

The Divine Service



THERE IS NO SALVATION WITHOUT A CROSS. (Matthew 16:21-26)

15th 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 283 Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/283>

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 Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: **Amen**

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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

Stand

THE GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-26

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter, beginning at the 21st verse.
C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life[Ⓜ] will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

M: The gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 465 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/465>

SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 16:16-21

SERMON THEME: THERE IS NO SALVATION WITHOUT A CROSS.

Hymn 272 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

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:

- For Lily Spaude, mother of Cathy Mowers, having knee surgery (9/14)

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 461 From Eternity, O God

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/461>

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Preacher & Celebrant

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder

Organist

Jeanette Schneider

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (9/13)	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Church Picnic & Bell Dedication – 11:20 AM
Monday	Catechism Class – 4:30-6:00 PM Palabra de Vida Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Redford Pregnancy Care Center Board Meeting – 3:00 PM Church Council – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom Bible Matters (Why Lutheran?) – 7:00 PM
Thursday	Pomeroy Living devotions via Skype – 10:30 AM
Sunday (9/20)	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – Noon. The pastor will be in his office unless a meeting has been scheduled elsewhere (consult the weekly schedule). He may be in his office at other times throughout the day as well. Pastor Schroeder is also available by appointment. Call or text (248-719-5218). You may also email (welsnovi@aol.com), but the response may be slower.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM, in person and on Facebook Live.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class resume on Sunday, September 13 at 8:45 AM.

Bible Matters, a Bible discussion group, will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Topics may be suggested to the pastor and will be announced prior to each session.

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.

Worship Tidbit for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost

One of the benedictions (blessings) that we use is called the Apostolic Benediction. This benediction comes from 2 Corinthians 13:14, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." It is called the Apostolic Benediction because it came through the Apostle Paul. Our services may begin or end with this blessing. As with the Aaronic Benediction, this is not the pastor's wish, but God's blessing upon his people. In years past, the Christian Church concluded the worship service not with a hymn or with announcements, but with the benediction so that the final word God's people heard was God's blessing.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

The next scheduled Bible Information Class (BIC) will begin on Monday, September 21. Classes will be 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

This notice is given so that our members can consider whom they may invite to BIC. This class is for people who have questions about the Bible. There is no further obligation beyond that. If, on the other hand, you are convinced that we are teaching God's word correctly and faithfully, you are most welcome to become a member. There is no cost for the class. All materials are provided.

Call (248-349-0565) or e-mail (welsnovi@aol.com) to register for this class. The format may be in person (depending upon the comfort level of the participants) or over Zoom. The pastor will confirm the format with any interested parties.

The schedule for this class is:

9/21	God's Plan of Salvation	11/9	God Works through Holy Communion.
9/28	God Created a Beautiful Universe.	11/16	God Gathers His Church.
10/5	Why is the World So Crazy?	11/23	A Conversation with God.
10/12	How did Jesus Save the World?	11/30	Our Spiritual Heartbeat
10/19	The End is Coming!	12/7	Love the Lord your God
10/26	Why do We Need the Bible?	12/14	Love your Neighbor – Part 1
11/2	God Works through Holy Baptism.	12/21	Love your Neighbor – Part 2; Take Good Care

NOTE: Depending upon how many questions or discussions we have with the material, we may be able to complete more than one lesson in a session.

Taking the class does not obligate you to join our congregation. If you simply want to gain knowledge of the Bible, this class is for you. There is no cost. All materials are provided. Come with questions. Come with friends. Come and learn what God wants you to know.

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CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE

Divine Services: We have in-person services on Sundays at 10:00 AM.

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.

REDFORD PREGNANCY CARE CENTER UPDATE

The RPCC is seeking donations for gently used fall/winter clothing. We could really use 18 mo. - 4 T clothing. For more information, please contact Carol Beeskow (cbeeskow@gmail.com).

LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

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

- 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
- 4 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 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 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

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

Military Names Needed for WELS Military Services

I once walked past the tent of a WELS Soldier in the war zone without knowing he was there. Only later, when his father emailed me asking to see his son, did I learn of his existence. Because of the dangerous location he was in, I was not given clearance to return to that Forward Operating Base (FOB).

My message to deployed troops is: "Unless you are registered with WELS Military Services, you are invisible to us." That would be sad.

The family may know the address of the warrior. The home pastor may know. But unless WELS/ELS Military Services knows, its civilian chaplains will not know.

Besides face-to-face visits by the chaplain (sometimes over the Internet) WELS/ELS Military Services sends out weekly email devotions written with military people in mind, printed devotional materials written with military people in mind, printed devotional materials including the new Christian Service Member's Handbook, Meditations, and other spiritual helps. National Guard and Reserve troops are of special concern because they do not come from military congregations that ensure registration.

WELS/ELS troops are scattered around the globe right now, including aboard ships in some sensitive locations. We dare not neglect even one of them. Register military names with us at: www.wels.net/ref .

Drop me a note with questions or concerns at: military@wels.net . We live to serve our Lord by serving those who serve our country.

Rev. Paul C. Ziemer
WELS National Chaplain to the Military
Armed Forces Liaison of WELS
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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.

Upcoming Events:

Sept 26 HVL Auction Program Premiere (7pm)
Oct 11 HVL Conference of Congregations Meeting (2pm)

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. Go to www.hvlhs.org for more information.

Mums Fundraiser - The HVL booster club is raising funds by selling Mums from Schwartz's Greenhouse. We have 9 inch pots for \$10 and 10 inch hanging baskets for \$15 in a variety of colors. The deadline for orders is September 18. Orders will be delivered to HVL on September 24. To place an order, go to www.hvlhs.org.

HVL Golf Classic - A biag thank you goes to all the participants and sponsors for the annual HVL Golf Classic. This is the annual fundraiser for the athletic department at HVL. This year we had 76 golfers and raised over \$5000. The Ohlsson/Mitchell team took first place. Thanks again for the tremendous support!

Enrollment Update - HVL was excited to open its doors for the 46th school year under the theme "Set Your Minds on Things Above." Our enrollment took a dip this year as we graduated a large senior class, enrolled a small freshman class, and due to travel restrictions we were only able to enroll one international student. Even so, we are thrilled to be blessed with a strong student body, and the same faculty and staff from last year. We thank God for the blessing of being face to face to start off another school year and are rejoicing in the promises of eternal joy for all those in Christ.

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
Mary Zuehlke	29451 Halsted Road Apt. 118	Farmington Hills, MI 48331

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