

## SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Pastor

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The Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024

Divine Service IV

LSB 203

Opening Hymn: “When All the World Was Cursed” LSB 346

Hymn of The Day: “To Jordan’ River Came Our Lord” LSB 405

Distribution: “God’s Own Child I’ll Gladly Say It” LSB 594

“Draw Near and Take The Body Of The Lord”

LSB 737

Closing Hymn: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” LSB 394

**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 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

I will tell of | the decree:\*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- |  
gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*

be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the | LORD with fear,\*

and rejoice with | trembling,

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**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.**

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



Sign up to assist with The Banquet on January 14 as Shepherd of the Valley hosts the noon meal and leads worship at The Dream Center.

#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: What do the "Mona Lisa," "Starry Night," and "You," have in common? Yep - all three are masterpieces! Da Vinci and Van Gogh created famous works of art, but an even greater Master Craftsman created you. God formed you in your mother's womb and knew you before you were born. You may see clumsy big feet with ingrown toenails, expanding thighs, or a receding hairline. He sees and loves what He has created...a one-of-a-kind, unique you! Be careful not to paint over what He has designed with your own brush of negativity, inferiority, or shame. Thank God for and take care of the body He gave you! "For we are God's handiwork..." Ephesians 2:10 Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org*

The ND District Men's Retreat will take place on January 13 & 14 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Visit with Pastor Wolfgram if you are interested in attending this annual retreat.



You are invited to join your brothers and sisters in Christ at Shepherd of the Valley for our annual planning voters' meeting on Sunday, January 21st. We will assess where the Lord has brought us as a congregation and discuss how we can reach even more of our neighbors with the Good News of Christ crucified and risen.



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).

**Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Arie Bertsch, President of the ND District, LCMS, presents the message: "Anchored in Christ" based on Mark 1:4-11. "This Is the Life" program: ". "The Other Wiseman" - Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way.

**Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Richard Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND, presents the message: "Selective Hearing Loss" based on I Samuel 3:1-10. "This Is the Life" program: "The Priceless Book" - Money and health troubles on the farm lead a father to God's Word for comfort.



Jenny Maattala, director of Soul 57 will be with us on January 7 to tell us how Soul 57 helps youth who are experiencing the grief following a significant death in their lives. Soul 57 will be the focus for the first quarter 2024 for our human care effort.



"For Such A Time As This" will take place at Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 10. Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz, Executive Director of Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will discuss the importance of being dual kingdom citizens. Participants will learn why Christians should engage with culture along with the principles of religious liberty. Rev. Dr. Adam Filipek will also share insights on his book, "Life in Christ, Rooted, Woven, and Grafted into God's Story".

Registration is \$50.00 per person or \$75.00 per family. Registration forms are available in the narthex. Plan now to attend! You'll be glad that you did.



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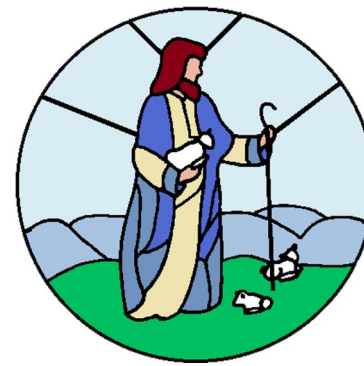
Sunday    Mon    Tue    Wednesday    Thu    Fri    Saturday

7 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Education Hour Jenny Maatala from Soul 57	8	9 2:30pm Stewardship 6:00pm Bible Study	10 6:00pm Worship 7:15pm Elder Group Meeting	11 10:00am People Matter	12	13 10:30am AED Training
14 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Education Hour 11:00am The Banquet	15	16 6:00pm Bible Study 7:15pm Elder Group Meeting	17 6:00pm Worship 7:15pm Elder Group Meeting	18 7:30pm Elders	19	20 8:00am Men's Network @ Messiah 4:30pm Hang Out

Shepherd of the Valley will offer AED training on Saturday, January 13 at 10:30 am. You are welcome to join us for this special training. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Sign up today.



The Board of Stewardship is hosting a BINGO night on Friday, January 26 at 6:00 pm. The evening will start with a pot-bless meal and continue with several rounds of BINGO with fabulous prizes being offered the winners. Plan to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.



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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: Denise Wolfgram  
Acolyte: Sam N.

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

**Stewardship Thought**

Mark 1:7 – “And [John] preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’” John is right — Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner’s place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.



Sun: Ezek. 36:33-37:14; Rom. 5:1-21  
Mon: Ezek. 37:15-28; Rom. 6:1-23  
Tue: Ezek. 38:1-23; Rom. 7:1-20  
Wed: Ezek. 39:1-10, 17--29; Rom. 7:21-8:17  
Thu: Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-12, Ezek. 40:5-42:20, 43:13-27; Rom. 8:18-39  
Fri: Ezek. 44:1-16, 23-29; Rom. 9:1-18  
Sat: Ezek. 47:1-14, 21-23; Rom. 9:19-33

