

Old Testament Reading:
Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

- ⁶ Seek the LORD and live,
lest he break out like fire in the
house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench
it for Bethel,
- ⁷ O you who turn justice to wormwood
and cast down righteousness to the
earth! . . .
- ¹⁰ They hate him who reproves in the
gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the
truth.
- ¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the
poor
and you exact taxes of grain from
him,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
- ¹² For I know how many are your trans-
gressions
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who
take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the
gate.
- ¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep
silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.
- ¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will
be with you,
as you have said.
- ¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of
hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of
Joseph.

Epistle: Hebrews 3:12–19

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in
any of you an evil, unbelieving heart,
leading you to fall away from the living
God. ¹³But exhort one another every day,
as long as it is called “today,” that none
of you may be hardened by the deceit-
fulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if
indeed we hold our original confidence
firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the
rebellion.”

¹⁶For who were those who heard and
yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left
Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom
was he provoked for forty years? Was it
not with those who sinned, whose bod-
ies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom
did he swear that they would not enter
his rest, but to those who were disobedi-
ent? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to
enter because of unbelief.

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17–22

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on his jour-
ney, a man ran up and knelt before him
and asked him, “Good Teacher, what
must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸And
Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me
good? No one is good except God alone.
¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not
murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not
steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not
defraud, Honor your father and mother.’”
²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these
I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus,
looking at him, loved him, and said to
him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that
you have and give to the poor, and you
will have treasure in heaven; and come,
follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the say-
ing, he went away sorrowful, for he had
great possessions.



About the Cover: God wants us to know Him fully. He wants us to empty ourselves and to believe in Him only. Jesus speaks the truth when He says, “No one is good except God alone.” We are all sinful; God is sinless. Jesus was sinless, good, and took our sins on the cross to restore our sinless relationship to the Father. Through the blood of Jesus, we are again good in the Father’s sight.



NO ONE IS GOOD
EXCEPT
GOD ALONE

MARK 10:18

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21st Sunday After Pentecost
October 14, 2018**

Divine Service Setting Three	LSB 184
Opening Hymn: "Today You Mercy Calls Us"	LSB 915
Hymn of the Day: "O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"	LSB 707
Closing Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"	LSB 784

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Preacher:	Pastor Les Wolfgram
Liturgist:	Vicar Woodside
Elder:	Dick Dever
Accompanist:	Cindy Bittner
Ushers:	8:15 am Don Gienger & Kevin Brockel
	10:45 am Dick Dever & Ken Purdy
Greeters:	8:15 am Marion Meske
	10:45 am Walter & Bernice Rehling
Acolyte:	8:15 am Max Nelson
	10:45 am Bryanna Kitzman

WELCOME!! We are glad that you have joined us this morning as we lift up our hearts and voices in response to God's great gift of forgiveness and life in Christ Jesus. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book and introduce yourself to Pastor Wolfgram.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO hear Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, the President of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod! President Harrison will be one of the special guests at the upcoming, *Faith in Action Conference*, on October 27 in Fargo. **This is truly a one-of-its-kind conference you won't want to miss -- sponsored by Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch!** In addition to President Harrison, the conference features many outstanding speakers and hands-on opportunities; and highlights some amazing ministries of mercy from a three-state region and beyond! Go to www.dakotaranch.org/mercy. Find out more and register today.

PASTOR WOLFGRAM will be on vacation Thursday-Saturday, October 18-20. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Vicar Woodside at 951-217-3385.

CHOIR REHEARSAL takes place each Thursday at 5:30 PM at Shepherd of the Valley. Please join us if you'd like to sing with us.

WE ARE STARTING a new mission society from the Bismarck/Mandan area. Our first meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 2:00pm, at Martin Luther School, in the south classroom. If you are interested in being a charter member please prayerfully plan to be present for this formative meeting.

THE AMAZING CORN MAZE will be the sight of the next youth event for students in grade 6-12 with Bethel Lutheran youth on Sunday, October 21. We will gather for lunch at Shepherd of the Valley at 12:30 pm and then go to the Corn Maze at 1:30.

