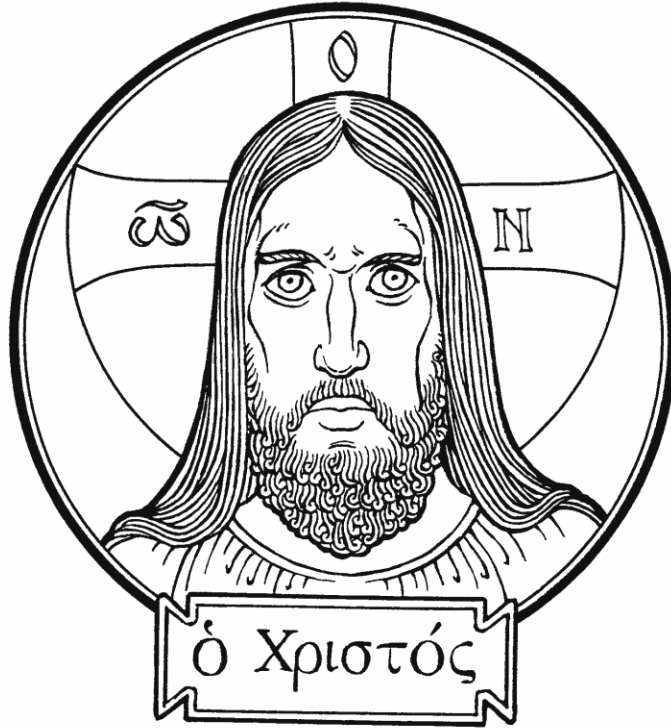


The Divine Service



He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons.
(Mark 1:34)

5th Sunday after Epiphany



AD 2021, February 7

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
41415 W. Nine Mile Road
Novi, Michigan 48375-4306
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Good Shepherd is a member of the WELS (www.wels.net)

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 238 Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/238>

stand

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and Merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil, and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: **Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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

Job 7:1-7

“Has not man a hard service on earth,
and are not his days like the days of a hired hand?
Like a slave who longs for the shadow,
and like a hired hand who looks for his wages,
so I am allotted months of emptiness,
and nights of misery are apportioned to me.
When I lie down I say, ‘When shall I arise?’
But the night is long,
and I am full of tossing till the dawn.
My flesh is clothed with worms and dirt;
my skin hardens, then breaks out afresh.

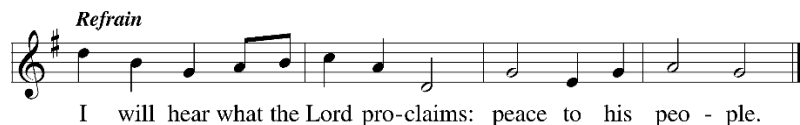
My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle
and come to their end without hope.
“Remember that my life is a breath;
my eye will never again see good.

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

Psalm 103 (pg. 105)

Cantor -- verses

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



Psalm 103

Refrain

I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

Praise the LORD, O my soul;*
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins*
and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave*
and crowns you with love and compassion.

Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,*
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve*
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,*
so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,*
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Refrain

As a father has compassion on his children,*
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,*
he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;*
the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD’S love is with those who fear him*
from everlasting to everlasting.

**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 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE OF THE DAY:

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Alleluia. (John 8:12 cf. NIV)

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



C: **Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

M: The Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter, beginning at the 29th verse.

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

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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 520 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

<https://hymnary.org/CWLH1993/520>

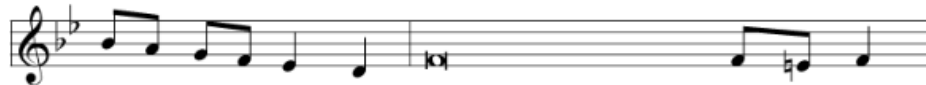
Sermon: JOB 7:1-7

Theme: THE LORD BRINGS HEALING AND HOPE.

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.



