

# The Divine Service



THE 8TH WORD: You shall not steal.  
(Exodus 20:15)

12th 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 421                      All Depends on Our Possessing**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/421>

*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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of 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

### 1 Kings 19:9-18

There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*stand*

## THE GOSPEL

### Matthew 14:22-33

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 22<sup>nd</sup> verse.

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

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way<sup>[a]</sup> from the land,<sup>[b]</sup> beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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 (1,8,11-12)      The Ten Commandments Are the Law**

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

**SERMON TEXT:    EXODUS 20:15**

**SERMON THEME: GOD CALLS US TO RESPECT AND PROTECT HIS GIFTS.**

*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 Michael Douglas' successful surgery and for continued recovery at home

## 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 462

**Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/462>

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Preacher & Celebrant  
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder  
Jeanette Schneider

### **Worship Tidbit for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost**

After we hear God's word in the sermon, God's people naturally respond. Sometimes that is with a confession of faith (one of the Creeds). Other times it is with a song of praise. In the Common Service, we sing, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." While the sermon has already proclaimed that God has purified our hearts through the blood of Christ, we pray in this song that the Lord would cause his word to take root in our hearts and lives. Another response to the sermon we may sing is the *Te Deum Laudamus* (Latin for "We praise you, O God"). Martin Luther considered this ancient canticle (5<sup>th</sup> century) another creed.

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

**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

## **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](mailto: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.

## **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](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. 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.

- 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)
- 13 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 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

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

- 4 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 4 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 5 Catechism Class – 5:00-6:30 PM
- 5 Bible Information Class – 7:00 PM
- 11 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 11 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 11 HVL Conference of Congregations – 2:00 PM
- 12 Pastors' Circuit Meeting at HVL – 9:30 AM – Noon
- 12 Catechism Class – 5:00-6:30 PM
- 12 Bible Information Class – 7:00 PM
- 13 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM
- 18 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 18 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 19 Catechism Class – 5:00-6:30 PM
- 19 Bible Information Class – 7:00 PM
- 20 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 25 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 25 Divine Service – In Church at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 25 Reformation Rally at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Westland
  - Vespers – 5:00 PM
  - Dinner – 5:30 PM
  - Luther Lecture – 6:30 PM
- 26 Catechism Class – 5:00-6:30 PM
- 26 Bible Information Class – 7:00 PM

### 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)."

### 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.

### **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.

<b>Sylvia Campbell</b>	1745 Wickhamn	Royal Oak, MI 48073
<b>Jim Holey</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

**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.

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