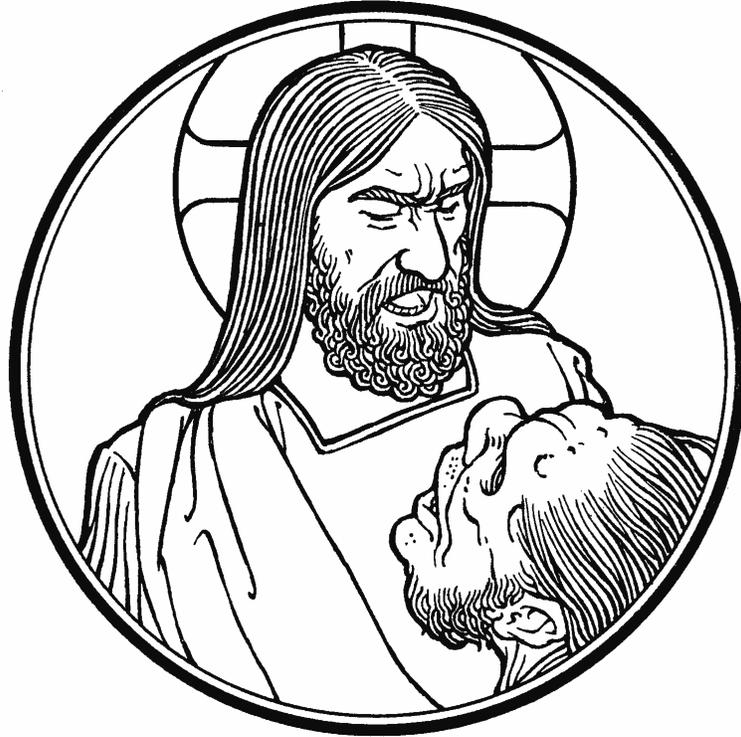


The Divine Service



"A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." (Mark 1:27)

4th Sunday after Epiphany



AD 2021, January 31

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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 556 Rise, Shine, You People

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/556>

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: **Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 - (page 64)

Cantor -- verses

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

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Refrain

Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Blessed is the man

who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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 8:1-13

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating^[c] in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers^[c] and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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

VERSE OF THE DAY:

M: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18a)

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 21st verse.

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

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

All readings are from the English Standard Version

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 395 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/395>

Sermon Text: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

Sermon Theme: JESUS IS THE TRUE PROPHET WITH THE TRUE WORD.

Te Deum Laudamus (*next page*)



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.



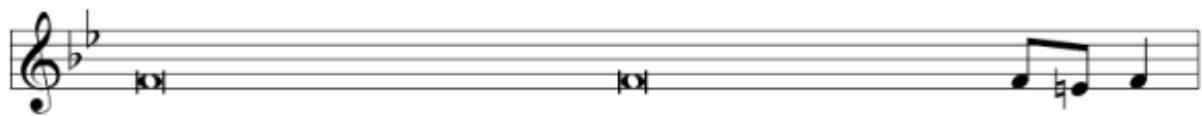
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



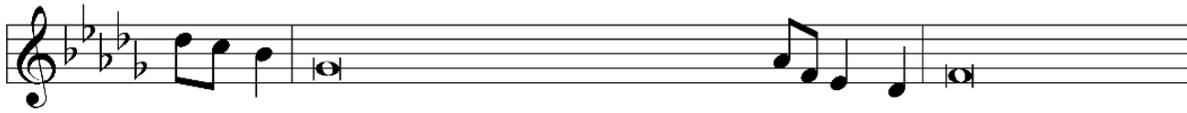
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



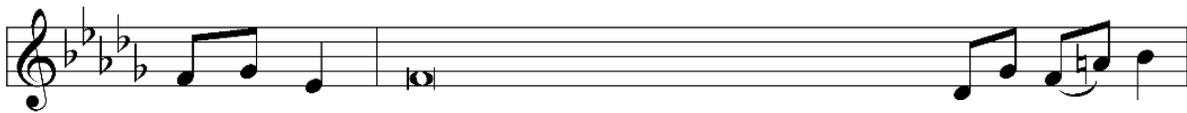
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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:

- For the family of Margaret Norell, aunt of Beverly Onder, who died of cancer (1/19)

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 333 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/333>

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Preacher & Celebrant
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Jeanette Schneider

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Tuesday

Redford Pregnancy Care Center Board meeting – 3:30 PM

Wednesday

Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM

Bible Matters (When God is silent, what is our confession?) – 7:00 PM

Sunday (2/7)

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM

Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM

Sunday School Teachers' 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.

