

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 10, 2023

Divine Service Setting Four	LSB 203
Opening Hymn: “Father Welcomes”	LSB 605
Hymn of the Day: “Children of The Heavenly Father”	LSB 725
Installation Hymn: “Here I Am, Lord”	[printed]
Distribution: “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”	LSB 622
“Let The Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”	LSB 867
Closing Hymn: “God Bless Our Native Land”	LSB 965

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 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

How great are your works, | O LORD! *
Your thoughts are | very deep!
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD, *
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning, *
and your faithful- | ness by night,
to the music of the lute | and the harp, *
to the melody | of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work, *
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.
**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.**
How great are your works, | O LORD! *
Your thoughts are | very deep!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

For more than a century, [Lutheran Family Service](#) 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: Spend \$1.50 on a new ink pen and you can use it to write 45,000 words before it runs dry. For such a small cost and an investment of a few minutes of time, you can use a cheap ink pen to make an incredible difference in someone's life. This week, use that pen to write an encouraging note to an older man or woman living alone or in a care center in your community, or a grandchild or previous Sunday School student who has moved away, including your favorite hymn or Bible verse or prayer among the encouraging words you share. Perhaps at a critical moment of loneliness or doubt, God will use your note to remind them that they have not been forgotten - by Him or you. Bonus points for extending the value of your investment in that pen: with an average of 40 words per note counting the recipient's name and address on the envelope, you can bring life, light, and joy to the lives of 1125 people this year before that pen runs dry! Happy note writing! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

First Things First
Equipping Parents and Families

Being part of a family is a great and blessed vocation from God. What does it mean to be a husband/wife? What does it mean to be a parent?

Join us for the 1st in our series of studies on the First Estate and the Vocation of Family.

Where: Bethel Lutheran Church

When Sunday Oct 1
1:00- 2:30

Childcare Provided

Contact Pastor Woodside
TEXT: 951-217-3385



The Human Care Committee is seeking your assistance again! Please join us on Saturday, September 30th at 9:30am to pack more dried soup mixes for the Little Free Pantry. A sign up sheet for required ingredients will be available by Tuesday, September 12th. This has turned out to be a great church project that anyone can get involved in. This time, our goal is to pack 50 bags of each of the three soups we have done, Chicken Noodle, Split Pea and Pasta Fagioli. Thanks for all your help in making it the success it is! The Human Care Committee.



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.

September 10: **Rev. Sam Pitsch**, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: **“A Hard Pill to Swallow”** based on Romans 13:1-7. *This Is the Life* program: **“Tina”** – Two lonely people, a woman and a child, come together through Jesus.

September 17: **Rev. William Aufdenkamp**, Christ Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hoffman, MN, presents the message: **“Who Do You Think You Are?”** based on Romans 14:8. *This Is the Life* program: **“Look to the Mountain”** – A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down and out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money.

Lutheran Family Service

Understanding the Grief Process
St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo
Saturday, October 14, 2023
9:00-12:00

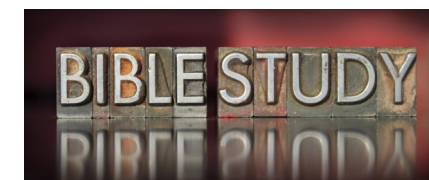
Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck
Sunday, October 15, 2023
1:00-4:00 pm

Dr. Mark has 30+ years of mental health experience in Thanatology (death and loss). He will share his vast experience in helping individuals, families, and communities in the face of tragedy from accidents, shootings, natural disaster, and suicide.

