

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2023

Divine Service Setting Three **LSB 184**

Opening Hymn: “Hark the Glad Sound” **LSB 349**

Hymn of the Day: “Hark, A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” **LSB 345**

Distribution: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” **LSB 341**

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” **LSB 624**

Closing Hymn: “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”
LSB 348

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 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.

Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.

**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.

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Shepherd of the Valley will host the Banquet at the Dream Center on Sunday, January 14. We will serve lunch from 11:45-1:00. We will also share Christ as we lead a worship service over the lunch hour for the roughly three hundred individuals as they enjoy the meal.

#WEGETTOSERVE The Dream Center is The Human Care Committee's 4th Quarter focus.

The Board of Elders is looking forward to meeting with the members of their group in January. You have been assigned an elder whose responsibility it is to assist Pastor Wolfgram and Pastor Woodside in caring for you. We will be offering three elder group visit evenings to present current ministry goals and opportunities and to address any questions or concerns that you may have. The meetings will be held January 10, 16, and 17 starting at 7:15. We plan to meet for less than an hour. You will receive an invitation from your elder in the coming weeks.



Building Healthy Families: Over the coming holidays we will spend more time together than usual with our families. As you gather, keep a watchful eye out for excessive negative talk including complaining, fault-finding, and passing on gossip. Sharing gossip and negative messages of gloom and doom is not only sinful and dishonoring to our Father, but it also fosters a depressing atmosphere in the home (...and in the workplace...and in the church). Instead, look for the positives and talk about them often! "Whatever is pure, whatever is lovely...think on these things." Philippians 4:8 Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org



Christmas Worship Schedule:

December 24 Morning Divine Service: 9:00 am
 Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm
 Christmas Day Service 9:00 am.

The 2024 ND District Men's Retreat is scheduled to take place January 12-13 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Rev. Dr. Heath Trampe, pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Minot, will lead the conference based on Dr. Brad Alles' book, "Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers."

The cost for the retreat is \$100.00 and includes three meals and sleeping accommodations at the camp.



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.

Dec 17: Rev. Timothy Stout, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Sawyer, ND, St. Martin Lutheran Church, Anamoose, ND, and St. John Lutheran Church, Kongsberg, ND, presents the message: "The Lord Comes" based on John 1:6-8, 19-28. "This Is the Life" program: "Christmas Is" - The shepherd in a Christmas play learns the importance of Christmas.

Dec 24: Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, presents the Christmas message. More information at www.MainStreetLiving.com. "This Is the Life" program: "Christmas on Main Street" - The Christmas message at a mission brings a grandson and his grandfather together.

The youth of the congregation will pack Christmas bags for Wachter students this afternoon. You are invited to join us as we sing Christmas carols to our home-bound members this afternoon. We'll plan to gather at the church at 4:00.



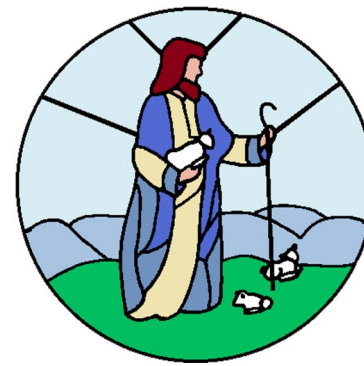
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Dec. 17- Dec. 30

Sunday Mon Tue Wednesday Thu Fri Saturday

17 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Wachter Gift Bags <u>3:45pm</u> Christmas Caroling <u>7:00pm</u> Council	18	19	20 <u>6:00pm</u> Children's Christmas Program	21	22	23
24 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>6:00pm</u> Christmas Eve Service	25	26	27	28	29	30



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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: Rev. Justin Woodside
Liturgist: Rev. Justin Woodside
Elder: Dick Dever
Accompanist: Shirley Cook
Acolyte: Abby Z.

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

Stewardship Thought

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord’s work, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord’s many gifts to us.



The Children’s Christmas service will take place on Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00 pm. Please join us as the children from our Sunday School tell the wonderful story of Christ’s birth.

Sun: Is. 44:21-45:13, 20-25, Dan. 10:1-12:13, Is. 48:1-22; Rev. 12:1-17
Mon: Is. 49:1-18; Matt 1:1-17
Tue: Is. 49:22-26, 50:4-51:8, 12-16; Matt. 1:18-25
Wed: Is. 51:17-52:12; Matt. 2:1-12
Thu: Is. 52:13-54:10; Matt. 2:13-23
Fri: Is. 55:1-13; Luke 1:1-25
Sat: Is. 58:1-59:3, 14-24; Luke 1:26-38

