

# The Divine Service



Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." (John 1:50)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany



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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 582 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/582>

*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 God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.**

C: **Amen**

*be seated*

### THE FIRST LESSON

#### 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

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

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

### **Psalm 67** (page 91)

*Cantor – Lindsey Casmer -- verses*

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

#### *Refrain*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

#### *Psalm tone*



#### *Refrain*

Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

May God be gracious to us and bless us\*  
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,\*  
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,\*  
for you rule the peoples justly  
and guide the nations of the earth.

#### *Refrain*

Then the land will yield its harvest,\*  
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,\*  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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      1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE OF THE DAY:**

M: Alleluia. He said to me, “You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor.” Alleluia.

(Isaiah 49:3)

C: **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.** (*sung*)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**THE GOSPEL                      John 1:43-51**

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, beginning at the 43<sup>rd</sup> verse.

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

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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 86 The Only Son from Heaven**

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/86>

**Sermon: JOHN 1:43-51**

**Theme: JESUS CONNECTS HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

# Te Deum Laudamus



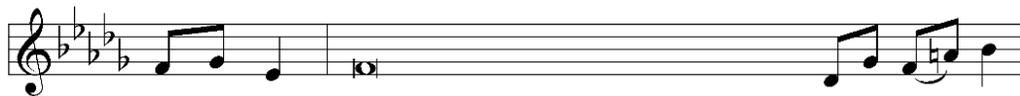
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



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.



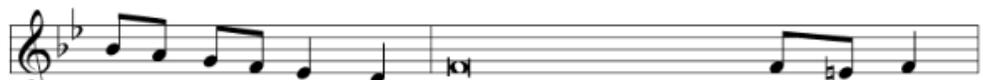
Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



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,



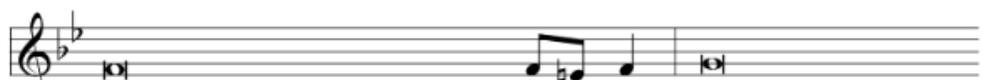
Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



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.



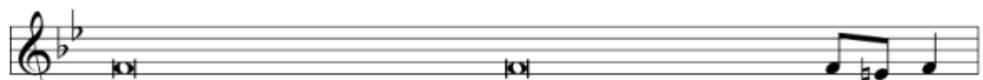
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed 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,

**SERMON PRAYER**

Responsive Prayer for Epiphany season (page 124)

## EPIPHANY

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

**You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**Amen.**

## 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 a successful surgery for William Rauchholz, brother of Jean and Dan Rauchholz, and for his continued recovery
- For Rev. Joshua Krieger, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Livonia, who is serious ill with the COVID virus

## 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 94 O Jesus, King of Glory

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/94>

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Preacher & Celebrant  
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder  
Jeanette Schneider

### THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

**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

Monday Pastors' Circuit Meeting at Our Saviour (rescheduled) – 9:30 AM – Noon  
Palabra de Vida Board meeting – 7:00 PM

Tuesday Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM  
Church Council – 7:00 PM

Wednesday Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM  
Bible Matters (Does God speak through dreams?) – 7:00 PM

**Sunday (1/24)** Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM  
**Divine Service** – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM  
Evangelism & Stewardship Committee Meetings – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

One of the first things we do every worship service is to confess our sin. When the Lord, in a burning bush, appeared to Moses, the Lord said, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." (Exodus 3:5) We are in God's house – holy ground. God is sinless. No matter how hard we try, we are incapable of not sinning. We, who are unclean, have no right to tread here. But we come because our Lord summons us. And we confess our sins, taking God's word to heart: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8,9)

***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 (1/10)	44	General Fund	\$ 9,627.00
Holy Communion	36	Missions	\$ 240.00
Sunday School	3	Building Fund	\$ 295.00
Christmas Eve	11	Windows/Siding	\$ 100.00
Bible Matters (1/13)	7		
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 10,262.00</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.*

- 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)