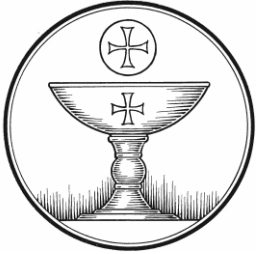
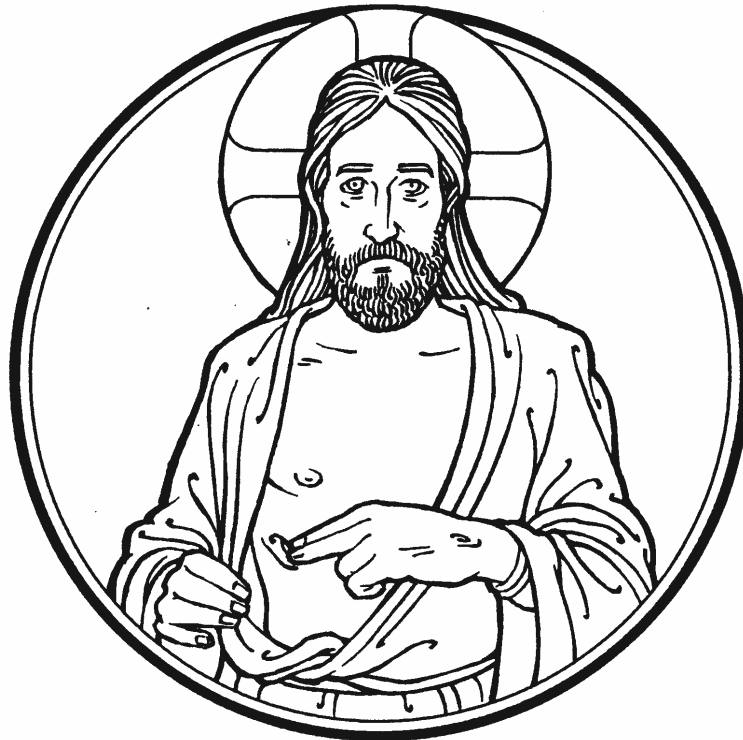


## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



We gather to celebrate the Divine Service. It is at the Divine Service that our Triune God is pleased to serve us. We are sinners who dare to stand on holy ground, confident that the Lord will receive us for the sake of Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. We confess our sin and, therefore, our need for God's mercy and salvation. Since God is pleased to bestow his forgiveness through Word and Sacrament, that is the purpose of our gathering. In Word and Sacrament, the Holy Spirit delivers to us Jesus who presents us to the Father as his precious saints.

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"Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." (John 20:27)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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AD 2020, April 19<sup>th</sup>

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### Worship Tidbit for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

We refer to our worship as the Divine Service. We might think of the service as our opportunity to serve God, but we come as spiritual beggars. We have nothing that God needs; and what we do have is tainted with sin and, therefore, unacceptable. In the Divine Service, it is God who serves us with his gospel. Each service centers in Word and Sacrament, because through these means, Christ comes to us to pour his grace upon us. He washes away our sin in baptism. He proclaims eternal life through the preached word. He forgives our sins through his body and blood. God nourishes our souls and strengthens our faith through the gospel in Word and Sacrament. As recipients of God's grace, we joyfully respond in God's house and in all that we do outside of it.

## THE COMMON SERVICE – PAGE 15 *(without communion)*

*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.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Stand as the hymn is being introduced and turn to face the processional crucifix. The congregation shall face the crucifix as it moves forward. As the crucifix passes by your row, you may bow toward the crucifix in reverence to Christ the crucified.*

### Opening Hymn – 156 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

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



C: A - men.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**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*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**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 AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*GLORY BE TO GOD or another song of praise is sung.*

### GLORY BE TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Prayer of the Day

**M:** The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.



## **FIRST LESSON Acts 2:14a,22-32**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

**Psalm 16** (page 68) *in unison*

## **SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29b)



After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



M: The Holy Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. John, chapter 20, beginning at the 19<sup>th</sup> verse.

## GOSPEL John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin,<sup>[b]</sup> was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

*Readings are from the English Standard Version*

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



## 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.**

## CHIEF HYMN 165

## O Sons and Daughters of the King

**M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## SERMON

1 PETER 1:3-9

## SERMON THEME

OUR LIVING LORD GRANTS A CERTAIN SALVATION.

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.

## SERMON PRAYER

Supplication during the COVID-19 pandemic

Found here: [http://goodshepherdnovi.org/yahoo\\_site\\_admin/assets/docs/COVID19Supplication2020.99105734.pdf](http://goodshepherdnovi.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/COVID19Supplication2020.99105734.pdf)

## 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 Nicole, Joshua, and Noah Taylor who mourn the loss of Nicole's ex-husband and Joshua's & Noah's father, Mark Taylor

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 Rawland Storm who continues treatment for cancer
- Jan Papson, who continues to suffer from the effects of cancer at home

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

## Hymn 158 I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

**M:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, 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.

## Recessional Hymn

*As the crucifix departs from the chancel, continue to face it until it passes by your row. As it passes your row, you may bow again in reverence to Christ, the crucified. After the crucifix has passed your row, turn to face the altar again.*

## Hymn 166 The Day of Resurrection

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Preacher & Celebrant  
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder  
Jeanette Schneider

## **CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE**

**Online Worship:** You can join in our services via Facebook Live (Sundays, 10 AM and Wednesdays 7 PM). You can find it here, or by searching for "Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church." Make sure you click to the one in Novi.

