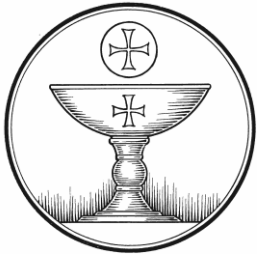
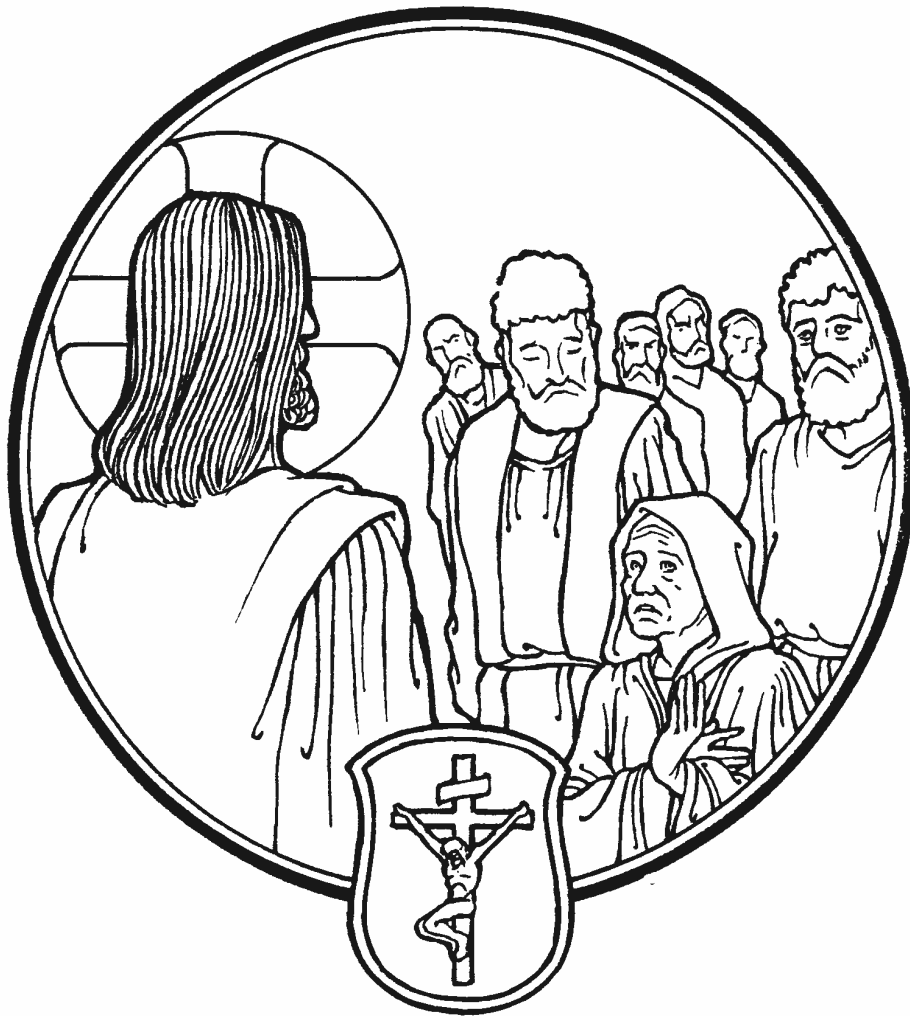


**WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



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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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
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AD 2020, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

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**Worship Tidbit for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.*

### 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, any instrumental music other than to support singing, and flowers on the altar. All of these will return again when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, accentuating the joy of our celebration.

### HYMN 401      Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

#### Prayer of the Day

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, on God, now and forever.

