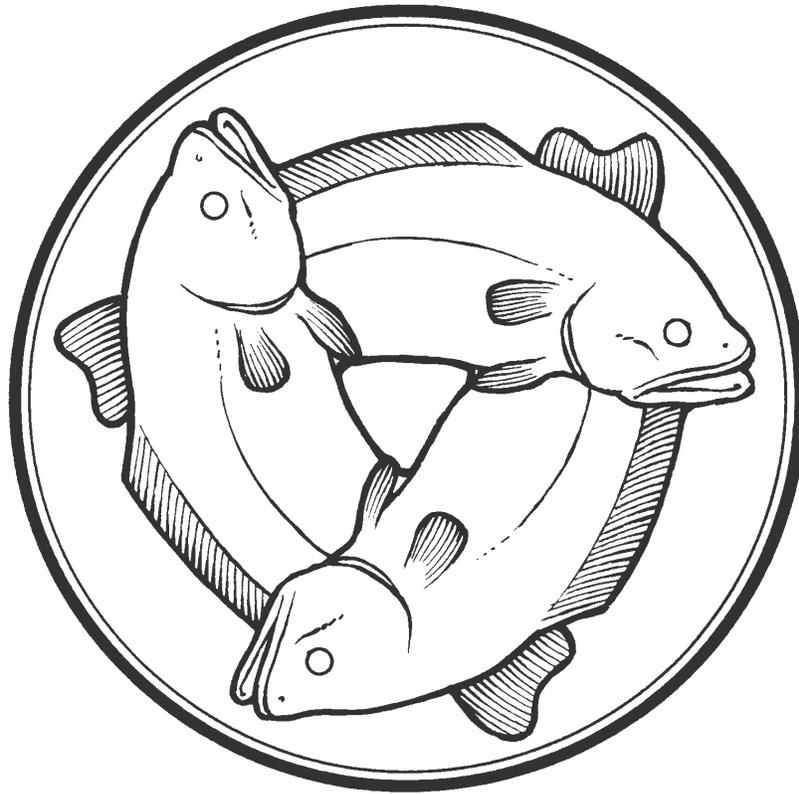


The Divine Service



*Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."
(Mark 1:17)*

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany



AD 2021, January 24

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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/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 God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

M: The word of the Lord.

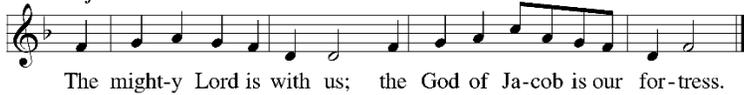
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 62 (pg. 88)

Cantor -- verses

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

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



Refrain

The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

My soul finds rest in God alone; *
my salvation comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation; *
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; *
my hope comes from him.

Refrain

Though your riches increase, *
do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor depend on God; *
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people; *
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

**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

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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*)



THE GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter, beginning at the 14th verse.

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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 463 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/463>

Sermon: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

Theme: CRAVE WHAT IS PERFECT, NOT WHAT IS PASSING AWAY.

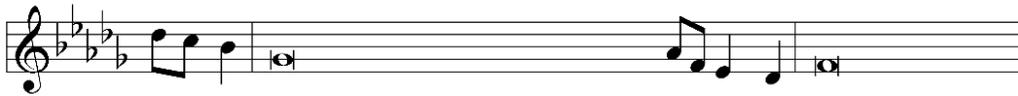
Te Deum Laudamus *(next page)*



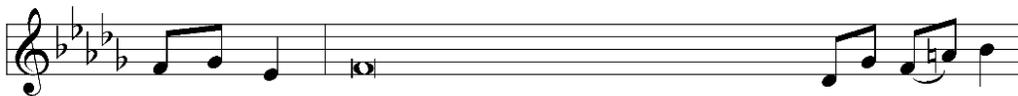
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



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.



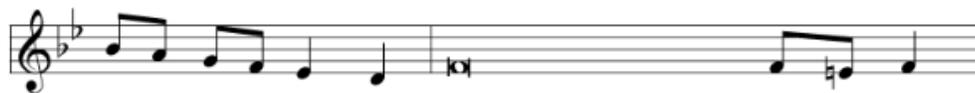
Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



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.



