Pastors' Conference at Salem Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- 28 Bible Information Class – 7:00 PM

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.

Now Enrolling at HVL

It's not too late to register for the 2020-2021 school year. HVL has developed Preparedness Plans for Reopening and is planning on opening as scheduled for regular face to face instruction. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the blessings and benefits of a Christ-centered secondary education, please contact HVL to learn more.

HVL Virtual Auction

HVL's 2020 Auction will be held online. Item preview begins Sept 12, bidding begins Sept 19, and the Auction Program Premiere will take place on Sept 26 at 7pm, with bidding ending at 9pm. Watch for more information to come!

HVL Facilities Improvements

During the course of the summer the following improvements/maintenance occurred: 100 tons of slide-safe mixture for the baseball/softball fields; AC units installed in 4 classrooms; tinted glass security film installed; LED lights in classrooms/hallways; gym floor cleaned and recoated; hallways rewaxed; and 3 new drinking fountains with water bottle fillers were purchased. A huge thank you goes to all the donations, volunteer hours and grants received that allowed all these projects to move forward.

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.

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](#) 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
(734) 525-0160

www.hvlhs.org

Mr. Matt Foley, principal