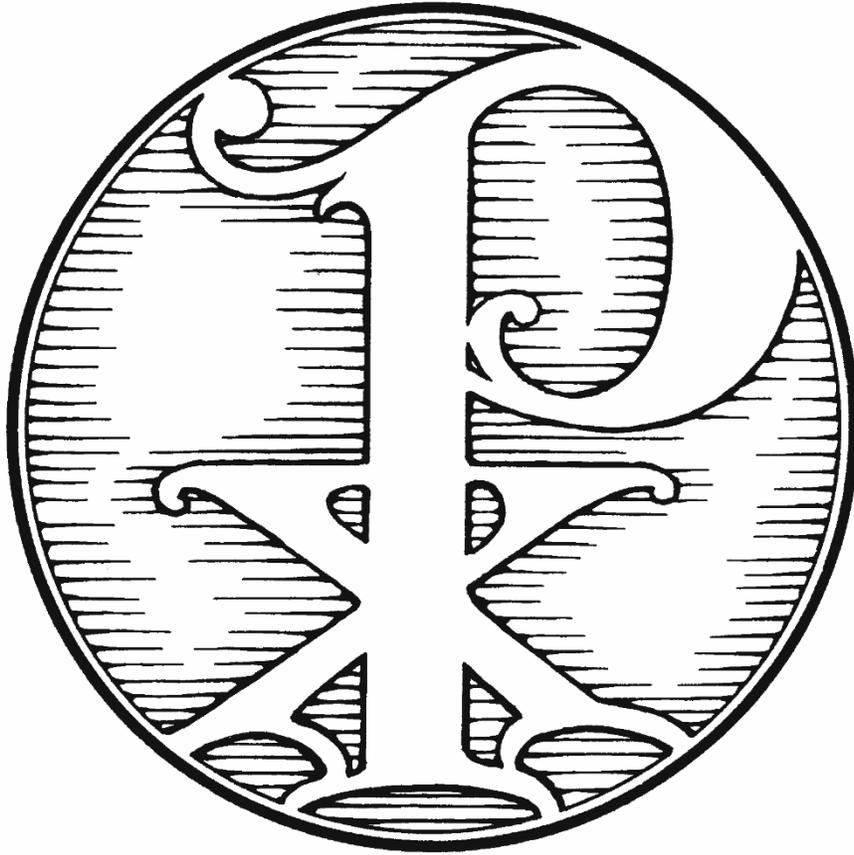


# The Divine Service



*"Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" (John 7:42)*

2nd Sunday after Christmas



AD 2021, January 3

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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 42                      Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/42>

*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 have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; 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                      Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
    who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
    one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
    from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
    when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
    to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
    in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.  
And he shall be their peace.  
When the Assyrian comes into our land  
and treads in our palaces,  
then we will raise against him seven shepherds  
and eight princes of men;

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

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

**Psalm 148** (page 121)

*Cantor -- verses*

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

## Psalm 148

### *Refrain*



We have seen his glo - ry; he shines forth with truth and grace.

### *Psalm Tone*



Praise the LORD from the heavens,  
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars.

### *Refrain*

Praise the LORD from the earth,  
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,  
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,  
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,  
kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,  
young men and maidens, old men and children.

### *Refrain*

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**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*



## **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 65     O Little Town of Bethlehem**

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/65>

**Sermon: John 7:40-43**

**Theme: GIVE YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION TO JESUS.**

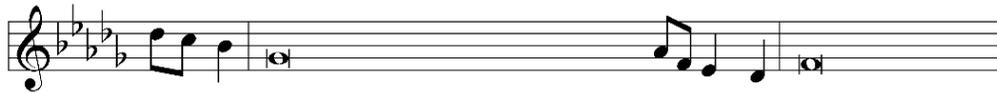
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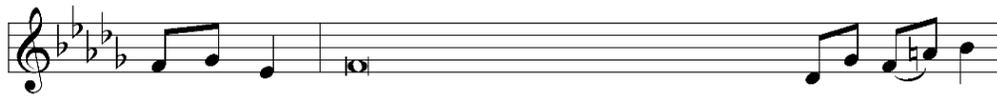
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



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-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,

## 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.*

- Thanksgiving for Earl Schroeder, father of Pastor Schroeder, released from rehab and recovering at home

### 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, diagnosed with cancer
- Thanksgiving for Elaine Patton who has returned home

