

## SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 14, 2024

Divine Service Setting Four                      LSB 203

Opening Hymn: “God Himself Is Present”                      LSB 907

Hymn of the Day: “God of The Prophets, Bless the Prophet’s  
Sons”                      LSB 682

Distribution: “The Church’s One Foundation”                      LSB 644

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”                      LSB 623

Closing Hymn: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”                      LSB 685

**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 40:1–5; antiphon: vv. 10a, b*

I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart;\*

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation;

I waited patiently | for the LORD;\*

he inclined to me and | heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,\*

and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.\*

Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.

Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,\*

who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can com- | pare with you!\*

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.

**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.**

I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart;\*

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



The Human Care Committee focus for the first quarter is Soul 57 Youth Grief Support. You can view their website at [www.soul57.org](http://www.soul57.org). There you will find information about their program.

Grief is a feast of feelings and emotions, made up of different ingredients, mixed and stewed differently for each individual. What is universal, however, is that grief is not finite. It is a constant that ebbs and flows with time and circumstance. What's more, everyone experiences and processes those feelings in their own way. It can be a lonely road filled with highs and lows, and for children those polarizing emotions are tricky to both understand and communicate effectively. Adults have the capacity to communicate their thoughts and find solutions that fit their needs as they navigate grief. Kids, though, are a completely different beast, and they don't necessarily have the wherewithal to clearly state their feelings and process their emotions. They need outlets to effectively explore those emotions in a healthy, safe, and effectual matter.

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 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:** Christians who suffer from depression often experience guilt, mistakenly believing that "true Christians" should feel joy - not daily sadness. Here's important and good news: a weak faith is not a cause of depression. Martin Luther struggled with depression (melancholy) as have many other faithful church leaders over the years. If you feel depressed, you're not alone so don't suffer alone. Luther had the right idea when he wrote, "Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail upon all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences." Don't retreat into solitude; talk to your pastor, friend, family member, or a trusted counselor at **Lutheran Family Service**. [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



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. 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.

**Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>:** Rev. Jim Lamb, Lutheran Family Service, Fort Dodge, Iowa, presents the message: "The Trinitarian Value of Human Life" based on Isaiah 43:1. Visit [www.MainStreetLiving.com](http://www.MainStreetLiving.com) for more information. "This Is the Life" program: "Live Option" - A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree on the future of her child.



"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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# Jan. 14- Jan. 27

Sunday Mon Tue Wednesday Thu Fri Saturday

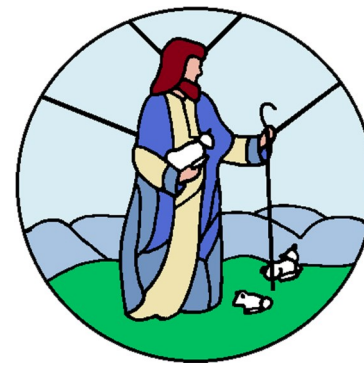
14 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Education Hour 11:00am The Banquet	15	16 6:00pm Bible Study 7:15pm Elder Group Meeting	17 6:00pm Worship 7:15pm Elder Group Meeting	18 7:30pm Elders	19	20 8:00am Men's Network @ Messiah 4:30pm Hang Out
21 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Voter's Planning Meeting 1:00pm Middle School Youth	22	23 6:00pm Bible Study	24 6:00pm Worship	25	26 6:00pm Bingo and Potluck Supper	27

The 2023 Offering statements are in mailboxes. Thank you!

Shepherd of the Valley host the noon meal today and leads worship at The Dream Center.



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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THE WEEKLY FYI

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Preacher: Pastor Les Wolfgram  
Liturgist: Pastor Les Wolfgram  
Elder: Rob Burkhardsmeyer  
Accompanist: Denise Wolfgram  
Acolyte: Madison G.

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

**Stewardship Thought**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty and faith.



Sun: Joel 1:1-20; Rom. 10:1-21  
Mon: Joel 2:1-17; Rom. 11:1-24  
Tue: Joel 2:18-32; Rom. 11:25-12:1  
Wed: Joel 3:1-21; Rom. 12:14-13:14  
Thu: Zech. 1:1-21; Rom. 14:1-23  
Fri: Zech. 2:1-3:10; Rom. 15:1-13  
Sat: Zech. 4:1-5:11; Rom 15:14-33

