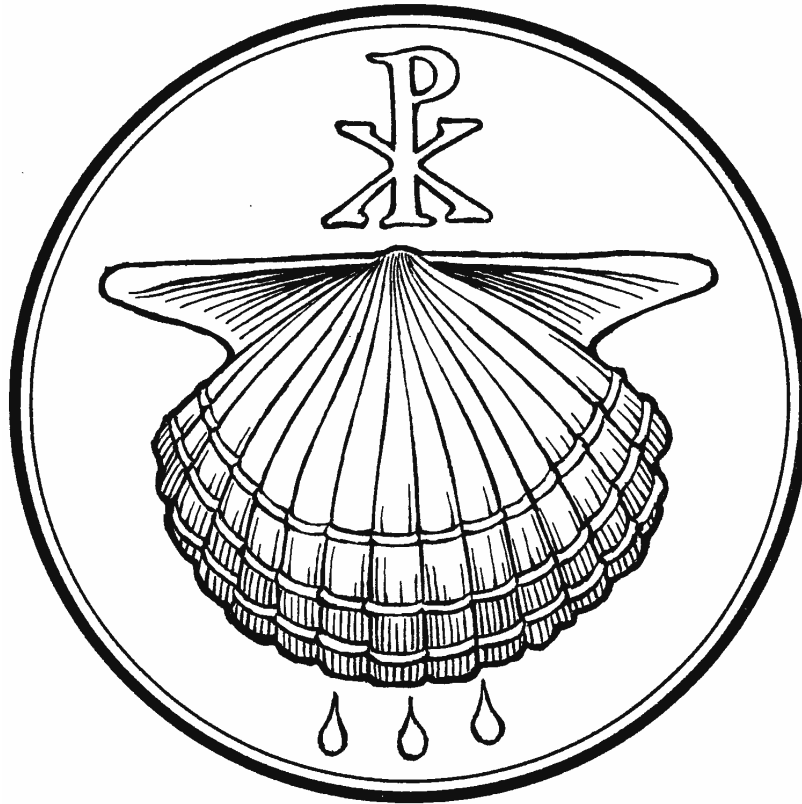


# The Divine Service



*In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized  
by John in the Jordan. (Mark 1:9)*

1st Sunday after Epiphany



AD 2021, January 10

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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 79      How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/79>

*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: **Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through 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

Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
 yet surely my right is with the LORD,  
 and my recompense with my God."  
 And now the LORD says,  
 he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
 to bring Jacob back to him;  
 and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
 for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
 and my God has become my strength—  
 he says:  
 "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
 and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
 I will make you as a light for the nations,  
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

**M:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 2 (page 65)**

*Cantor -- verses*

*Cong -- Refrain & Glory be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

*Refrain*

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
 lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*

**Refrain**

Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Great are the works of the Lord.

Why do the nations conspire\*  
 and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers  
 gather together against the LORD\*  
 and against his Anointed One.

**Refrain**

The One enthroned in heaven laughs,\*  
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger  
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,\*  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:\*  
He said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

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**THE SECOND LESSON      Acts 16:25-34**

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

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

**VERSE OF THE DAY:**

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)  
C: **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.** (*sung*)



**THE GOSPEL          Mark 1:4-11**

M:     The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, beginning at the 4<sup>th</sup> verse.  
C:     **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

*All readings are from the English Standard Version*

**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 89      To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/89>

**Sermon Text: MARK 1:9-11**

**Sermon Theme: SEE WHAT GOD MANIFESTS BY BAPTISM.**

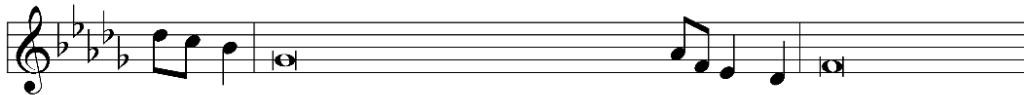
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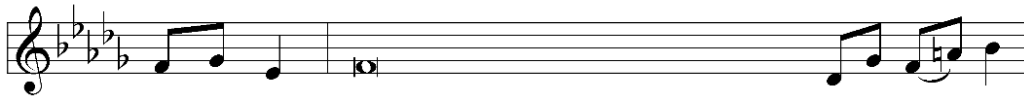
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,  
 Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,  
 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of  
 heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of  
 proph - ets praise you. The white-robbed army of martyrs praise you.  
 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:  
 Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,

## 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 Irene Pawley-Kennedy, cousin of Terry Barber, died of cancer (1/4)

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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 299 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/299>

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Preacher & Celebrant  
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder  
Jeanette Schneider

## **This Week at Good Shepherd**

**Sunday (1/10)** Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM  
**Divine Service** – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM  
Sunday School Teacher's Meeting – 11:15 AM

Monday Pastors' Circuit Meeting at Our Saviour, Westland – 9:30 AM – Noon  
Bible Information Class – 7:00-8:30 PM

Wednesday Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM  
Bible Matters (Can a Christian hate anything?) – 7:00 PM

**Sunday (1/17)** Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM  
**Divine Service** – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM  
Elders' Meeting – 11:15 AM

## **REGULAR SCHEDULE**

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

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class is on Sunday at 8:45 AM.

Bible Matters, a Bible discussion group, is on Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

## **OFFICE HOURS** – Monday – Thursday (9:00 AM - Noon)

The pastor will be in his office unless a meeting has been scheduled elsewhere (consult the weekly schedule). The pastor is also available by appointment. Call or text (248-719-5218). You may also email (welsnovi@aol.com), but the response may be slower.