## 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 34 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/34>

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Preacher & Celebrant  
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder  
Jeanette Schneider

## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

**Sunday (1/3)** Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM  
**Divine Service** – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM  
Installation of Church Council officers – 10:00 AM

Monday Private Confession & Absolution – 6:30-8:30 PM

Wednesday Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM  
Bible Matters (suggestions for meditating on God's Word) – 7:00 PM

**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

## 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](mailto:welsnovi@aol.com)), but the response may be slower.

### Worship Tidbit for the 2nd Sunday after Christmas

We have all heard and sung “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” Did you know that there actually are twelve days of Christmas? We usually think of the Christmas season in terms of “12 more shopping days until Christmas.” However, in the Church Year, the Christmas Season begins on December 25 and continues until January 5. Count ‘em on the calendar: That’s twelve days – the length of the Christmas Season in our liturgical calendar. Of course, we don’t limit the joy of the Christ-Child to twelve days. We celebrate all year long because the peace Jesus gives us is ours all year long.

### PEERING INTO 2021

>>> **Offering Envelopes** have been prepared. Each confirmed member of Good Shepherd should have a box of envelopes at church already. If you don't have one (which is possible because of a glitch with labels), please contact the Pastor.

>>> **Bible Reading** for the year can [follow this schedule](#). This enables you to read through the entire Bible in a year, including the Gospels twice. If you would prefer a less aggressive schedule, you can find a "Through my Bible in Three Years" brochure at church.

>>> A **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](mailto:welsnovi@aol.com)) to register. Good Shepherd members: Consider whom you might bring to this class!

>>> **Bible Matters** is a discussion group. We will resume our discussions on Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 PM. Topics will be announced later.

## **Bible Information Class** **will begin on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.** **Classes will be 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

### **The schedule is as follows:**

January 11	God's Plan of Salvation
January 18	God Created a Beautiful Universe.
January 25	Why is the World So Crazy?
February 1	How did Jesus Save the World?
February 8	The End is Coming!
February 22	Why do We Need the Bible?
March 1	God Works through Holy Baptism.
March 8	God Works through Holy Communion.
March 15	God Gathers His Church.
March 22	A Conversation with God.
March 29	Our Spiritual Heartbeat
April 12	Love the Lord your God
April 19	Love your Neighbor – Part 1
April 26	Love your Neighbor – Part 2; Take good care.

While this class is geared toward people who are interested in church membership at Good Shepherd, taking the class does not obligate you to join the church. If you simply want to grow in your knowledge of the Bible, this class is for you.

***There is no cost.*** All materials are provided. You will not be put on the spot to answer questions (though we will ask your name). You are not even expected to know anything. 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](mailto:welsnovi@aol.com)) if you are interested or have any questions about 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.

**NOTE 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 (12/27)	22	General Fund	\$ 4,925.00
Holy Communion	20	Missions	\$ 20.00
		Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Christmas Eve	36	Windows/Siding	\$ 50.00
Christmas Day	24	Christmas Eve	\$ 550.00
Holy Communion (12/25)	19	Christmas Day	\$ 390.00
<b>Total Offerings:</b>			<b>\$ 5,935.00</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.

<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](#) 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.

<b>St. Peter Lutheran School</b>	<b>St. Paul Lutheran School</b>	<b>Huron Valley Lutheran High School</b>
(Pre-K only)	(Pre-K through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	(9 <sup>th</sup> grade thru 12 <sup>th</sup> grade)
1343 Penniman Avenue	17810 Farmington Road	33740 Cowan Road
Plymouth, MI 48170	Livonia, MI 48152	Westland, MI 48185
(734) 421-9022	(734) 453-0460	(734) 525-0160
<a href="http://www.splp.org">www.splp.org</a>	<a href="http://www.stpaulslivonia.org">www.stpaulslivonia.org</a>	<a href="http://www.hvlhs.org">www.hvlhs.org</a>
Becky Lohrmann, teacher	Mr. Paul Leifer, principal	Mr. Matt Foley, principal

### **A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

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

3 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM  
3 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)  
4 Private Confession & Absolution – 6:30-8:30 PM  
6 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM  
6 Bible Matters discussion group (Suggestions for meditating on God’s Word) – 7:00 PM  
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 Bible Information Class – 7:00 – 8:30 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?) – 7:00 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)