

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 17, 2023

Divine Service Setting Four **LSB 203**

Opening Hymn: “O Bless the Lord My Soul” **LSB 814**

Hymn of the Day: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” **LSB 851**

Distribution Hymn: “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” **LSB 611**

Closing Hymn: “Praise to The Lord, The Almighty” **LSB 790**

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 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

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, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, 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: In addition to pervasive sadness, feeling hopeless and disconnected from others, another sign of depression is distorted thinking. Examples include overgeneralizing – after one thing goes wrong, saying, “Things never go right for me;” exaggerated responsibility for others – “Why aren’t you happy? It must be because of something I did or didn’t do;” and negative labeling – “I didn’t get up in time to exercise today – I’m lazy and a failure.” Left unchallenged, these false negative messages to self only deepen the despair. Depression is not a lack of faith or a character flaw, but a serious illness which when left untreated can destroy a life, a marriage and a family. It is treatable and you can feel better. See your medical doctor first and remember that your pastor and Christian counselors like those at Lutheran Family Service who also share your faith can help. **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. 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 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.

September 24: Rev. Guy Roberts, Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN, presents the message: **“Our Life in Song”** based on Psalm 27:109. *This Is the Life* program: **“Home Free”** – A family learns the real meaning of love, and that it comes free.

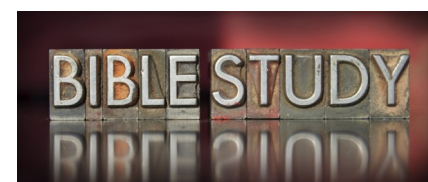
Understanding the Grief Process
St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo
Saturday, October 14, 2023
9:00-12:00
Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck
Sunday, October 15, 2023
1:00-4:00 pm

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.

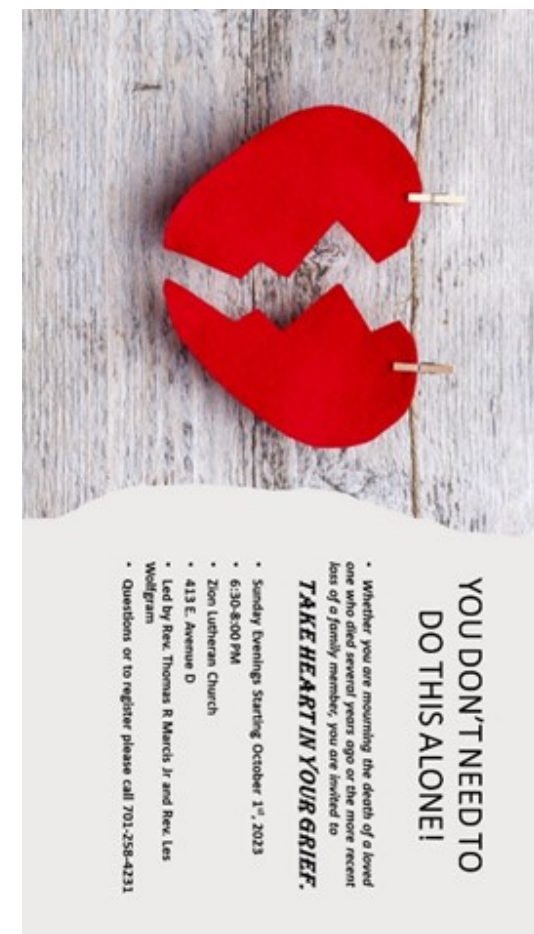
Free Will Offering

“Understanding The Grief Process”

Lutheran Family Service has been a great blessing to the church for many years. Pastor Wolfgram will share the history of this wonderful ministry and bring you up-to-date on all of the wonderful ways LFS looks to serve the pastors and members of congregations in the LCMS ND District. Join us during education hour as we focus on Lutheran Family Service.



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

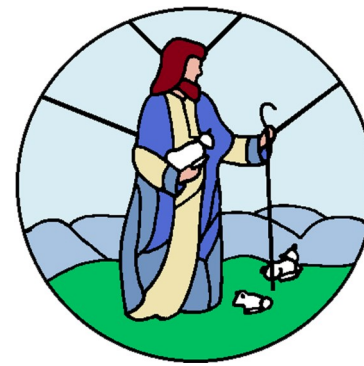


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Sept. 17 - Sept. 30

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thur	Fri	Saturday
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
24 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Senior High Youth <u>7:00pm</u> Council	25	26 <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	27 <u>6:00pm</u> Confirmation <u>6:00pm</u> Worship	28	29	30 <u>9:30am</u> Soup Packing

Sun: 2 Chron. 36:1-23, Philemon 1-25; Col. 4: 1-18
Mon: Neh. 1:1-2:10, Hag. 1:1-2:23; 1 Tim. 1:1-20
Mon: Neh. 2:11-20, 4:1-6; 1 Tim. 2:1-15
Tue: Neh. 4:7-23; 1 Tim. 3:1-16
Wed: Neh. 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16; 1 Tim. 4:1-16
Thu: Neh. 7:1-4; 8:1-18, Ezra 1:1-10:19; 1 Tim. 5:1-16
Fri: Neh. 9:1-2; 1 Tim. 5:17-6:2



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

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THE WEEKLY FYI

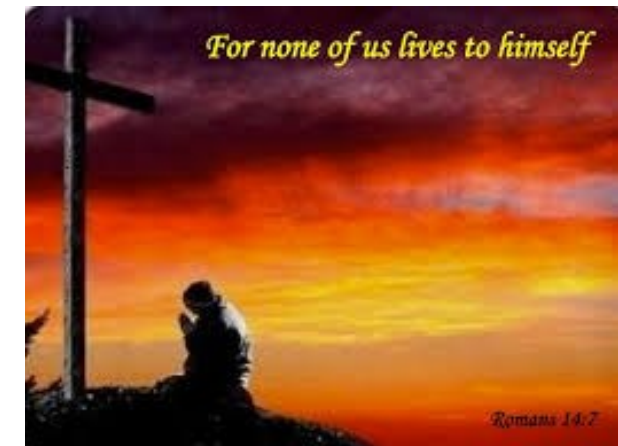
THOSE SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Les Wolfgram
Liturgist: Pastor Les Wolfgram
Elder: Rob Burkhardsmeyer
Accompanist: Shirley Cook
Acolyte: Mackenzie G.

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

Stewardship Thought

Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.



Pastor Wolfgram has returned the Divine Call to Wisconsin. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement during his time of deliberation. We look forward to all that the Lord has in store as pastor and people in this place as we celebrate Christ and His great love for us sinners.