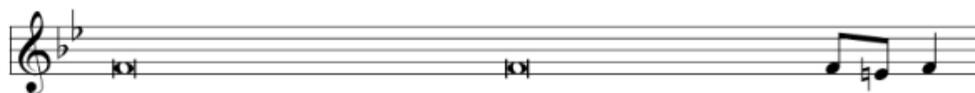
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



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

LITANY 2: A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, giver of all things, with gladness we give thanks for all your goodness. We bless you for the love with which you created us and by which you sustain us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, through whom you have made known your will and grace. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for your holy Church; for the means of grace; for the encouraging example of the fruits of faith your Spirit produces in the lives of believers; and for the hope of the life to come. Help us treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness with lives that are wholly given to your service:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Save and defend your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers filled with your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the holy sacraments. Make it perfect in love and in all good works, and establish it in the faith delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Give your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office in your Church that, by their faithful service, faith may abound and your kingdom increase:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Send the light of your truth into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to labor in the gospel both at home and in distant lands:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: In your mercy strengthen the younger churches and support them in times of trial. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord, and let their faith and zeal for the gospel refresh and renew the witness of your people everywhere:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

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M: Preserve our nation in justice and honor, that we may lead peaceable lives of integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially to President Biden, Governor Whitmer, Bob Gatt, the Mayor of Novi, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, and help them serve all citizens according to your holy will:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Sanctify our homes with your presence and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their baptisms, and enable their parents to train them in lives of faith and devotion. By the spirit of affection and service, unite the members of all families, that they may show your praise in our land and in all the world:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Let your blessing rest on the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who lay their hands to any useful task:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you in your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of your heavenly kingdom:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever:

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.

- For the sanctity of life and protection of the unborn (in recognition of Roe v. Wade, ruling issued January 22, 1973)
- For the family of Margaret Norell, aunt of Beverly Onder, who died of cancer (1/19)

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.

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 470 Praise to You and Adoration

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/470>

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Preacher & Celebrant
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Jeanette Schneider

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Monday Bible Information Class – 7:00-8:30 PM

Wednesday Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
Bible Matters (Why Lutheran?) – 7:00 PM

Sunday (1/31) Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM;
Facebook Live at 10:00 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 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Immediately after we confess our sins, the pastor speaks for God: "I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." What gives the pastor the right to speak for God? Jesus does: "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not for them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:23) It is not the words and promise of the pastor that are spoken, but of Christ who purchased our salvation for us. The absolution returns us to our baptismal covenant (i.e., "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"). At baptism, our Lord cleansed us and marked us as his redeemed children. The absolution reaffirms God's covenant of forgiveness to us.

Good Shepherd 40th Anniversary Photo Compilation

This year is the 40th anniversary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! To commemorate the occasion we would like to put together a compilation of photos to develop into a video. If you're interested, please find (or recreate) up to 6 photos of your time with the congregation that you would like to share and email them to Brian Wilder (bawilder@mtu.edu) or Pastor Schroeder (welsnovi@aol.com) so we can compile them into a video. Also, if anyone has experience developing a video for this type of project and would like to assist in the creation any help would be greatly appreciated! Please submit your photos no later than **March 17** (Ash Wednesday).

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 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 and click on “Sign up for Newsletter” or call or email the school office at mail@hvlhs.org to be added.

Call News

Mr. Frank Kim has received a call to teach upper level math and coach at Arizona Lutheran Academy. Please keep Mr. Kim in your prayers as he considers how God would have him serve.

LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Offerings</u>	
Divine Service (1/17)	43	General Fund	\$ 2,846.00
Holy Communion	31	Missions	\$ 0.00
Sunday School	3	Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Adult Bible Class	9	Other	\$ 50.00
Bible Matters (1/20)	6		
		TOTAL:	\$ 2,896.00

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.

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

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 and can be heard on the [faithtalkdetroit](#) 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
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

A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

JANUARY

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

- 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
- 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.

- 3 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 3 Bible Matters discussion group (When God is silent, what is our confession?) – 7:00 PM
- 7 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 7 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 7 Sunday School Teachers' meeting – 11:15 AM
- 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)
- 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)