

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

Divine Service Setting Three **LSB 184**

Opening Hymn: "How Firm A Foundation" **LSB 728**

Hymn of the Day: "Built on The Rock" **LSB 645**

Distribution: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" **LSB 427**

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" **LSB 623**

Closing Hymn: "O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" **LSB 707**

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 Wolfram 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 Wolfram or Pastor Woodside.

Introit

Psalm 69:14-16; antiphon: v. 9

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- |
en on me.

Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;*
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep
| waters.

Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me
up,*

or the pit close its mouth | over me.

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;*
according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me.

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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and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- |
en on me.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be
gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways
and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast
faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of
Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

Amen.



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 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.

Building Healthy Families: "Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been," wrote Mark Twain. Yet today we spend millions of dollars trying to look and feel younger than our years. As Christians, we know our value is not found in how we look or in what we can do. We are valuable – even as the number of our limitations (and wrinkles) increase with each passing year - because Jesus says we are. He demonstrated our value by giving His life as a ransom for ours. Does that make us valuable? You bet! Which older members of your church family would welcome a visit, telephone call or card from you this week? Let them know they're not forgotten and how valuable they (still) are! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org




First Things First
Equipping Parents and Families

Session IV

Topic: Being part of a family is a great and blessed vocation from God. What does it mean to be a parent?

Join us for the 4th in our series of studies on the First Estate and the Vocation of Family. Our focus this month will be the Vocation of Parent. **Childcare and refreshments** will be provided.

Where: Bethel Lutheran Church
When: Sunday, March 3rd @ 1-2:30

Contact: Pr. Woodside

Please **RSVP** to be added to our reminder text list!



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.

March 3rd: Rev. Thomas Puffe, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message based on the text of John 2:13-22. “This Is the Life” program: "Betrayed" - A man struggles to do what is right after a reporter uncovers shady dealings in his business.

March 10th: Rev. Daniel Suelzle, Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: “The Sign of Salvation” based on Numbers 21:4-9. “This Is the Life” program: “Aftermath” - A father tries to make things right with his daughter after a life of bad choices.

On Sunday, March 17, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church is hosting a free Biblically based gift planning (estate) awareness session for LCMS members in the Bismarck area. Mike Fischer, Sr Gift Planning Advocate, from The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Mission Advancement will be the featured presenter during the Bible class hour at 10:30 am. This presentation will focus on how one can be generous and wise with the treasures God has given during life. Mike will then be available for free individual consultation that following Monday through Wednesday.

Please mark your calendars for this event and let me know if you have any questions about this upcoming presentation. May God continue to bless your day.



Midweek Lent Services: We have begun our forty-day journey in Lent. Please join us for our Lent supper at 5:00 pm followed by the special midweek Lent service at 6:00 pm on Wednesday. Pastor Wolfgram will address the theme and image of Flood throughout the Bible.

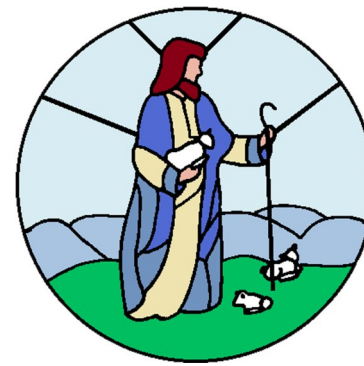


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Mar. 3 - Mar. 16

Sunday Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| 3 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Education Hour | 4 | 5 | 6 5:00pm Lenten Supper 6:00pm Worship | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Education Hour | 11 | 12 2:00pm Stewardship 4:00pm Evangelism 5:00pm Human Care | 13 5:00pm Lenten Supper 6:00pm Worship | 14 10:00am People Matter | 15 6:00pm Cornhole Indoor Picnic | 16 8:00am Men's Network 4:30pm Hang Out |



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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. Lester Wolfram
 Liturgist: Rev. Lester Wolfram
 Elder: Craig Helm
 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

Experiencing the loss of an infant before you've had the chance to even meet him or her is one of life's greatest challenges. If you know this unique type of pain, you are encouraged to attend Heartache & Hope with Infant Loss on Saturday, April 6 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Minot or Sunday, April 7 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Forks. Brought to you by the North Dakota District of the LCMS and led by Thanatologist (grief specialist) Dr. Mark VandeBraak with Lutheran Family Service, this informational program will be an important help to any parent, family member, or loved one who has suffered loss through miscarriage or stillbirth. No cost to attend, but please register your intent to come by contacting Rev. Les Wolfram



Stewardship Thought

John 2:16 – “And he told those who sold the pigeons, ‘Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.’” The Lord’s house is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It’s not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead, the church is a place for the Lord’s gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.



Sun: Gen 27:1-29; Mark 8:22-38
 Mon: Gen. 27:30-45, 28:10-22; Mark 9:1-13
 Tue: Gen. 29:1-30, Gen. 29:31-34:31; Mark 9:14-32
 Wed: Gen. 35:1-29; Mark 9:33-50
 Thu: Gen. 37:1-36; Mark 10:1-12
 Fri: Gen. 39:1-23; Mark 10:13-31
 Sat: Gen.40:1-23; Mark 10:32-52



Change of Date: The second annual Shepherd of the Valley indoor Corn Hole Tournament and picnic will take place on Friday April 19, 6:00 pm. The Board of Stewardship is looking forward to this evening of food, fellowship, and some spirited competition with the bean bags. Plan to join us. You'll be glad you did!