**Archived Resources:** We now have a YouTube channel. A search for "Good Shepherd Novi" should bring up services. Currently, there are only two posted. As always, sermon manuscripts are posted on the pastor's blog (www.LutheranSubject.blogspot.com). You can use the search bar to find a particular date, day of the Church Year, or Scripture reference.

**Person-to-person care:** Pastor Schroeder will be in his office to offer private devotions, Holy Absolution, and Holy Communion to members in small groups or to individuals. You may come in without appointment at these times: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00 AM - Noon and 6:00 - 9:00 PM. You may also set up an appointment at any time. Visits by appointment can be done either at church or at your home.

**In case you contract COVID-19:** Please contact Pastor Schroeder. He will alert the congregation so that your fellow members may pray for you, and he will keep everyone informed of your condition. If possible, Pastor Schroeder will visit you during your quarantine. At the very least, he will keep in contact with you and provide devotional materials. 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.

## **REGULAR SCHEDULE**

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live only)

Adult Bible Class is Wednesdays at 7:00 PM via Zoom conference. Registration is necessary at welsnovi@aol.com in order to receive class notes, Meeting ID #, and the password for Zoom.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Office hours at Good Shepherd have adjusted during the COVID-19 quarantine. For the most part, Lisa will be working from home. Pastor Schroeder will be in his office in case you would like to come in for Private Communion. Private Communion can be arranged at any time by appointment, or you can come without appointment at the following times:

Mondays – 8:00 AM – Noon and 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Thursdays – 8:00 AM – Noon and 6:00 – 9:00 PM

## **TEDDY BEAR DRIVE**

This will be suspended for the time being. We plan on distributing these through the hospital later in the year. For now, keep any teddy bears you may have purchased.

## **THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

<b>Sunday (4/19)</b>	Divine Service – Facebook Live at 10:00 AM
Monday	Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon Catechism Class – 4:30-6:00 PM (via Zoom) Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Tuesday	Church Council – 7:00 PM (via Zoom)
Wednesday	6th Grade Bible History -- 3:45 PM (via Screencastomatic) Adult Bible Class -- 7:00 PM (via Zoom)
Thursday	Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
<b>Sunday (4/26)</b>	Divine Service – Facebook Live at 10:00 AM

## **A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

### ***Note:***

All dates will be confirmed the closer we get to them.

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

## **APRIL**

- 19 Divine Service (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 21 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 26 Divine Service (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)

## **MAY**

- 3 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 15 HVL Spring Concert – 7:00 PM
- 16 Meet-Your-Neighbors breakfast – 9:00-11:00 AM
- 17 Ice Cream Social / Dedication of Church Bell Tower
- 17 Evangelism & Stewardship Committee Meetings – 11:15 AM
- 19 Church Council



## **ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

We will be resuming our series entitled, "Bible Symbols" on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.

While the Bible is written in clear language, it sometimes uses symbolism to reveal God's word to us. Such symbolism, while it can be confusing, also serves to illustrate God's mercy and salvation to us. In order to gain a deeper understanding of God's mercy and salvation, it serves us well to be familiar with the Bible's symbolism and word pictures.

If you happen to have the book, God's Imagery, you can refer to that for each class period. The chapters that correspond to each session are below. NOTE It is not necessary to have the book for the class.

This class will be done on the website Zoom, and there will be sheets emailed to you in advance. In order to make sure you receive the study guides and to get the password for the Zoom sessions, you will need to register for this class. Even if you will attend only occasionally, please register. I am also hoping to record these sessions so that they will be available on demand. (The recording on April 15 did not take.)

The class schedule will be as follows:

April 22	Fall OT Festivals: Fulfillment of Christ's work (Chapter 4)
April 29	The Symbolism of numbers (Chapter 5)
May 6	Symbols of the Savior (Chapter 6)
May 13	The People of the Lord (Chapter 7)
May 20	Apocalyptic Literature (Chapter 8)
May 27	Types of Christ (Chapter 18)

## **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.

### **International Program**

We are excited to have a new international student beginning this semester from Italy. We are currently looking for host families for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact HVL to find out more about this rewarding program. (734) 525-0160

### **Call News**

Please keep HVL in your prayers as they continue to extend calls to fill a position for Athletic Director and instructor. As of this writing, no information about another call is known.

Mr. Neil Schlieve has returned his divine call to serve as the principal of St. John's in Bay City, Michigan.

**Attention all 8th Grade Students** - HVL is now accepting applications for next year. Call the office, schedule a shadow date, check out our website ([www.HVLHS.org](http://www.HVLHS.org)).

**HVL Financial Position** - We thank you for your support of HVL through your prayers, volunteering, words of encouragement, and financial gifts. One example of your support for HVL is shown in the individual gifts given to HVL each year. So far this year, individual gifts have totaled over \$140,000. This is a tremendous blessing! If we are able to meet our goal of \$300,000 for this year, it will allow us to erase the deficit from prior years and put HVL on solid financial footing for the future. This is a tremendous opportunity for which we are truly thankful, and it is only possible due to your support.

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

<b>Sylvia Campbell</b>	1745 Wickhamn	Royal Oak, MI 48073
<b>Jim Hobley</b>	6950 Farmington Road	West Bloomfield, MI 48322
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<b>Mary Zuehlke</b>	29451 Halsted Road Apt. 118	Farmington Hills, MI 48331

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

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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](http://www.splp.org)

Becky Lohrmann, teacher

**St. Paul Lutheran School**

(Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

17810 Farmington Road

Livonia, MI 48152

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