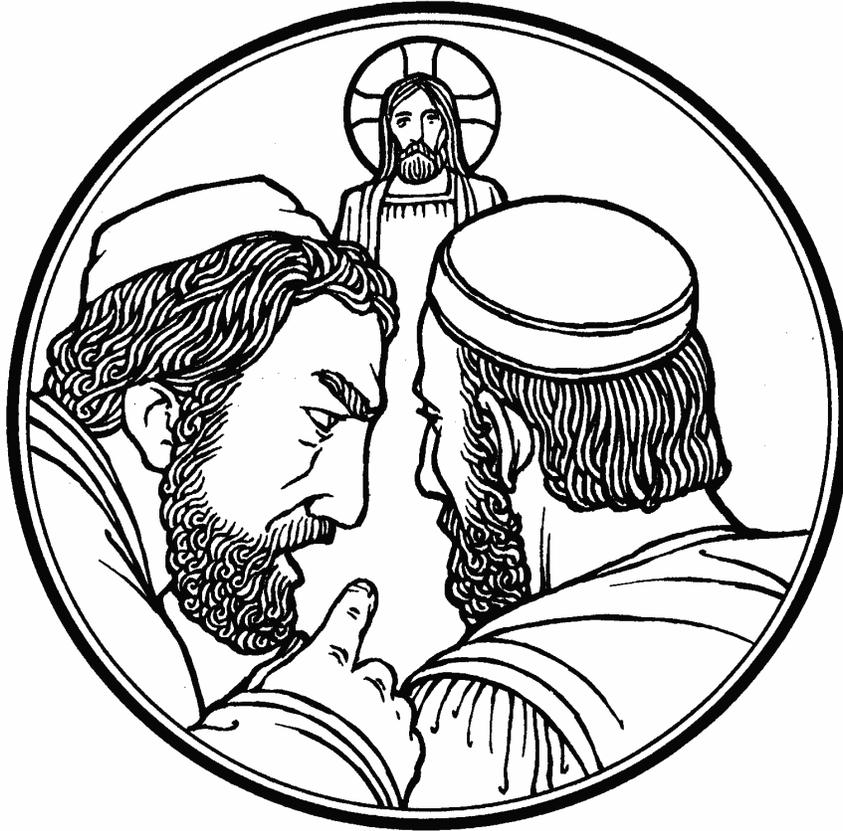


The Divine Service



THE 9TH WORD: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
(Exodus 20:16)

13th Sunday after Pentecost



AD 2020, August 30

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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 584 **O Blessed, Holy Trinity**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/584>

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 merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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 56:1,6-8

Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 11:13-15,28-32

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

stand

THE GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter, beginning at the 21st verse.

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

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 (1,9,11-12) The Ten Commandments Are the Law

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

SERMON TEXT: EXODUS 20:16

SERMON THEME: A GOOD NAME IS BETTER THAN GOLD.

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

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 459 **O God, My Faithful God**
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/459>

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Preacher & Celebrant Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Organist Jeanette Schneider

Worship Tidbit for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost

The most familiar prayer in the world is the Lord's Prayer. Since we are familiar with this prayer, we will want to concentrate on the petitions we pray so that this prayer will not be a bunch of empty words. You may have noticed that our hymnal has two different versions of this prayer. There is the traditional version from the King James Version ("Our Father, who art in heaven..."), and a contemporary version ("Our Father in heaven..."). While we might cherish one version over the other due to familiarity, neither is better or worse, right or wrong. More important than which version we pray is where our hearts are focused when we pray.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (8/30) Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM
Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 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)

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. 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.

- 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

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 Wickhamn	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
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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
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