

## SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 16, 2023

**Divine Service Setting Three** LSB 184

**Opening Hymn: “Faith and Trust and Life Bestowing”** LSB 584

**Hymn of the Day: “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”** LSB 577

**Distribution: “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”** LSB 622

**“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”** LSB 643

**Closing Hymn: “On What Has Now Been Sown”** LSB 921

**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 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8*

The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\*

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

As for man, his days | are like grass,\*

he flourishes like a flower | of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,\*

and its place knows | it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to

everlasting on those who | fear him,\*

and his righteousness to children’s | children,

to those who keep his | covenant\*

and remember to do his com- | mandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,\*

and his kingdom rules | over all.

**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

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

For more than a century, [Lutheran Family Service](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) has been walking with people in times of need, providing support just as God has been there to support us. And now the opportunity to walk with *YOU* in North Dakota is officially here!

Thanks to the newly established partnership with the LCMS North Dakota District, this year Lutheran Family Service is working in four specific areas to serve others:

- Mental Health, Marriage, and Family Counseling
- Church Worker Wellness
- Seminars & Education
- Pregnancy Counseling & Adoption

The Third Quarter focus for Human Care is Lutheran Family Service. You will hear more about the wonderful ministry of Lutheran Family Service and how they will be a blessing to you in the coming weeks. Learn more about LFS by going to the website at <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/>.



Building Healthy Families: Are you ever tempted to dwell on the thought that some people are more gifted (or talented, or beautiful, or smart, or athletic...) than you are? Eleanor Roosevelt once famously said, “No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.” Child, stop comparing yourself critically to others and remember instead who you are, because of Whose you are: But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God... (John 1:12) Lutheran Family Service [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).

Save the date: Congregational picnic at the Community Center at Sertoma Park on Sunday, August 13. Serving starts at 12:00. The Board of Stewardship will provide fried chicken. Bring a dish to pass and share.



**District Encounter Camp - High Schoolers**  
**(Entering Grades 10-12) July 24-29, 2022**

Join us as we encounter God through Word, World, Worship, and Recreation Encounters. Make new friends, learn basic leadership skills, reunite with old friends, grow in your relationship with Christ, and have fun in a camp setting. Our great team of leaders works under the ND District Youth Task Force.



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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com/north).

**July 16<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Thomas Marcis, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: “**God’s Amazing Harvest**” based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. “*This Is the Life*” program: “**Flight Plan**” - A man has to deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Rev. Toby Heller, Concordia Lutheran Church, Beulah, ND, presents the message: “**Weeds Among the Wheat**” based on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. *This Is the Life*” program: “**Amazing Grace**” - A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian faith.

Bar Bee Carpet Cleaning will clean half of the carpet in the sanctuary on Monday, July 17. They will clean the other half of July 24. Helping hands are needed to move pews and chairs from one side of the church to the other following service today and again next Sunday. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!



The Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as career missionaries in the Cayman Islands. They will be at Shepherd of the Valley on Thursday, July 20, to share how the Lord is using them to proclaim the Gospel. Mark your calendar and plan to join us at 6:00 pm. As a pastor and church planter, Gerald works with local church leaders at Safe Harbour Lutheran Church to reach out to the people of the Cayman Islands — both locals and expats — with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Gerald also seeks to serve the transient Cuban refugee population on Grand Cayman. He is an adjunct professor at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic.



The Tuesday night Bible Study with Pastor Woodside will resume on July 18.



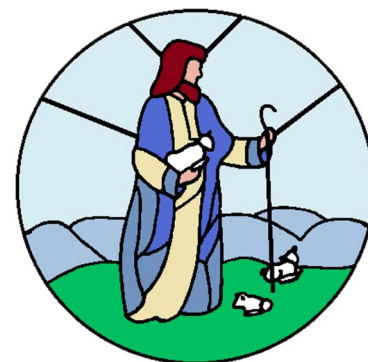
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# July 16 - July 29

Sunday    Mon    Tue    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

16 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Youth Group	17	18 <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	19 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship (Woodside) <u>7:00pm</u> Elders	20 <u>6:00pm</u> Rev. Gerald Paul	21	22
23 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:15am</u> Education Hour <u>7:00pm</u> Council	24	25 <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	26 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship (Marcis)	27	28	29



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

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## THE WEEKLY FYI

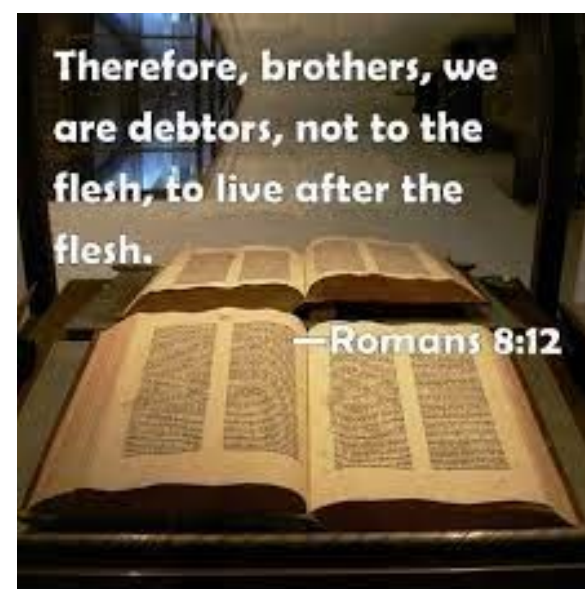
### THOSE SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Les Wolfgram  
 Liturgist: Pastor Justin Woodside  
 Elder: Ken Purdy  
 Accompanist: Shirley Cook  
 Acolyte: Keaton H.

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

### Stewardship Thought

Romans 8:12 – “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” We owe the flesh, the world and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ’s kingdom — servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord’s plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

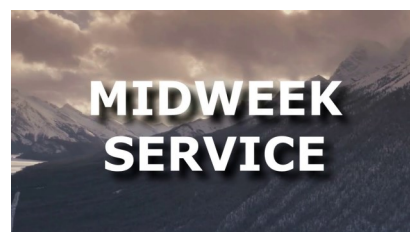


## THE WORD



Sun: 1 Sam. 5:1-6:3, 10-16; Acts 18:1-11, 23-28  
 Mon: 1 Sam. 6:19-7:17, Acts 19:23-21:14; Acts 19:1-22  
 Tue: 1 Sam. 8:1-22; Acts 21:15-36  
 Wed: 1 Sam. 9:1-27; Acts 21:37-22:16  
 Thu: 1 Sam. 10:1-27; Acts 22:17-29  
 Fri: 1 Sam. 12:1-25; Acts 22:30-23:11  
 Sat: 1 Sam. 13:1-18; Acts 23:12-35

Pastor Woodside will lead the service and proclaim God’s Word at our Mid-week service on July 19th at 6:00 pm.



Summer Midweek Worship  
 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
 6:00 PM

July 19	Woodside
July 26	Marcis
Aug. 2	Wolfgram
Aug. 9	Marcis
Aug. 16	Voss