"WE'RE DEBT FREE!" Yes, that's right. Shepherd of the Valley is debt free as we paid off our loan with Lutheran Church Extension Fund last week. On November 17, as we celebrate 40 years of ministry, we will also "burn the mortgage", as part of the 3:30 PM worship service. Rev. Tom Eckstein will proclaim God's Word as a part of this very special service. Join us for the day of celebration with our special Saturday service and catered meal to follow.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON today begins a series of lessons about Moses. Today's lesson is "The Birth of Moses." The children will learn that God was with Moses, caring for him and protecting him. God saved His people through Moses, who led them out of slavery. *Family discussions might include, "How does God show His love and cares for us? How does God deliver us from evil?"*

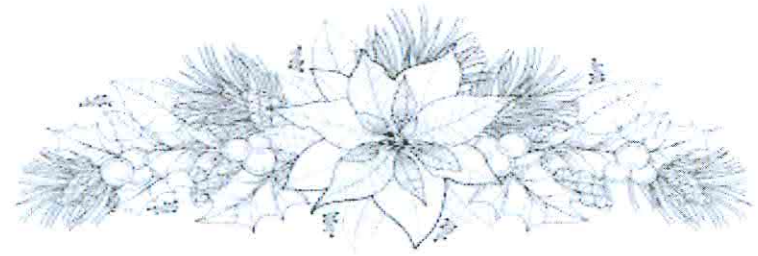
THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

<u>Today</u>	8:15am Divine Service
	9:30am Education Hour
	10:45am Divine Service
	4:30pm Mike Schulze Installation @ Niagra
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:30pm Elders
<u>Wednesday</u>	5:30pm Catechism Instruction
	7:00pm Worship
	8:00pm Bible Study
<u>Thursday</u>	5:30pm Choir
<u>Saturday</u>	9:30am Women Walking with Their Lord
<u>Sunday</u>	*8:15am Divine Service
	9:30am Education Hour
	*10:45am Divine Service

The Feast of All Saints will take place on November 1. In an effort to remember our loved ones who have died in the Lord, you may order and purchase a rose (\$3.50 per rose) to celebrate their new and eternal life in Christ. During services on October 31 and November 4, we will pause to remember and celebrate these loved ones with a parade of roses, honoring each person, one at a time. Please place orders by October 25.

Name of Loved One who has died in the Lord: _____

Your name:



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia plant in remembrance or in honor of a loved one. The price would be \$10 for a small plant and \$16 for a large plant. If you would like to order, there will be an order form in the gathering area. Any questions call LaRae 701-955-8111 or Lyn Krecklau 701-426-4191

MLS Pie-extravaganza Pie Social at Messiah Lutheran Church Sunday, November 4th from 3:00-6:00

- Pie will be served and a free will offering will be made available, but is not obligatory
- Folks can bring baked goods to be sold or craft items to sell, the proceeds to go to MLS. This will be a time to stock up on goodies for the holidays and maybe even pick up a few gift items, as well.
- Our MLS kids will serve and sing
- Video presented on MLW
- Pie in the face contest-

One of our association Pastors and one teacher to be determined by which one receives the most monetary votes over the month of October! If you want to spare your rev, put your donation in another guy's box. If you want your rev to get the pie, your donation goes in his!

The winners get gift certificates for their favorite pie for being good sports! 😊

TRIVIA NIGHT

WHAT

Come for fun
Trivia Games hosted
by Board of Outreach
\$10 per person entry fee
(pay at the door)
Bring a friend or
join a team that night!

WHEN

Saturday October 27
Doors open at 5:30
Games go from 6:00 – 7:30pm

WHERE

Bethel Lutheran Church
615 East Turnpike Ave –
Bismarck
701-255-1433

PLUS...

Prizes Prizes Prizes
Free will offering 4 yummy food
Family friendly!

As a church family, our mission at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church is to share, nurture, and live our faith in Christ.

Worship Attendance	
Wednesday 10/03/2018	18
Sunday, 10/07/2018	
8:15 AM	70
10:45 AM	??
Bible Study	20
Sunday School	21

Goals For Our Congregation

The Vision Path leadership team has set the following goals for attendance. It is desired that we reach an average attendance in these areas by March of 2018.

Worship Attendance Wednesday and
2 Sunday services: 175
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 35
Sunday School – Preschool-grade 5: 25
Sunday Morning Youth Study – grade 6-12: 15

Save the Date

October 27

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
7151 15th St. S., Fargo

Don't miss this opportunity
to meet Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison,
President, Lutheran Church Missouri
Synod

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

Also featuring Rob Stadler, author of "The Scientific Approach to Evolution: What They Didn't Teach You in Biology."

"Mercy is part of the DNA of the church. It was part of Jesus' life. He cared for people in need. He spoke the word of forgiveness and cared. To be intentional about mercy in your congregation is very significant, because there are a lot of hurting people in the world."

-Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

Go to DakotaRanch.org/mercy for updates on the conference schedule, speakers, and registration.