

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022

Divine Service Setting Three **LSB 184**

Opening Hymn “Prepare The Royal Highway” **LSB 343**

Hymn of the Day: “On Jordan’s Bank, The Baptist’s Cry”
LSB 344

Distribution: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” **LSB 340**

Closing Hymn: “When All The World Was Cursed” **LSB 346**

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 Les Wolfgram and Pastor Justin Woodside.

AT SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH, we celebrate the Lord’s Supper in the confidence that we receive, along with the bread and wine, our Savior’s true body and blood “through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins.” Besides individually receiving Christ’s free gift of forgiveness in this sacrament, all those who commune make a confession of the faith that we believe and teach in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. To commune at this altar is to accept the doctrinal position of this congregation. Because of that common confession, we invite those who are members at sister Missouri Synod Churches to join us at the Lord’s Table. If you would like more information on our understanding of the Lord’s Supper, please visit with Pastor Wolfgram or Pastor Woodside.

Introit

Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b

In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;*
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.
Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!
He is the | LORD our God;*
his judgments are in | all the earth.
He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- |
ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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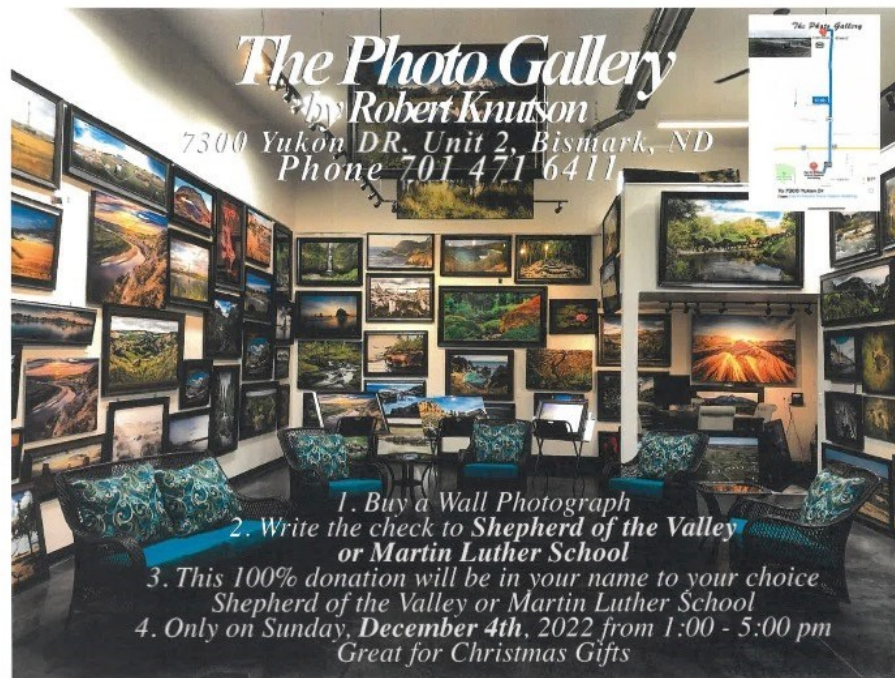
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



The Board of Youth will be packing Christmas Care Bags for Wachter Middle School students in transition. It is our goal to provide packages for 30 students consisting of personal care products, hats/gloves (adult sizes), fleece blankets, games, and snacks. A display board and collection location are setup in the narthex and we will be packaging all items received Sunday December 18th after the late service. Cash will also be accepted and can be given to Laith Hintz, Justin Dever, Tamara Dallmann-Holeton, Adam Dever, or Pastor Woodside. Please consider supporting this important service project for our community!



All women of Bethel and Shepherd of the Valley are invited to a cozy night of fellowship, fun, and of course some tasty Christmas treats! Bethel's LWML would love to welcome you to their December meeting on Monday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel. If you have a traditional family treat that you make during the holidays, please bring a sample to share as well as the recipe. We may go home with a new family favorite!



Christmas Caroling will take place on December 11, following the Christmas Cantata at Bethel. We will plan to meet at Shepherd of the Valley at 3:30 pm and sing Christmas carols to our shut-ins.



