

## SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 23, 2023

Divine Service Setting Three **LSB 184**

Opening Hymn: “How Firm A Foundation” **LSB 728**

Hymn of the Day: “What Is the World to Me” **LSB 730**

Distribution: “Rock of Ages” **LSB 761**

“Have No Fear Little Flock” **LSB 735**

Closing Hymn: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” **LSB 575**

**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 Wolfram 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 Wolfram or Pastor Woodside.

## Introit

*Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6*

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;\*

listen to my | plea for grace.

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk | in your truth;\*

unite my heart to | fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,\*

and I will glorify your name for- | ever.

For great is your steadfast | love toward me;\*

you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol. O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men | seek my life,\*

and they do not set you be- | fore them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious,\*

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and | faithfulness.

**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 God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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:** Our young people desperately need to know and be frequently reminded of their value as a chosen and redeemed child of the King. “Whose U R” is one of the offerings provided by Lutheran Family Service. At a “Whose UR” event, Lutheran Family Service team members present information, generate conversation, and lead activities all designed to reinforce one big counter-cultural message: You are valuable—not because of what you can do, how popular you are, or how many hearts you get on your social media page—but because of Whose you are! “*You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. . .*” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Contact LFS to schedule a “Whose UR” event sometime this fall! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

The 68th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be held from July 29 to Aug. 3, 2023, at the Baird Center in downtown Milwaukee. The Synod will gather under the convention theme, “We Preach Christ Crucified,” based on 1 Cor. 1:18–25. In a world of uncertainty, the church’s proclamation, mission, and identity remain the same. We preach Christ crucified. Brad Christensen will serve as lay delegate for the southwest circuit of the North Dakota District LCMS. Brad will share highlights from the convention during the education hour at Shepherd of the Valley on August 6<sup>th</sup>.



YOU MAY ONLY BE ONE PERSON,  
BUT YOU CAN BE THE ONE PERSON  
WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Calling individuals and families to become part of  
**SOTV's GREETING MINISTRY!**

All that is required is that you bring your friendliest smile to stand at the front door, open the door and welcome people to our amazing church. After service, thank them and provide words of blessing for a wonderful week as they leave. You will need to come 15 minutes early to service and stay 10 minutes after service. The ministry will resume on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**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 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.

**July 30<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Justin Woodside, Bethel & Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Churches, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: “**Giving All for the Treasure**” *This Is the Life* program: “**The Selling Price**” - A father and son face the issue of ethics, and how it relates to God’s law.

While most of the sanctuary had the carpet cleaned by Bar Bee Carpet Cleaners this past week, there is a small portion that needs to be cleaned. We’ll move the chairs that are on the north side of the sanctuary following the service this morning.



Volunteers needed: Please sign up to bring treats for fellowship during the education hour. We are also in need of persons willing to mow the church lawn. There are sign-up sheets for both of these in the narthex.



We continue our study of the book of Ezekiel with Pastor Woodside on Tuesday night at 6:00 pm. Plan to join us.



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.

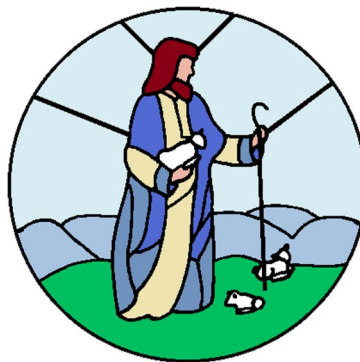


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# July 23 - Aug. 5

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>23</b> <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:15am</u> Education Hour <u>7:00pm</u>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	<b>26</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Worship (Marcis)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:15am</u> Education Hour	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	<b>2</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Worship (Wolfgram)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>



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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 Justin Woodside  
**Liturgist:** Pastor Les Wolfgram  
**Elder:** Ken Purdy  
**Accompanist:** Shirley Cook  
**Acolyte:** Madison G.

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

### Stewardship Thought

Romans 8:18 – "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel – if we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed" we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

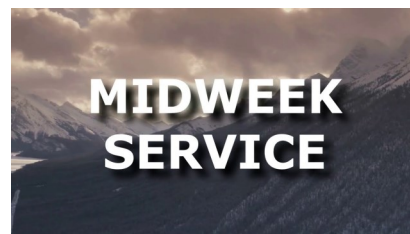


## THE WORD



**Sun:** 1 Sam. 14:47-15:9; Acts 24:1-23  
**Mon:** 1 Sam. 15:10-35; Acts 24:24-25:12  
**Tue:** 1 Sam. 16:1-23; Acts 25:13-27  
**Wed:** 1 Sam. 17:1-19; Acts 26:1-23  
**Thu:** 1 Sam. 17:20-47; Acts 26:24-27:8  
**Fri:** 1 Sam. 17:48-18:9; Acts 27:9-26  
**Sat:** 1 Sam. 18:10-30; Acts 27:27-44

Pastor Marcis will lead the service and proclaim God's Word at our Mid-week service on July 26th at 6:00 pm.



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

July 26	Marcis
Aug. 2	Wolfgram
Aug. 9	Marcis
Aug. 16	Voss
Aug. 23	Marcis (Vicar Meyers)