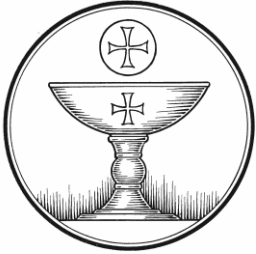


WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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.



And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9)

Ascension of our Lord (transferred)

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AD 2020, May 24th

Worship Tidbit for the Ascension of our Lord

The Liturgy of the Sacrament – Why do we keep the elements covered? First of all, there is the practical reason – it keeps the flies off. There is a theological reason as well. On Ascension Day, we celebrate our Savior's return to the right hand of God the Father Almighty. Jesus had appeared to his apostles for 40 days following his resurrection. His physical ascension into heaven showed them that he would not appear to them again physically until Judgment Day. We also know that Jesus will not appear to us physically until Judgment Day. He does, however, come to us weekly in the Lord's Supper. We keep the elements veiled on the altar until we consecrate them for the Sacrament. At that time, they are unveiled so that the Risen Christ may appear to us again in bread and wine. Following the Sacrament, the elements are covered again until the next time we commune when our Savior again appears to us.

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.

Opening Hymn -- 171 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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.

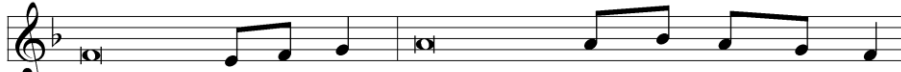
PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



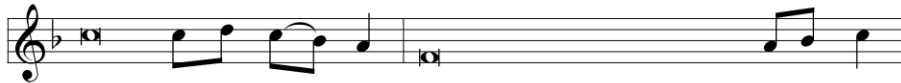
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Act 1:1-14

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Psalm of the Day -- Psalm 8



Refrain

I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I consider your heavens,*

the work of your fingers,

what is man that you are mindful of him,*

the Son of Man that you care for him?

Refrain

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings*
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;*
you put everything under his feet.

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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SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:16-23

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Verse of the Day – Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia. (Matthew 28:20b)



THE PASCHAL CANDLE ON THE FESTIVAL OF THE ASCENSION

The Paschal Candle is lit for all Divine Services during the forty days from Easter Sunday to Ascension Day. It reminds us how the Risen Savior, the Light of the World, dwelled with his apostles for forty days following his resurrection.

Today, as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord (transferred from last Thursday), we note Jesus' departure from this world. He has ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

Jesus' departure is symbolized by the departure of the Paschal Candle from the nave as the gospel lesson is read. Although it is carried out of our sight, its light is not extinguished. For, though Jesus is no longer visible to his Church, the Light of the word has not been extinguished. He is with us whenever we gather in his name to give us blessing and salvation.

M: The Holy Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 24, beginning at the 44th verse.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL **Luke 24:44-53**

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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.**

SERMON TEXT -- EPHESIANS 1:16-23

SERMON THEME -- JESUS LIVES AND REIGNS FOR THE CHURCH.



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

SERMON TEXT -- EPHESIANS 1:16-23

SERMON THEME -- JESUS LIVES AND REIGNS FOR THE CHURCH.

SERMON PRAYER

Responsive Prayer for Ascension Day (*insert*)

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 families in mid-Michigan effected by extreme flooding and evacuations

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 Jan Papson, called to eternal rest (5/15)
- Thanksgiving for Rawland Storm whose cancer treatments are having successful effects

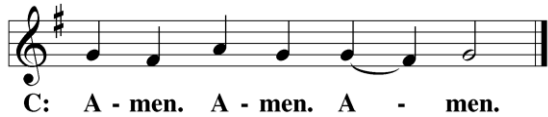
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.



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.



Closing Hymn -- 173

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

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Preacher & Celebrant
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Jeanette Schneider

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM & Facebook Live at 10:00 AM

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. Our final class will be this Wednesday, May 27.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Divine Services -- 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

This schedule will begin on May 31 and continue for the foreseeable future

OFFICE HOURS

The office hours at Good Shepherd are going to be fairly fluid as we enter the summer months. If you want to contact Pastor Schroeder for any kind of meeting, call or text (248) 719-5218.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (5/24)	Divine Service – In church at 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM
Monday	Memorial Day – No office hours
Wednesday	Martin Luther Memorial Home Board Meeting via Zoom – 4:00 PM Adult Bible Class -- 7:00 PM (via Zoom; registration necessary)
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
Sunday (5/31)	Divine Service – In church at 8:30 & 10:00 AM; Facebook Live at 10:00 AM

COVID-19 AND MASKS AT CHURCH

As was noted in previous communications, we expect that people will wear masks in attendance at church. Are they annoying? Yes. Are they inconvenient? Yes. Are they an infringement on our freedoms or a method of preserving health? Well, opinions differ there, and that is part of our challenge as we come together to worship. Some feel masks are useless; others are truly bothered when they see people who do not wear masks. Now, put both of these people together in a church and you can sense the problem.