Ash Wednesday is February 17.

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 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

We confess our sin. The pastor proclaims forgiveness in the name of Christ. What better way to respond to God's grace than with a song of praise? The Common Service uses a song called the "*Gloria in Excelsis*." Martin Luther said that this ancient song "did not grow, nor was it made, but it came from heaven." When the Savior entered the world to fulfill all of God's promises of salvation, the angels sang "*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*," or "*Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will toward men.*" (Luke 2:14) We, who have received the benefit of Christ's redeeming work, repeat the angel's song. Having heard God proclaim his peace to us, we proclaim, "Glory to God in the highest!"

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:

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.

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).

CHANGES TO THE SERVICE

We are continually striving to find a good balance between limiting the risk of spreading the COVID virus and enjoying the full benefits of our liturgical worship in the Divine Service. We are continuing to maintain social distancing in the chairs, and we are still encouraging the use of masks. Even if you are convinced that masks are useless, others have a different concern. We do not want to be dismissive of those concerns. Based on attendance for some of the Sundays in January, more people seem ready to return to the service. If attendance tampers with distancing between worshippers, we will direct people to the fellowship hall where the service will be projected on a large screen.

With a reasonable amount of precautions already in place, our Church Council has encouraged the return of more elements of the service. Beginning in Lent, we will return the order of Holy Communion to the regular part of the service rather than do it separately after the live-stream has concluded. Those who worship online will still be able to sing a hymn during the distribution of the sacrament. We will likely add more singing to the service as well, particularly the canticles during the Communion portion of the service.

If you have any concerns about these additions, please speak to Pastor Schroeder or one of our elders—Dan Rauchholz, Ken Reisig, and Dan Schneider. We want to strike an appropriate balance, but we will need people to let us know if they believe the balance is off.

As always, let us continue to pray for one another and to seek each other's good.

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.

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.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Feb 14 - Conference of Congregations Meeting (2pm)

May 08 - HVL Auction

May 21 - Spring Concert (7pm)

June 06 - Graduation (2pm)

Instruction Update - After finishing the last six weeks of the first semester online, we are excited to be back to face to face instruction on campus for the second semester. It is a wonderful blessing to be together in person, and one for which we are now less likely to take for granted.

Attention all 8th Grade Students - HVL is now accepting applications for next year. Call the office, schedule a shadow date, or check out our website (www.HVLHS.org) to schedule a visit or to apply.

HVL Conference of Congregations Meeting - Feb 14th at 2pm at HVL. Join us for a first look at next year's budget and an update on what is happening at HVL.

LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

	<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Offerings</u>
Divine Service (1/24)	28	General Fund	\$ 852.00
Holy Communion	23	Missions	\$ 0.00
Sunday School	3	Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Adult Bible Class	9	Siding/windows	\$ 50.00
Bible Matters (1/20)	9		
Total:			\$ 902.00

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](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	St. Paul Lutheran School	Huron Valley Lutheran High School
(Pre-K only)	(Pre-K through 8 th grade)	(9 th grade thru 12 th 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
www.splp.org	www.stpaulslivonia.org	www.hvlhs.org
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.

- 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.

- 2 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Board meeting – 3:30 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 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
- 14 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 14 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 14 Easter for Kids Prep meeting – 11:15 AM
- 14 HVL Conference of Congregations – 2:00 PM
- 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
- 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)

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

- 3 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 3 Lenten Vespers – 7:00 PM (also on Facebook Live)
- 7 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 7 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 9 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM

- 10 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 10 Lenten Vespers – 7:00 PM (also on Facebook Live)
- 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)
- 14 Sunday School Teachers’ meeting – 11:15 AM
- 16 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 17 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 17 Lenten Vespers – 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 Elders’ meeting – 11:20 AM
- 23 Martin Luther Memorial Home Annual meeting at Darlington, Ann Arbor – 4:00 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)