

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 5, 2023

Divine Service Setting Four: LSB 203

Opening Hymn: “Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness”

LSB 578

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” (printed)

Hymn of the Day: “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563

Distribution: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB 427

Closing Hymn: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

LSB 702

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 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12

Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*
teach me your | statutes!
How can a young man keep his | way pure?*

By guarding it according | to your word.
With my whole heart I | seek you;*

let me not wander from your com- | mandments!
I have stored up your word | in my heart,*
that I might not sin a- | gainst you.

Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*
teach me your | statutes!
With my lips | I declare*
all the just decrees | of your mouth.
In the way of your testimonies | I delight*
as much as in all | riches.
I will meditate on your | precepts*
and fix my eyes | on your ways.
I will delight in your | statutes;*

I will not for- | get your word.
**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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Salutation and Collect of the Day

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

FEBRUARY 2023:

Sunday, February 5th : Dietrich Boenhoeffer- Pastor, Teacher, Theologian, Enemy of the State and Martyr of the Christian Faith. Who was Dietrich Boenhoeffer? Why is he important to us and the Church Today? Please join us on a reflective faith journey over the Sundays in February as we learn and grow together.

Sunday, February 12th : Dietrich Boenhoeffer- The Cost of Discipleship. We'll explore this classic written by Dietrich Boenhoeffer in our Sunday Morning Study.

Sunday, February 19th : Dietrich Boenhoeffer- Life Together. We'll explore another classic written by Dietrich Boenhoeffer in our Sunday Morning Study.

Sunday, February 26th : "A Letter to the American Church." We'll wrap up on Dietrich Boenhoeffer tying together the previous 3 weeks with Eric Metaxis, the Writer of the Classic Boenhoeffer Biography and a Message from the Rev. Dr. Laurence White, Senior Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Houston, TX.

The human care focus for the first quarter of 2023 is Lutheran Disaster Response to support efforts for relief in Florida following Hurricane Ian.



Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Plan to join us for our mid-week Lent services focused on the Passion account from the Gospel of Matthew. Supper is at 5:00 pm followed by the 6:00 pm service.



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 February 2023:

February 5th: Rev. Bruce Block, Immanuel Lutheran Church, McIntosh, MN, presents the message: "A Message of Wisdom or Power?" based on 1 Corinthians 2:15. *This Is the Life* program: "The Gift" - A daughter struggles over what to do with birthday gift money.

February 12th: Rev. Michael Suelzle, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara, ND, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota, ND, and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND, presents the message: "A New Creation" based on Matthew 5:29-30. *This Is the Life* program: "The Priceless Book" - Money and health troubles on the farm lead a father to God's Word for comfort.

2022

Offering Statements are in members mailboxes!



Men's Network will be held at Shepherd of the Valley on February 18 starting at 8:00 am. Join men for our LCMS community for breakfast, fellowship, and a study led by Pastor Woodside.

Pastor Wolfgram will attend the LCMS ND District Planning Council and Board of Directors Meeting in Fargo on Thursday and Friday.



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MY SOUL REJOICES: A SERVICE OF SONG AND PRAYER

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy ... (Psalm 5:11a).

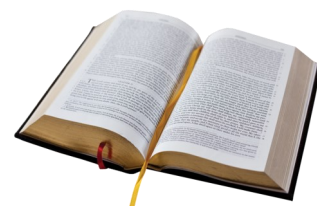
The 2023 LWML Prayer Service, written by former LWML Pastoral Counselor Rev. Dr. Mitchel Schuessler of Clarinda, Iowa, will

bless your heart and life as you join with your sisters and brothers in singing songs of prayer and praise to the Lord who continues to bless you daily. Singing familiar hymns, joining together in the Word, and spending time in prayer, individually and corporately, will help you recognize and give thanks for your God-given blessings. "My Soul Rejoices" is filled with hymns, the Word, and prayer.

Everyone is invited to join the members of Messiah's LWML **February 4 at 9:30 a.m.** for the LWML Prayer Service.



Pastor Woodside is assisting with pastoral care at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mandan as Pastor Zellers undergoes care for health concerns.



Tuesday night Bible Study at 6:00 pm with Pastor Woodside.



Martin Luther School has offered a morning-only, summer enrichment program for students Prek-5th grade the past few years.

It is highly likely that we will offer the morning program for this summer, but we are also interested in possibly extending this to an all-day program. However, we need to know that we could adequately staff this. Lead supervisors would need to be 21 years or older and also need to have some experience in working with children in a group setting. Assistants need to be 16 years or older, preferably with childcare experience as well. Hours and wages are yet to be determined.

If you have interested in serving a lead supervisor or assistant for either mornings, afternoons, or all day, please contact Mrs. Wolfgram.

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This is the day the Lord has made!



Martin Luther School is accepting applications for the position of a combined 6th and 7th grade classroom teacher. This is a very unique position as we have made the move to the classical model of education. We have very supportive staff members who assist each other in the process of learning and implementing this method of education. Applicants need a current ND teaching license (preferably elementary, but secondary could also work depending on the content area), We are looking at flexible options to fully utilize the strengths of all our teachers to offer the best possible education for our middle school students.

If you have a heart for students, a passion for education, and a love for sharing Christ, we invite you to consider this position. Come join Martin Luther School as we take our students to the next level with classical Lutheran education!

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“Tell the Good News about Jesus”

convocation on February 10th and 11th in 2023

Have you ever wanted to reach out to others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ but did not? Have you ever wanted to encourage family members with the Good News of salvation by grace through faith, but struggled with how to accomplish it? Have you been concerned about the future of your loved ones concerning eternal life? Have you been concerned about the future of your congregation or the church throughout the world? Do you want others to share the joy and peace of God’s grace and mercy in His Son, Jesus Christ? If your answer to any of these questions is “Yes,” join us for the “Tell the Good News about Jesus” convocation on February 10 and 11, 2023, at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota!