In consultation with the Church Council, here is what I am asking of all our worshipers: Please wear masks throughout your time at church. Even if you think a mask is a wasted effort, your fellow member in the row in front of you may not share your opinion. So, please endure the inconvenience out of love for all worshipers so that nothing would hinder people coming to hear God's word and partake in the sacrament together as the body of Christ.

CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE

Online Worship: You can join in our services via Facebook Live (Sundays, 10 AM). 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.

CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Despite the public health emergency that has placed limitations on in-person visits to mental health providers, Christian Family Solutions (CFS) is continuing its outpatient counseling, day treatment and intensive outpatient programming via telehealth solutions, removing obstacles for those who need care. Mental health issues are not suspended during national emergencies. If anything, anxiety, depression, and the challenges of addiction are heightened at this time.

CFS has been providing telehealth services since 2008, so we are experienced and effective at delivering services via secure, HIPAA-compliant video connection. We have been focused on refining our practices to obtain the same great outcomes for what is traditionally in-person programming – at a time when video counseling is so greatly needed.

We have expanded our reach to offer both outpatient and IOP/Day Treatment to people in a number of states via telehealth options. Telehealth means many of the old geography limitations are gone. We have openings to serve anyone regardless of their distance from a particular clinic.

If you or someone you know could benefit from evidence-based counseling integrated with a Christian perspective, please reach out to CFS, as we stand ready to assist and will remain focused on our mission to provide the healing and helping mission of Jesus Christ.

Simply call 800-438-1772 or visit www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org and click on REQUEST APPOINTMENT.

A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

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

- 24 Divine Service – (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 27 Adult Bible Class – (Zoom; registration necessary – 7:00 PM)
- 31 Divine Service – (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)

JUNE

- 1 Palabra de Vida Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 7 Elders' Meeting – 11:20 AM
- 16 Church Council
- 20 Meet-Your-Neighbors breakfast – 9:00-11:00 AM

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Our Adult Bible Class meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Our series is “Bible Symbols.” Class materials are emailed out on Tuesdays. 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. Recordings of these sessions may be coming soon. Look on the pastor's blog for the link. Materials for the class (a pdf file) can be sent to you upon request.

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.

The remaining schedule for this class is as follows:

May 27 Types of Christ (Chapter 18)

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

If you or anyone you know would like to study the Scriptures and learn the basics of the Bible, please contact Pastor Schroeder for a Bible Information Class. It will be done over Zoom (or in person if you are willing) at your convenience.

REDFORD PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Here is an update on what is happening at the Pregnancy Care Center during these trying times. We have been closed since the middle of March. Because of the age of our volunteers, we have been encouraged to not come into contact with the clients. Nevertheless, we have helped one mom twice as she requested aid, and we made sure we practiced social distancing! We are able to receive calls via our 24 hour hotline and would help anyone who is in an emergency situation in need of diapers or formula.

We appreciate your wonderful support of our work and pray that we can be back servicing our moms soon. Before shutting down, we were seeing quite a few more moms than in the past. We miss our work tremendously, especially the opportunity to share God's Word. We realize we will need to change the way we see our girls, once we are able to open again. We are exploring different options. Please keep our moms and the center in your prayers. We know God is in control and will do what is best for all of us.

Look for us on Facebook and Like us!

Can you make face masks?

A WELS member is handing out face masks to immigrants in Michigan, while giving them a Christian witness. If you would like to contribute some hand-made face masks (Christian symbols are permitted), please contact Tom Metzger, who is collecting them, at metzgerfam5@hotmail.com."

NOTES from Huron Valley Lutheran High School (HVL)

Celebration for Seniors - Thursday, May 21 - The seniors will be lined up in front of HVL (spaced apart) and we are inviting everyone to drive by and congratulate them. Feel free to decorate your car and/or make signs. Cars should enter at the normal HVL entrance and then follow a route that will take them to the north east side of our parking lot and then past the Seniors and out the normal exit. The “parade of cars” will run from 3:00-3:45, so come anytime during that time frame. Try to wear HVL gear and make sure to stay in your vehicle. We will have a back-up date of May 22 at the same time in case of rain.

HVL Graduation - Sunday, June 14

We are pushing back our graduation date to June 14, in hopes of being able to do something on campus. It is likely that attendance will be limited to graduates and their families, but we will live stream the service. More information will come as the date approaches.

HVL Financial Position - \$11,000 was received for the Giving Tuesday Now campaign & an additional \$10,600 was received last month through the Thrivent Donors Choice matching promotion. Thanks to all our generous supporters! Throughout the year HVL has received a little over \$200,000 in individual gifts and support. To God be the glory!

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.

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

Sylvia Campbell	1745 Wickhamn	Royal Oak, MI 48073
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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.

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.

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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
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