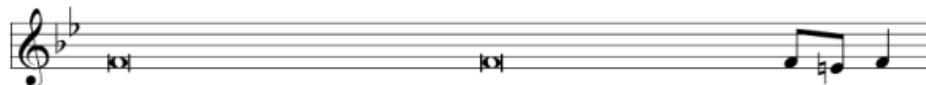
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



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



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



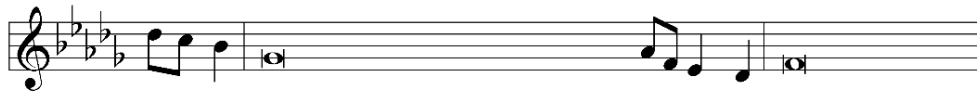
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



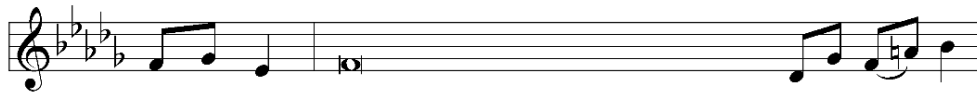
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



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.

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

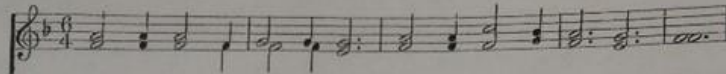
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

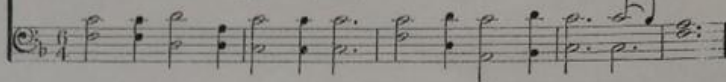
The Lord look on you with favor (+) and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

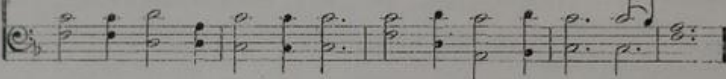
Hymn 345 Jesus, Lover of My Soul (*insert*)



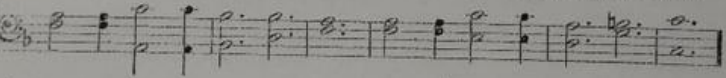
1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, Let me to Thy bos - om fly
2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; Hangs my help-less soul on Thee.
3 Wilt Thou not re - gard my call, Wilt Thou not ac - cept my prayer?



While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem - pest still is high.
Leave, ah, leave me not a - lone, Still sup - port and com - fort me!
Lo, I sink, I faint, I fall; Lo, on Thee I cast my care;



Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;
Reach me out Thy gra - cious hand! While I of Thy strength re - ceive,



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. Oh, re - ceive my soul at last!
Cov - er my de - fense-less head With the shad - ow of Thy wing.
Hop - ing a - gainst hope, I stand, Dy - ing, and, be - hold, I live! A - men.



4 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name;
I am all unrighteousness,
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

5 Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the Fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

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Preacher & Celebrant
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Jeanette Schneider

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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
Wednesday	Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting – 11:15 AM Catechism Class – TEST AT HOME Bible Matters (“Male and female he created them.” Why is this controversial?) – 7:00 PM
Friday	Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM
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

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 5th Sunday after the Epiphany / Septuagesima

Following the confession, absolution, and the song of praise, the service continues with prayers and readings. While some of the liturgy does not change, other parts are different every week. These parts that differ are called the “Propers.” The Propers include the Prayer of the Day, the readings, the Verse of the Day, and the Psalm of the Day, as well as a few other parts. Each service is meant to emphasize a particular teaching of Scripture. The Propers are meant to proclaim that Sunday’s particular theme throughout the service. As we make our way through the Propers, listen for that common thread that runs its way throughout the service.

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 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.

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

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 worshipers, 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.

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.

LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Attendance		Offerings	
Divine Service (1/31)	26	General Fund	\$ 2,079.00
Holy Communion	20	Missions	\$ 0.00
Sunday School	3	Building Fund	\$ 45.00
Adult Bible Class	9	siding/windows	\$ 50.00
Bible Matters (2/3)	4		
		Total:	\$ 2,174.00

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](#) 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.*

- 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
- 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
- 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 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)
- 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)