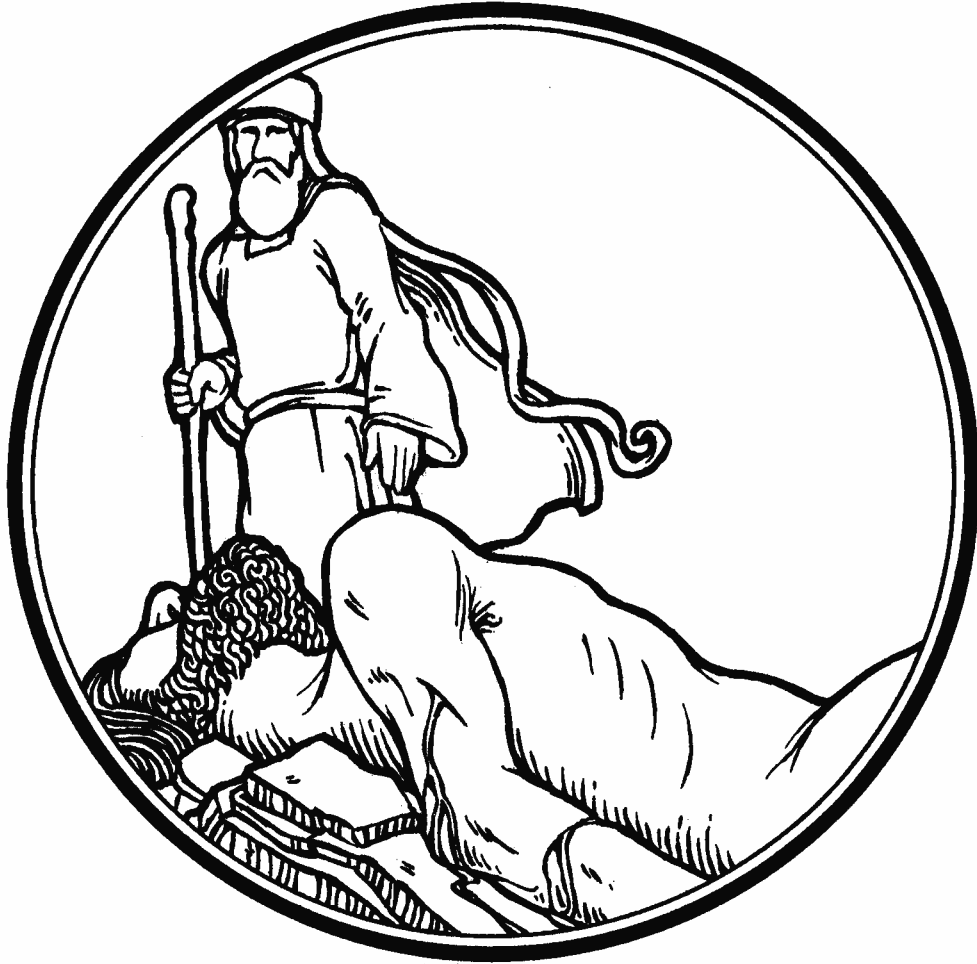


The Divine Service



THE 6TH WORD: You shall not murder. (Exodus 20:13)

9th Sunday after Pentecost



AD 2020, August 2

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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 491 O Master of the Loving Heart

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/491>

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: **Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Joel 3:12-16

Let the nations stir themselves up
and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;
for there I will sit to judge
all the surrounding nations.
Put in the sickle,
for the harvest is ripe.
Go in, tread,
for the winepress is full.
The vats overflow,
for their evil is great.

Multitudes, multitudes,
in the valley of decision!
For the day of the LORD is near
in the valley of decision.
The sun and the moon are darkened,
and the stars withdraw their shining.
The LORD roars from Zion,
and utters his voice from Jerusalem,
and the heavens and the earth quake.
But the LORD is a refuge to his people,
a stronghold to the people of Israel.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

stand

THE GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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 24th verse.

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

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds^[a] among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants^[b] of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

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 285:1,6,11-12 The Ten commandments Are the Law

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

SERMON TEXT: EXODUS 20:13

SERMON THEME: LOVE SEEKS AFTER A GOOD LIFE.

stand

Hymn 272 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

SERMON PRAYER

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 Ryan Charles Belanger born (7/27) to Dan & Kimberly Belanger and grandson of Rawland & Anita Storm

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 520 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/520>

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Preacher & Celebrant
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Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Jeanette Schneider

Worship Tidbit for the 9th Sunday after Pentecost

The Sermon – What makes a sermon good? (part 1) While many people will consider a sermon valuable if it keeps their attention or keeps them entertained, that is not how God places value on a sermon. Every sermon must be based on God's Word, the Scriptures. Since the Scriptures proclaim Christ (John 5:39), every sermon will proclaim Jesus Christ as our only hope for salvation. God's people come to church to hear their Shepherd's voice, not their pastor's creative whimsy. If a pastor dares to step into a pulpit and proclaim, "This is what the Lord says," it had better be what the Lord says. A good sermon is always Christ-centered. It is not based on what the pastor thinks, but on what the Lord says.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (8/2)	Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM
Wednesday	Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom
Sunday (8/9)	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)

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)

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.

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

- 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

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

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.*

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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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