SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Pastor Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor The Third Sunday After Epiphany January 21, 2024

Divine Service Setting Four	LSB 203
Opening Hymn: "Listen, God Is Calling"	LSB 833
Hymn of the Day: "Here I Am, Lord"	
Distribution: "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"	LSB 622
"O God Our Help in Ages Past"	LSB 733
Closing Hymn: "O Christ Our True and Only Light"	LSB 839

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. From the rising of the sun to its | setting,* the name of the LORD is | to be praised! Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,* praise the name | of the LORD! Blessèd be the name of the LORD* from this time forth and for- | evermore! The LORD is high above all | nations,* and his glory above the | heavens! He raises the poor | from the dust* and lifts the needy from the | ash heap, to make them sit with | princes,* with the princes of his | people. 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. From the rising of the sun to its | setting,* the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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. 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.



Thanks to all who assisted with the Banquet at the Dream Center last Sunday. While numbers were down, many were blessed by this important ministry. Pastor Wolfgram led a brief devotion service during the meal for those who were present. God be praised for this blessing!

Building Healthy Families: Trauma, emotional distress, or mental illness negatively impact many people, including those within our church fellowship today. When it does, we are often left searching for answers without knowing where to find help, especially help that will share and incorporate the important tenants of our Lutheran Christian faith. Lutheran Family Service offers professional mental health counseling with master's prepared and licensed therapists who share your faith and world view, now available to all regardless of location through telehealth. Call us...it's why we're here! Lutheran Family Service 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.



"This Is The Life" program To watch these programs at any time and see upcoming schedules go to www.mainstreetliving.com/north.

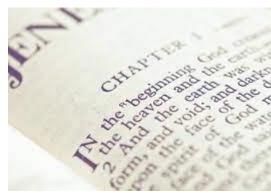
Jan. 21st: Rev. Jim Lamb, Lutheran Family Service, Fort Dodge, Iowa, presents the message: "The Trinitarian Value of Human Life" based on Isaiah 43:1. Visit www.MainStreetLiving.com for more information. "This Is the Life" program: "Live Option" - A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree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

Jan. 28th: 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: "Depart, Thou Unclean Spirit" based on Mark 1:21-28. "This Is the Life" program: "In Search of Dignity" - Two factory workers struggle to find meaning after they are replaced by machines.



"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 ples 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

why Christians should engage with culture along with the princifamily. Registration forms are available in the narthex. Plan now to attend! You'll be glad that you did.





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:



Rev. Dennis Voss will join us on January 28 to present "Stewards By God's Design" during the education hour. Pastor Voss is the Director of Stewardship Ministry for the LCMS ND District. Plan to join us for this new process of celebrating God's gifts among us.

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

The Third Sunday After Epiphany **January 21, 2024**

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Preacher:	Pastor Les Wolfgra
Liturgist:	Pastor Les Wolfgra
Elder:	Martin Bjergaard
Accompanist:	Denise Wolfgram
Acolyte:	Mackenzie G.

Stewardship Thought

Mark 1:14-15 – "Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

Sun:	Zech. 6:1-7:14; F
Mon:	Zech. 9:1-17; 2 T
Tue:	Zech. 10:1-11:3;
Wed:	Zech. 11:4-17; 2
Thu:	Zech. 12:1-13:9;
Fri:	Zech. 14:1-21; T
Sat:	Job 1:1-22; John
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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.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

THE WEEKLY FYI



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



Rom. 16:17-27 Гіт. 2:1-26 2 Tim 3:1-17 **Tim. 4:1-18 Titus 1:1-2:6 Titus 2:7-3:15** n 1:1-18





You are cordially invited to the Bethel Youth

Valentine's Banquet

Sunday, February 18, 2024 5:00pm social hour 5:30pm supper Bethel Lutheran Church

\$15 per person Spaghetti Supper Free childcare provided

RSVP required in advance Sign up in church narthex or by texting Alida Wiest at (701) 426-1986

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