

The Divine Service



“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Mark 8:34)

2nd Sunday in Lent



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It is a laudable custom to make the sign of the cross on yourself where you see the sign of the cross (+) in the order of service.

Worship Note for the Lenten season

The Lenten season is a penitential season in which we ponder our sinfulness, our need for a Savior, and our Savior's redeeming work—all in preparation for the celebration of Easter. The penitential nature of Lent is experienced in our Divine Services with worship that is more muted and somber—a fasting for our eyes, ears, and senses. Therefore, we omit the singing of *Alleluia* and the *Gloria in Excelsis* (“Glory be to God on high...”), and we remove the flowers from the altar. As we continue further into the Lenten season, the fast intensifies and we will notice other omissions from our Services, such as the *Gloria Patri* (“Glory be to the Father...”) from the Psalms, the tolling of the bell, and any instrumental music other than to support singing. All of these will return again when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, accentuating the joy of our celebration.

HYMN 354 ~ Lamb of God, We Fall before You

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/354>

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, 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: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The 1st Reading Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 73

Cantor -- verses

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

Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
 not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
 sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone

Refrain

Surely, it is God who saves me;
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
 and he will be my Savior.

I am always with you, O LORD;*
 you hold me by my right hand.
 You guide me with your counsel,*
 and afterward you will take me into glory.
 Whom have I in heaven but you?*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
 My flesh and my heart may fail,*
 but God is the strength of my heart
 and my portion forever.

**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 2nd Reading Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

Jesus Humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8b)

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter, beginning at the 31st verse.



C: **Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!**

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

M: The gospel of the Lord.



C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

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

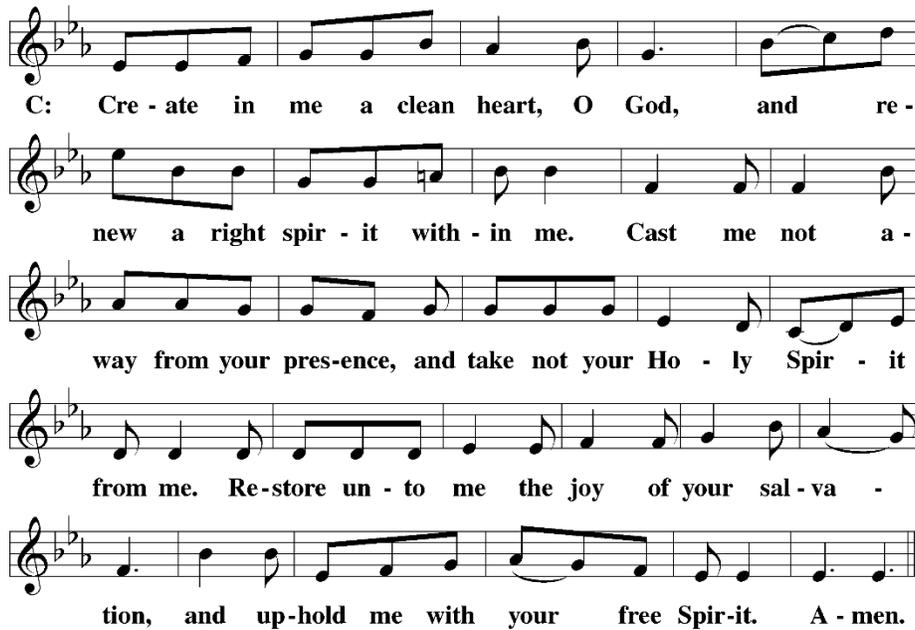
HYMN 434 ~ Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/434>

Sermon: MARK 8:31-38

Theme: YOU CANNOT HAVE CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT THE CROSS.

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Offering

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LENT

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

We confess that without your love we are lost.

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

- Prayer for Thanksgiving – David & Diane Rumics for 54 years of Marriage on February 18th.
- For Alice Webber, mother of Julie Webber (who was scheduled to be our organist Wed night), who fell and is recovering.

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:

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Lord's Prayer

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Communion Distribution

HYMN 453 ~ Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/453>

EASTER FOR KIDS

Easter for Kids will be a do-it-yourself event, after participants pick up their materials from Good Shepherd. The pick-up date will be Saturday, March 27 (9:00-11:00 AM). Registration forms are now available in paper and online -- [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - EASTER For Kids REgistration \(goodshepherdnovi.org\)](http://GoodShepherdLutheranChurch.org/EASTERForKidsRegistration). Please share the link and invite family and friends to participate!

