

# The Divine Service



10TH WORD: You shall not covet.  
(Exodus 20:17)

14th 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 581    Father, We Praise You**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/581>

*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, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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**

#### **Exodus 6:2-8**

God spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you into the land that I swore to

give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.”

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON Romans 11:33-36**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **THE GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20**

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 13<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed<sup>[ε]</sup> in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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 (1,10,11-12) The Ten Commandments Are the Law**  
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/285>

**SERMON TEXT:** EXODUS 20:17  
**SERMON THEME:** TEN WORDS – THE TENTH WORD.  
A PURE HEART DESIRES WHAT GOD DESIRES.

*stand*

**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:



#### **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 471 Renew Me, O Eternal Light**

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/471>

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Preacher & Celebrant            Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder  
Organist                            Jeanette Schneider

**Worship Tidbit for the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

At the conclusion of the service, the pastor proclaims the benediction (blessing). The most common benediction is called the Aaronic Benediction. This threefold blessing, “The LORD bless you and keep you” etc..., was first commanded by the Lord to Aaron (cf Numbers 6:22-27). This blessing has been proclaimed God’s people since about 1400 BC. The benediction is no mere “fare-well” from the pastor to the congregation. God’s blessing is not wished, but proclaimed. The Lord directed Israel’s priests to proclaim this blessing on the people. Then he promised, “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.” (Numbers 6:27)

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

**Sunday (9/6)**                    Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM  
Wednesday                    Bible Information Class – 1:00 PM via Zoom  
**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

**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.

**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)

Sept. 6                    The 9th & 10th Commandments (Exodus 20:17)

**BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS** will begin on Monday, September 21. Classes will be 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

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.

Call (248-349-0565) or e-mail (welsnovi@aol.com) to register for this class.

## **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.*

**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  
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

### **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.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Sept 26           HVL Virtual Auction  
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](http://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](http://www.hvlhs.org).

**HVL Golf Classic** - A big 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.

## 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](http://www.wels.net/ref).

Drop me a note with questions or concerns at: [militaryWwels.net](mailto:militaryWwels.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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## 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](mailto:cbeeskow@gmail.com)).

**SHUT-INS** - *Please remember our shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers.*

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Sylvia Campbell</b>   | 1745 Wickhamn                   | Royal Oak, MI 48073        |
| <b>Jim Hobley</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