### **Worship Tidbit for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany (The Baptism of Our Lord)**

The first Sunday after Epiphany (January 6) always focuses our attention on the baptism of Jesus. Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of his public ministry as our Messiah. There is much in our liturgy that keeps us mindful of our baptism, too. We begin every service "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," in the same way we were baptized. Some make the sign of the cross on themselves at those words. This serves as a remembrance of our baptism where we first received the sign of the cross on our head and our heart to mark us as a redeemed child of Christ, the crucified.

**Bible Information Class** will begin on Monday, January 11 (7:00-8:30 PM). This class covers basic Christian doctrine for any level of familiarity with the Bible. It is a valuable refresher for long-time members, and it is an excellent way for anyone to get to know the Bible's teachings even if you feel like you know none of them. There is no cost. Contact the church (welsnovi@aol.com) to register. Good Shepherd members: Consider whom you might bring to this class!

**Bible Matters** is a topical discussion group that enables God's people to become more comfortable in discussing matters of the Christian faith and more confident in defending the Bible's teachings. We encourage open dialogue and welcome bold questions. All are welcome to consider how God's word addresses various topics.

Topics for our winter sessions are:

- January 6      Suggestions for meditating on God's Word
- January 13     Can a Christian hate anything?
- January 20     Does God speak through dreams?
- January 27     Why Lutheran?
- February 3     When God is silent, what is our confession?
- February 10    "Male and female he created them."  
Why is this controversial?
- February 17    Ash Wednesday; Lenten services begin.

***Bible Matters*** resumes on Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 PM.

### **CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE**

Besides Facebook Live and YouTube, you can find the pastor's sermons archived on this blog. You can use the search bar to find a particular date, day of the Church Year, or Scripture reference.

Pastor Schroeder will be available for private devotions, Holy Absolution, and Holy Communion to members in small groups or to individuals. You may call to set up an appointment at any time. Visits by appointment can be done either at church or at your home.

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 (RPCC) UPDATE

Even with COVID restrictions, the RPCC has seen a few more moms in the last number of weeks. There have been some very nice donations, but more items would be helpful. Especially needed is gently used clothing in sizes 24 mo. - 4T for both boys and girls. If you can help, you may drop off your donations at church so that they can be delivered to the RPCC. Your generosity is appreciated.

## 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.

## LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Offerings</u>	
Divine Service (1/3)	29	General Fund	\$ 4,925.00
Holy Communion	23	Missions	\$ 160.00
Sunday School	3	building Fund	\$ 0.00
Christmas Eve	11	Windows/Siding	\$ 0.00
Bible Matters (1/6)	4		
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<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$ 5,085.00</b>	

## BAD WEATHER POLICY FOR SERVICES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

We will always have services as scheduled at Good Shepherd. Since I live across the parking lot, I can get to the church no matter how bad the weather gets. Even if the service is just me and my family, we will be here. For everyone else, please use your God-given common sense to determine whether or not you will get on the road to attend any service when the weather is bad. We don't want anyone to risk his or her life to be here. But if you do venture out, the scheduled service will take place. It may be only a handful with a cappella singing and/or spoken liturgy, but we will be here.

Bible Classes and meetings may be canceled due to weather. Check your email regarding announcements to see if any of those scheduled events is canceled. If there is no email about it, it is not canceled. But again, use common sense to determine if you can make it, and call the pastor to let him know if you will not be coming.

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

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**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

## A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### **JANUARY**

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

- 6 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 6 Bible Matters discussion group (Suggestions for meditating on God’s Word) 7PM
- 10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 10 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 10 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 11 Pastors' Circuit Meeting – 9:30 AM – Noon
- 11 Bible Information Class – 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- 13 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 13 Bible Matters discussion group (Can a Christian hate anything?) – 7:00 PM
- 17 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 17 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 17 Elders' Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 18 Palabra de Vida Board meeting – 7:00 PM
- 19 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM
- 19 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 20 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 20 Bible Matters discussion group (Does God speak through dreams?) – 7:00 PM
- 24 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 24 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 24 Evangelism & Stewardship Committee meetings – 11:15 AM
- 25 Bible Information Class – 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- 26 Martin Luther Memorial Home Board Meeting, Lansing – 4:00 PM
- 27 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 27 Bible Matters discussion group (Why Lutheran?) – 7:00 PM
- 31 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 31 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM

### **FEBRUARY**

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

- 1 Bible Information Class – 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- 3 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 3 Bible Matters discussion group (When God is silent, what is our confession?) 7 PM
- 7 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 7 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 7 Evangelism & Stewardship Committee meetings – 11:15 AM
- 8 Bible Information Class – 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- 9 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM
- 10 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 10 Bible Matters discussion group (“Male and female he created them.”  
Why is this controversial?) – 7:00 PM
- 10 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 14 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 14 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 15 Pastor / Teacher Conference at Zion, Monroe – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- 16 Pastors’ Conference at Zion, Monroe – 9:00 AM – Noon
- 16 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 17 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 17 Ash Wednesday Divine Service – 7:00 PM (also on Facebook Live)
- 21 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 21 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 21 Open Forum – 11:15 AM
- 21 Voters’ Meeting follows Open Forum
- 22 Bible Information Class – 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- 24 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 24 Lenten Vespers – 7:00 PM (also on Facebook Live)
- 28 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 28 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)