The human care focus for the fourth quarter will be the Joint Seminary Fund. Support students attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO as they are formed and shaped to serve the Lord as pastors and deaconesses in Christ's Church. One percent of our offerings during the fourth quarter will go to support the Joint Seminary Fund.



MAIN STREET LIVING—LCMS TV Program—

Sunday Mornings @ 10 AM

KBMY Xtra / Bismarck Channel 17.3 Midco Channel 594

10:00 AM: worship service led by area pastors 10:30 AM:

“This Is The Life” program

To watch these programs at any time and see upcoming schedules go to www.mainstreetliving.com/north.

MSL North” Programs for October 2022:

Dec 4th: Rev. Heath Trampe, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: **“Peace? Are you kidding me?”** based on Matthew 3:1-12. *Lutheran Hour seasonal program: “Stable Boy” - A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas.*

Dec 11th: Rev. Philip Beyersdorf, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: **“The Work of the Great Physician”** based on Matthew 11:2-11. *Lutheran Hours seasonal program: “Red Boots for Christmas” - A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas.*



If you would like to sponsor poinsettias for \$10 each, order forms are in the fellowship hall. They will be used to beautify the church altar during the Christmas season and may be taken home after the Christmas service. Thank you!

We will set up the Christmas tree and decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 3, starting at 9:30 AM. We'd love to you have join in the fun as we anticipate the Savior's birthday!



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Dec. 4 - Dec. 16

4 8:15am: Divine Service 9:30am: Education Hour 10:45am: Divine Service 12:00pm: Senior High Youth 7:00pm: Council	5 9:30am: Southwest Circuit Pastoral Conference @ Shepherd of the Valley	6	7 6:00pm: Worship 6:00pm: Hand Chimes 7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10 8:30am: Board of Education
11 8:15am: Divine Service 9:30am: Voter's Meeting 10:45am: Divine Service 2:00pm: Bethel Christmas Cantata 3:30pm: Christmas Caroling	12	13	14 6:00pm: Worship 6:00pm: Hand Chimes 7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17 8:00am: Men's Network @ SOTV



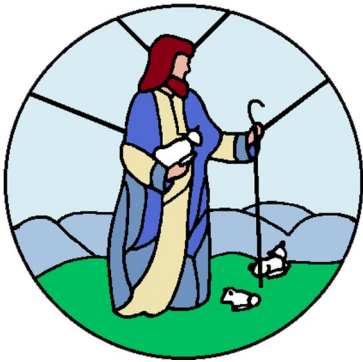
Bethel Lutheran Church is presenting their Christmas Cantata on Wednesday, December 7, 6:00 pm and on Sunday, December 11, 2:00 pm.

The Shepherd of the Valley Children's Christmas Service will take place on Wednesday, December 21st, 6:00 PM.

Christmas Eve Service will take place at 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 24th.

Christmas Day Service will take place at 9:00 am on Sunday, December 25th.

New Year's Day Service will take place at 9:00am on Sunday, January 1st.



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THE WEEKLY FYI

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Les Wolfgram
Liturgist: Rev. Justin Woodside
Elder: Ken Purdy
Accompanist: Shirley Cook/Denise Wolfgram
Acolyte: 8:15am Keaton H.
10:45am David A.

Worship Times
6:00 PM Every Wednesday
8:15 am Sunday Divine Service (livestream)
9:30 am Education Hour
10:45 am Sunday Divine Service

Stewardship Thought



Matthew 3:1-2 – “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance — for examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.



Sun: Is. 10:12-27a, 33-34; 2 Peter 1:1-21
Mon: Is. 11:1-12:6; 2 Peter 1-22
Tue: Is. 14:1-23; 2 Peter 3:1-18
Wed: Is. 24 1-13; 1 John 1:1-2:14
Thu: Is. 24:14-25:12, Obad. 1:21; 1 John 2:15-29
Fri: Is. 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24
Sat: Is. 26:20-27:13; 1 John 4:1-21