

The Divine Service



[Jesus] was transfigured before them... And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. (Mark 9:2,4)

Transfiguration of our Lord



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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 95 How Good, Lord, to Be Here

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/95>

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, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through 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

2 Kings 2:1-12a

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said,

“As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

Forever let us sing the goodness of the Lord.

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.

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

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THE SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

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

VERSE OF THE DAY:

M: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b)

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



THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter, beginning at the 2nd verse.

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

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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 97 Down from the Mount of Glory

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/97>

Sermon: MARK 9:2-9
Theme: TO SEE THE GLORY, YOU MUST LISTEN.

Te Deum Laudamus

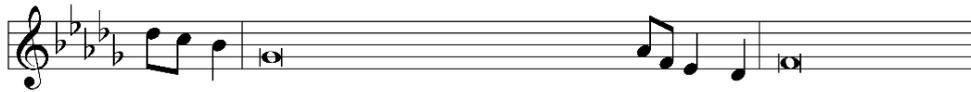
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,
Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
The glorious 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,



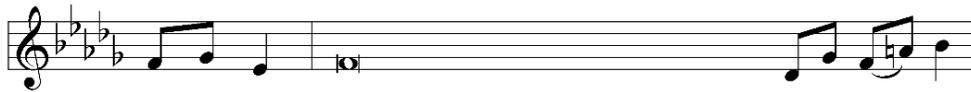
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



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

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 spread of the Gospel in China

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.**

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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Preacher & Celebrant
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Jeanette Schneider

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (2/14)	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Easter for Kids Prep Meeting – 11:15 AM
Tuesday	Redford Pregnancy Care Center Board meeting – 3:30 PM Church Council – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes – 7:00 PM
Thursday	Pomeroy Living devotions via Skype – 10:30 AM
Sunday (2/21)	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Open Forum – 11:15 AM (Voters' Meeting to follow for Annual Meeting)

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.

Ash Wednesday is February 17. Lenten Vespers will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM through March 24.

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 Transfiguration of Our Lord

The last Sunday in the Epiphany season is “The Transfiguration of our Lord.” On the Galilean mountain, our Savior gave a vision of his divine glory – glory that the world often wanted to see, but didn’t. It was that momentary vision that Peter, James, and John were able to keep in mind in the following weeks as they saw their Lord arrested, beaten, tried, condemned, and executed. We also take one last gaze at our glorified Lord just before entering the Lenten season. Jesus descended that mountain to go to Jerusalem and die for the sins of the world. With his Passion in view, we bid farewell today to “Alleluia” until the Easter season.

ANNUAL MEETING / OPEN FORUM / VOTERS’ MEETING

On **Sunday, February 21**, we will have our Annual Meeting after church. This will be done in person and over Zoom. Registration will be necessary for Zoom. Please contact Pastor Schroeder for Zoom links.

The Annual Meeting is where we report what has been accomplished in this past year, but more importantly what we want to do this year and in the longer term. Some plans have already been made, but other plans need people to help. We can set goals and strive to achieve them based on how much our own members are invested in them. All of us can play a part, and this meeting is where we all get to see what can be done.

After the Open Forum, the Voters’ Meeting will be held. All confirmed men in the congregation are urged to participate. Men, God called you to be leaders. We need you to lead, which is both honorable and necessary. If you are new to the Voters’ Assembly, then come and get familiar with what we are doing.

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

With a reasonable amount of precautions already in place, we will be returning more elements to 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 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.

EASTER FOR KIDS PREP MEETING

This Sunday (**February 14**), we will be having a meeting to plan for our Easter for Kids event. We will be offering packets to be picked up by drive-through. From there, participation will be at home. We will need to plan ahead so that children who are involved in Easter for Kids will still feel a connection to Good Shepherd.

Among the participation we will need: Recording the lesson; Recording instructions for the craft; Posting those recordings to YouTube (setting up the link); Packet assembly (late March); Set up and manning the drive-through booth (Saturday, March 27, 9:00-11:00 AM); Publicizing Easter for Kids in the community. If you are unable to attend this meeting but are willing to help with the preparation, publication, and/or distribution of materials, please speak to Pastor Schroeder.

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.

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 accepted the call to Arizona Lutheran Academy. Mr. Kim will be finishing out this school year with us and then will be moving to Arizona. We ask the Lord to continue to bless Mr. Kim as he transitions to a new area of ministry.

The HVL board of regents will conduct a call meeting on Feb 10, to call for upper level math, physical education, technology, and coaching.

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.

Facility Update

Thanks to the fall auction proceeds we are planning to remodel one of the bathrooms this summer. A committee is also working on "facility face-lift" recommendations to enhance our curb appeal and improve the first impression for visitors and prospects. Look for more information about ways you can help in the coming months!

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.

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.

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.

LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

	Attendance		Offerings
Divine Service (2/7)	36	General Fund	\$ 3,747.00
Holy Communion	30	Missions	\$ 150.00
Sunday School	0	Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Adult Bible Class	10	Siding/windows	\$ 50.00
Bible Matters (2/10)	6		

Total: \$ 3,997.00

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

(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

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

- 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 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Board meeting – 3:30 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)
- 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
- 12 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 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)