**Cong:**      Amen. (sung)

#### The 1st Reading      Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

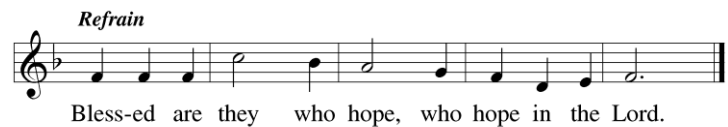
I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

“Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

#### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 42-43

##### Refrain



As the deer pants for streams of water,\*  
so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.\*  
Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?\*  
Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,\*  
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

##### Refrain

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;\*  
let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.\*  
I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

**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

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading****Romans 8:1-10**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

**Verse of the Day – Hymn 391 (Verse 1)****The Holy Gospel****Matthew 20:17-28**

And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.”

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

*Readings are from the English Standard Version*

**Apostles' Creed (page 19)****HYMN 486****Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us****SERMON TEXT:****HOSEA 5:15 – 6:6****SERMON THEME:****TRUE REPENTANCE KNOWS THE HEART OF GOD.****SERMON PRAYER**

Supplication during the COVID-19 pandemic (*next page*)

**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 Rawland Storm who continues treatment for cancer
- > Supplication during the COVID-19 pandemic

***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:*

- > Josie Shipe, niece of Bob & Susan Shipe, now diagnosed with ataxia, a degenerative disease of the nervous system
- > Jan Papson, who continues to suffer from the effects of cancer at home
- > For Roland & Nancy Schneider, parents of Dan Schneider, who are currently quarantined regarding the possibility of the coronavirus

## SUPPLICATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Almighty God, merciful Father, our ever-present help in time of trouble, once again we have come to realize that your thoughts are not our thoughts, your ways are not our ways. In your wisdom, you have permitted a highly contagious virus to cause fear and panic, pain and loss. Do not let the hearts of your people despair, but sustain and comfort them.

Grant health, wisdom, and courage to all governing officials so that they may serve in their offices to maintain order in society, to provide for the care and safety of the people they serve, and to prevent unrest and wickedness in a time of crisis.

Grant health, safety, and courage to all doctors, nurses, care-givers, first responders, and all others who provide care for the sick and the dying. Protect them from harm, and grant that their skills may be used for the benefit of those they tend to.

Grant all people patience and perseverance as we endure this pandemic. Bless all who have contracted this virus with healing and strength. Protect the elderly, the frail, and all others who are especially susceptible to great harm or death. Guide all people so that they may demonstrate love for their neighbors and seek the good of others.

Keep our hearts and eyes fixed upon you and your promises. While much in this world remains unsure, and while we are sure that all things in this world will finally pass away, keep us mindful that your word will never pass away and that your mercy endures forever. Bless us with confidence in your faithful care and comfort in the midst of fears.

Dear Lord, we even pray that you will use this pandemic as an opportunity to make your love and mercy known to a world which is consumed in uncertainty and to hearts that are at unrest. Make us bold to proclaim the certainty of your promises and to demonstrate your selfless love in all that we do for our fellowman.

*Personal intercessions may be offered.*

We ask all these things for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; and trusting in his promises, we are bold to pray as he has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**HYMN 114 (Verses 1-6) Christ, the Life of All the Living**

### Prayer & Benediction

**HYMN 114 (Verse 7) Christ, the Life of All the Living**



Preacher & Celebrant  
Organist

Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder  
Jeanette Schneider

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### 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. We also hope to have a YouTube channel to provide archived services. As always, sermon manuscripts are posted on this blog. 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)

Lenten Vespers are Wednesdays at 7:00 PM (Facebook Live only)

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS -- suspended until further notice**

**ALL PUBLIC SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL APRIL 6. We will assess our situation after Palm Sunday.**

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Office hours at Good Shepherd have adjusted during the COVID-19 quarantine. This week Lisa will be here Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

## **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Our Lenten schedule continues with the theme, The Crucified King.

March 25            The Crucified King

April 1             The King Mocked

Vespers begins at 7:00 PM (Facebook Live).

