

The Divine Service



God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

4th Sunday in Lent



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THE COMMON SERVICE – PAGE 15

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 108 ~ Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/108>

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: A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The 1st Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 38

Cantor -- verses

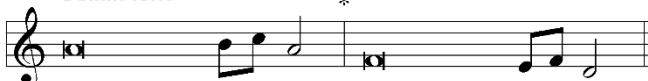
Cong -- Refrain & Glory be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Refrain



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm tone



O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger*
or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,*
and your hand has come down upon me.

My guilt has overwhelmed me*
like a burden too heavy to bear.

Refrain

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;*
my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;*
you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,*
O Lord my Savior.

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 Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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 384 ~ By Grace I'm Saved

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/384>

Sermon: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

Theme: BY GRACE I'M SAVED.

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.

Responsive 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.

- For Rev. John Kenyon, WELS Gift Planning Counselor for Michigan, suffering from the effects of leukemia
- Jackson Koinis, baptized into God's family (3/13)

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 Herb Datte, father of Jim Datte, continuing to recover at home

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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:



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




C: A - men.

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 390 ~ Salvation unto Us Has Come

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/390>

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

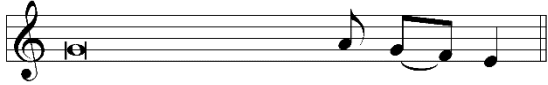


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

or

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

HYMN 345 ~ In the Cross of Christ I Glory

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/345>



Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Organist	Jeanette Schneider
Cantor	Diane Wozniak

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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.

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 4th Sunday in Lent

Throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons, we have a cross positioned in the chancel area. We also have a large cross hanging over the altar all year long. The cross reminds us of the destination of Jesus in his Passion. The crucifix, which actually has the corpus, or body, of our suffering Savior positioned on the cross, shows where and how our Lord paid for our sin and redeemed us from hell. The crucifix preaches Christ crucified in a very visible way. In services when we use our crucifix in procession, members may bow to the crucifix as it passes in reverence to Christ the crucified.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (3/14)	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
Monday	Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
Tuesday	Church Council – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Lenten Vespers – 7:00 PM
Thursday	Pomeroy Living via Skype – 10:30 AM
Sunday (3/21)	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM Long-Range Planning meeting – 11:15 AM

ADULT BIBLE CLASS – NEW SERIES

“ELEPHANTS IN THE ROOM” – Evolution vs. The Words of Scripture

One of the great wars being waged against the Christian faith today is done by attacking the biblical teaching of creation. Many within the Church have tried to find a compromise between creation and science (evolution) called theistic evolution. This Bible study compares scriptural teaching with theistic evolution and shows that theistic evolution ends up compromising, not just biblical creation but all the major teachings of Scripture: the nature of God's original perfect creation, the origin and perfect nature of the first humans, the fall into sin, sin's curse on creation, God's plan of salvation for sinners, the saving work of Jesus Christ, and the source of “right and wrong.”

Each lesson begins with a study of Scripture and then compares that with the teachings of theistic evolutionists presented in their own words.

The book “Elephants in the Room: Evolution vs. the Words of Scripture” may prove beneficial for your studies with this class. If you are interested in purchasing a copy (\$16), please order it by March 7 so that you can get it quickly. Confirm your order with Pastor Schroeder. Checks can be made payable to Good Shepherd.

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://goodshepherdnovi.org). Please share the link and invite family and friends to participate!

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) 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. 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!

This is the absolute final call for photos. Photos submitted after **March 21** will be gratefully received, but may not be able to be used.

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.

Lenten Vespers 2021



March 17

Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)
Mark 14:55-65

March 24

Hands of Brutality (Roman Soldiers)
Matthew 27:27-31

Vespers is at 7:00 PM.

LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

	<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Offerings</u>
Divine Service (3/7)	38	General Fund	\$ 3,061.72
Holy Communion	30	Missions	\$ 100.00
Sunday School	3	Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Adult Bible Class	11	Siding/windows	\$ 50.00
Lenten Vespers (3/10)	10	Lenten Vespers	\$ 65.00
		Total:	\$ 3,276.72

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.

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

A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

MARCH 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 Sunday School Teachers' meeting – 11:15 AM
- 15 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 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
- 22 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 23 Martin Luther Memorial Home Annual meeting at Darlington, Ann Arbor – 4:00 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 Catechism Class – TEST at home
- 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)
- 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
- 12 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 13 Pastors' Conference at Lola Park Lutheran Church, Redford – 8:30 AM – 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 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 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 Bible Matters – 7:00 PM
- 25 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class – 8:45 AM
- 25 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 26 Catechism Class – 3:30-5:00 PM
- 28 Bible Matters – 7:00 PM

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 of 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

HVL has placed a call to Philip Dretske to serve as a teacher, coach, and tech coordinator. Mr. Dretske is married (Rebecca nee Brien), and has 5 children ages 3, 8, 10, 13, & 15. He graduated from the secondary education program at MLC with a minor in High School Mathematics. Since 2017 he has been teaching at Lakeside LHS in Lake Mills, WI, serving as their boys soccer coach, baseball coach, and algebra and STEM teacher. He lists a high preference and interest in upper level math, computers, technology, and coaching in general. Before serving at Lakeside he served at Eastside, Madison; Siloah in Milwaukee; and East Twin in Mishicot. Please keep the Dretske family in your prayers while they deliberate this call.

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)

Thrivent Choice Dollars - Eligible members have until March 31 to direct 2020 Choice Dollars. If you are eligible and have not done so already, go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

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.

WELS CHURCH LOCATOR - If you are traveling out of town or on vacation, you can visit www.wels.net and click **Find a Church/School** at the top of the page, to find a WELS Church near you.

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

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Mr. Matt Foley, principal

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