Our theme for the conference is Psalm 51 and the Joy of our Salvation. We will begin at 1:00 pm on Friday, February 10th, with worship and opening remarks. Planned for that day are speakers:

- Rev. Zelwyn Heide, Hannover and New Salem, ND – History of outreach and word and Sacrament ministry in ND.
- Rev. Dr. Christian Preus, Casper, WY – The concerns of modern education with regard to the Christian Faith.
- Rev. Jon Walla, Bismarck, ND – Faith instruction in the Lutheran Home.
- Rev. Dennis Voss, Mandan, ND – Supporting the proclamation of the Gospel through whole-life stewardship.

- District Leadership presenting recent and current evangelism efforts in our North Dakota District.

An evening meal will be provided a 7:00 pm, followed by entertainment by Milo Hatzenbuhler.

Day Two speakers will include:

- Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, LCMS Mid-South District president – “Generation to Generation”; a study and strategy for retaining our members, children, and others in faith and active discipleship. Dr. Paavola will be our keynote speaker.
- Rev. Dr. Heath Trampe, Minot, ND – two sessions about Rural Ministry and Outreach.
- Rev. Dr. Christian Preus, Casper, WY – The classical model in higher education. In particular, he will discuss opportunities at Luther Classical College which will open in Casper, WY.
- Mrs. Denise Wolfgram, Bismarck, ND – Classical education at Martin Luther Grammar School in Bismarck, ND.

On Saturday, we will begin at 8:30 am and conclude by 4:45 pm.

The Hang Out will meet on February 18 at Shepherd of the Valley at 4:30pm. Young adults and their 20’s, 30’s, and 40’s are invited to bring a dish to pass and gather for fellowship, Bible Study, and games. Bring the kids and enjoy a time with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

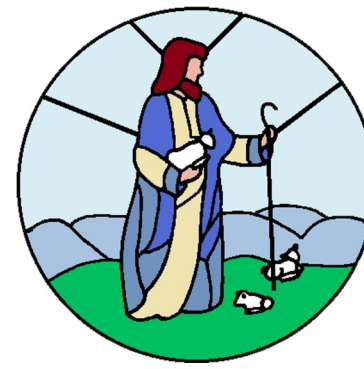


The second planning meeting will be February 12th from 12:30-2:30 PM where we will turn the S.W.O.T. into plans of action for the future as we seek expand Christ’s kingdom work. We will be done way before the Superbowl. Pizza and snacks will be served while we meet. Please plan to join us for these important gatherings for our church family at Shepherd of the Valley.

Feb. 5 - Feb. 18

Sunday Mon Tue Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

5 <u>8:15am:</u> Divine Service <u>9:30am:</u> Education Hour <u>10:45am:</u> Divine Service	6 Winkle in Ha- zen	7 <u>4:15pm:</u> Evangelism <u>5:00pm:</u> Human Care Committee <u>5:30pm:</u> Stewardship <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	8 <u>6:00pm:</u> Worship <u>6:00pm:</u> Catechism <u>6:00pm:</u> Hand Chimes <u>7:00pm:</u> Choir	9	10	11 <u>8:30am:</u> Board of Education
12 <u>8:15am:</u> Divine Service <u>9:30am:</u> Education Hour <u>10:45am:</u> Divine Service <u>12:30pm:</u> Congregational Strategic Planning Meeting	13	14 <u>6:00pm:</u> Bible Study	15 <u>6:00pm:</u> Worship <u>6:00pm:</u> Catechism	16	17	18 <u>8:00am:</u> Men's Network @ SOTV



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“A church family that shares, nurtures, and lives our faith in Christ”

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THE WEEKLY FYI

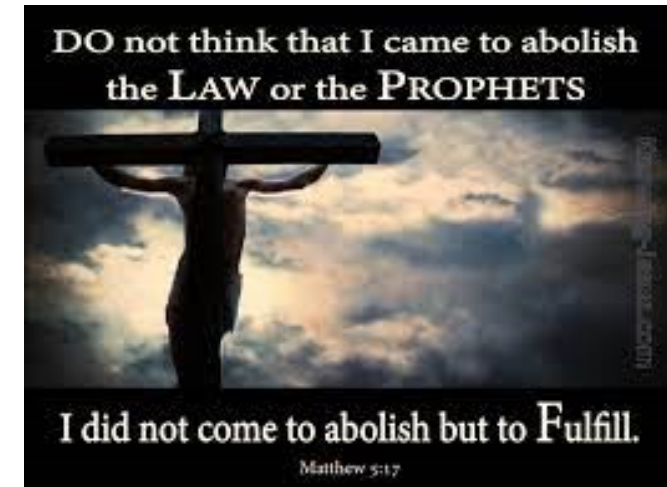
THOSE SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Les Wolfgram
Liturgist: Pastor Les Wolfgram
Elder: Dick Dever
Accompanist: Shirley Cook/Denise Wolfgram
Acolyte: 8:15am Olivia D.
 10:45am Keaton H.

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

Stewardship Thought

Matthew 5:17 – “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.



Sun: Job 2:1-3:10; John 1:19-34
Mon: Job 3:11-26; John 1:35-51
Tue: Job 4:1-21; John 2:1-12
Wed: Job 5:1-27; John 2:13-25
Thu: Job 6:1-13; John 3:1-21
Fri: Job 6:14-30; John 3:22-4:6
Sat: Job 7:1-21; John 4:7-26