## **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**

### **Sunday (3/22)**

Divine Service – Facebook Life at 10:00 AM

Monday

Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon

Catechism Class – 4:30-6:00 PM

Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Tuesday

Martin Luther Memorial Home meeting at Darlington, Ann Arbor – 4:00 PM

Wednesday

6th Grade Bible History Class – at home

Lenten Vespers – Facebook Live at 7:00 PM

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 (3/29)**

Divine Service – Facebook Life at 10:00 AM

Monday

Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon

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## **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**

On March 3, HVL extended a Divine Call to Mr. Tyler Morgan to be a teacher and to serve as an instructor and athletic director. Mr. Morgan currently serves at Divine Savior Academy—Sienna Plantation in Missouri City, Texas. Please keep Mr. Morgan, his family, and HVL in your prayers as Mr. Morgan deliberates where he may best serve the Lord and his Church.

On March 15, Mr. Neil Schlieve received a call to serve as the principal of St. John's in Bay City, Michigan. Please keep the Schlieve family in your prayers as they consider how God would have them serve.

**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.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** - Eligible members have until March 31 to direct 2019 Choice Dollars. If you are eligible and have not done so already, go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

## **Women Writers Conference by Northwestern Publishing House** (NOTE: May be cancelled due to COVID-19; no info yet)

God has blessed many of our sisters in Christ with the ability and the desire to communicate through writing. Because they have learned to treasure the gospel, and understand that our relationship with Christ is a result of his work and not our decision or work, the fruit of their labors is a great blessing to the church.

WELS Women's Ministry is partnering with Northwestern Publishing House to host the WELS Women Writers Conference as an opportunity for WELS women with writing interests to grow in their vocations. The conference is being held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waukesha, Wisconsin, on April 24 and 25. The conference will be of value both for beginning as well as experienced writers.

For detailed information and to register, click here.

[https://wels.net/event/wels-women-writers-conference/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=main&utm\\_campaign=ProductEditor0220](https://wels.net/event/wels-women-writers-conference/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=main&utm_campaign=ProductEditor0220)

**A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

*Note: All dates are subject to review, based on the COVID-19 updates.*  
Assessment will be made April 6.

**MARCH**

25 Lenten Vespers (Facebook Live -- 7:00 PM)

**APRIL**

1 Lenten Vespers (Facebook Live -- 7:00 PM)  
5 Palm Sunday  
9 TRIDUUM: Maundy Thursday – 7:00 PM  
10 TRIDUUM: Good Friday – 7:00 PM  
12 TRIDUUM: Easter Dawn – 7:30 AM  
12 Easter Breakfast – 8:45-9:45 AM  
12 Easter Festival  
14 Church Council – 7:00 PM  
18 Meet-Your-Neighbors breakfast – 9:00-11:00 AM  
19 MLS Choir to sing at Good Shepherd – 10:00 AM  
21-22 Pastors' Conference at Redeemer, Ann Arbor

**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

**LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

<i>Weekly Attendance</i>		<i>Offerings for the Lord's Work</i>	
	<u>Mar 15<sup>th</sup></u>		<u>Mar 15<sup>th</sup></u>
Divine Service	34	General Fund	\$ 3,529
Lord's Supper	27	Missions	\$ 210
Sunday School	5	Building Fund	\$ 360
Adult Bible Class	6	Other	\$
		Sunday School	\$
		=====	
		Total Offerings	\$ 4,099

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

<b>Sylvia Campbell</b>	1745 Wickhamm	Royal Oak, MI 48073
<b>Jim Hobley</b>	6950 Farmington Road	West Bloomfield, MI 48322
<b>Margaretha Lester</b>	935 Union Lake Road Apt. 218	White Lake Twp., MI 48386
<b>Mary Zuehlke</b>	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](http://faithtalkdetroit.com) and can be heard on the [faithtalkdetroit](http://faithtalkdetroit.com) phone app.

**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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<b>Contact: Lisa Haase</b>		
<b>Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder</b>		
Pastor's Cell Phone		(248) 719-5218

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  
(734) 453-0460  
[www.stpaulslivonia.org](http://www.stpaulslivonia.org)  
Mr. Paul Leifer, principal

**Huron Valley Lutheran High School**  
(9<sup>th</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
33740 Cowan Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 525-0160  
[www.hvlhs.org](http://www.hvlhs.org)  
Mr. Matt Foley, principal