EASTER FOR KIDS PREP MEETING – March 7, 11:15 AM

In order for Easter for Kids to be a worthwhile event for participants, we will have a lot of preparations to make so that children who are involved in Easter for Kids will still feel a connection to Good Shepherd.

Here is what we need:

- >> Recording the lesson
- >> Recording instructions for the craft
- >> Posting those recordings to YouTube (setting up the link)
- >> Painting the Sandwich board for the church yard
- >> Packet assembly (late March)
- >> Set up and manning the drive-through booth (March 27, 9-11 AM)
- >> Publicizing Easter for Kids in the community.

If you 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.

SHUT-INS - *Please remember our shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers.*

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WELS RADIO HOUR broadcasts 10:30-11:30 AM, Sundays, out of Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church of Redford. It airs on WLQV, AM 1500 and 92.7 FM. It is also simulcast on faithtalkdetroit.com and can be heard on the [faithtalkdetroit](http://faithtalkdetroit.com) phone app.

LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Attendance		Offerings	
Sun (2/21)			
Divine Service	38	General Fund	\$ 4,380.00
Holy Communion	31	Missions	\$ 0.00
Sunday School	3	Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Adult Bible Class	13	Siding/windows	\$ 50.00
Lenten Vespers (2/24)	10	Lenten Vespers	\$ 55.00
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		Total:	\$ 4,485.00

NOTE: The offerings for mid-week Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday have been designated to be split evenly between the WELS Radio Hour and Palabra de Vida, up to \$2,000.

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 accepted the call to Arizona Lutheran Academy. Mr. Kim will be finishing out this year at HVL before moving to Phoenix. Mr. Nick Trebesch returned the call to serve as a teacher, coach, and technology director for next year. There is another call meeting planned for March 2. Please keep HVL in your prayers.

HVL AUCTION – SAVE THE DATE

May 8th, 2021 - Save the date for the reimagined, outdoor event of the year, the HVL Auction! "Under the Big Top!"

Planning is underway for this annual event, but we know this year's event is going to be different than any other. We understand the economic impact COVID has had on businesses and families this year. We understand that many of our donors may not be able to contribute this year. This makes it even more important for us to ask for help in finding donations. HVL family and friends - here is how you can help! Do you have something you would be willing to donate for our auction? Do you have a unique connection, special talent, craft or experience to donate? It does not have to be money or purchased items. Homemade items, cooking, baking, canning, handyman help, yard work, and babysitting are all welcome! Please contact Kris Ruth at kruth@hvlhs.org with donation ideas and questions

Upcoming Events:

May 08 - HVL Auction

May 21 - Spring Concert (7pm)

June 06 - Graduation (2pm)

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!

International Host Families Needed - During the months of March and April we will prayerfully begin to start receiving applications from international students for next fall. Once we receive the application, we have a short window of time to match the student with a host family. We will likely need additional host families for 2021-22. It is a rewarding experience and a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus with other cultures. All expenses are covered by the program. Please contact HVL if you know anyone that might be interested in housing a student.

HVL Class of 2021 - Graduation is scheduled for June 06 at 2pm. Julie Evans is this year's valedictorian, and Annika Van Loton is the salutatorian. Pastor Kieta (Peace, Livonia) will serve as the preacher.

A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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)
- 7 Easter for Kids prep meeting – 11:15 AM
- 8 Pastors' Circuit Meeting – 9:30 AM - Noon
- 10 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 10 Lenten Vespers – 7:00 PM (also on Facebook Live)
- 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)
- 18 Pomeroy Living via Skype – 10:30 AM
- 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)
- 27 Easter for Kids drive through pick up – 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- 28 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 28 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 29 Private Confession & Absolution – 6:30-8:30 PM

APRIL *Note: All dates are subject to review.*

- 1 Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 PM (also on Facebook Live)
- 2 Good Friday Service – 7:00 PM (also on Facebook Live)
- 4 Easter Dawn Service – 7:30 AM ??????
- 4 Easter Breakfast – 8:45 AM ??????
- 4 Easter Sunday Festival Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 7 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 11 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 11 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 11 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 13 Pastors' Conference at Lola Park Lutheran Church, Redford – 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
- 14 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 14 Bible Matters – 7:00 PM
- 15 Pomeroy Living via Skype – 10:30 AM
- 16 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM
- 18 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 18 Evangelism & Stewardship Committee meetings – 11:20 AM
- 19 Palabra de Vida Board meeting – 7:00 PM
- 20 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Board meeting – 3:30 AM
- 20 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 21 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 21 Bible Matters – 7:00 PM
- 25 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 25 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 28 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
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