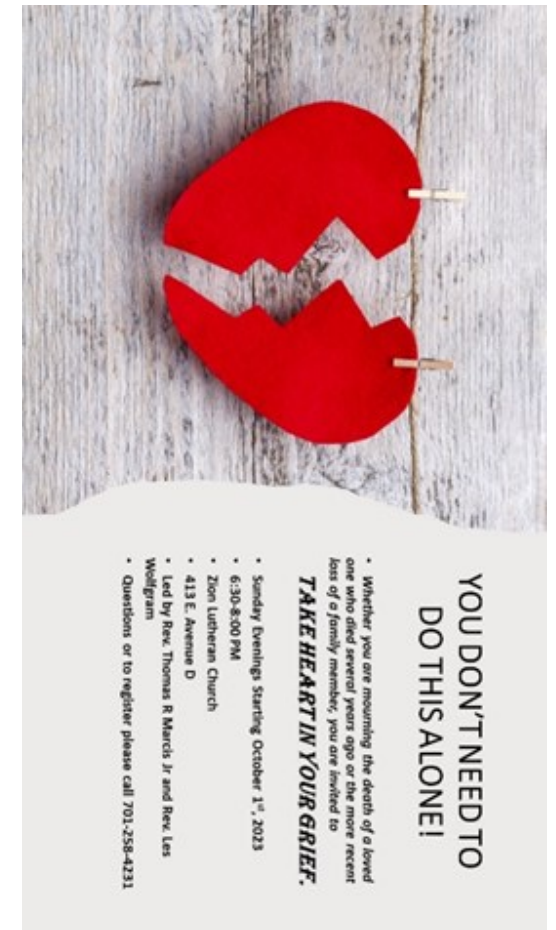
Free Will Offering

Dr. Mark Vande Braak, Ph.D., FT, MT-BC
Thanatologist/Music Therapist

On average, there are about 6,500 people that die across the United States each day. Dr. Mark Vande Braak has done extensive research and found that roughly 128 people are impacted by each death. As a Thanatologist, Dr. Mark helps those who are grieving the loss of a loved one with tools that help them to cope. Dr. Mark is an LCMS layman from Sioux Falls who shares his hope in Christ even as he deals with specific instances of trauma and loss. Join us as he presents “Understanding The Grief Process” on Saturday, October 14 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo from 9-noon, and Sunday, October 15 at Zion Lutheran Church in Bismarck from 1-4 pm.



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



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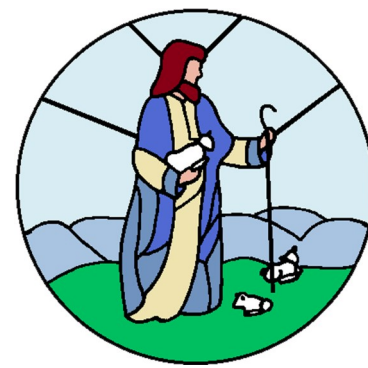
Sept. 10 - Sept. 23

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thur	Fri	Saturday
10 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Rally Day	11	12 <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	13 <u>6:00pm</u> Confirmation <u>6:00pm</u> Worship	14	15	16 <u>8:00am</u> Men's Network <u>9:00am</u> Board of Ed. <u>4:30pm</u> Hang Out
17 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Middle school Youth	18	19 <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	20 <u>6:00pm</u> Confirmation <u>6:00pm</u> Worship	21 <u>7:30pm</u> Elders	22	23

Sun: 2 Kings 9:1-13, 10:18-29, 2 Kings 13:1-18:8; Phil. 2:12-30
Mon: 2 Chron. 29:1-24; Phil. 3:1-21
Tue: 2 Chron 31:1-21; Phil. 4:1-23
Wed: 2 Chron. 32:1-22, Hos. 1:1-14:9; Col.1:1-23
Thu: 2 Chron. 33:1-25, Jonah 1:1-3:11; Col. 1:24-2:7
Fri: 2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33, Nah. 1:1-3:19; Col. 2:8-23
Sat: 2 Chron. 35:1-7, 16-25, Zeph. 1:1-3:20; Col. 3:1-25



Welcome back to Sunday School! Today is Sunday School Rally Day as we kick off the 2023-2024 year for Sunday School at Shepherd of the Valley. We will install our Sunday School Teachers as well as our elected congregational leaders during the Divine Service.



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

“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: Denise Wolfgram
Acolyte: Madison G.

Stewardship Thought

Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!



Pastor Wolfgram has received a Divine Call to serve as pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Menomonie and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Boyceville, WI. Please keep Pastor and Denise in your prayers as they consider the Lord’s will for their life in service to Him. Pastor Wolfgram plans to announce his decision on this call on September 17.

