

## SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

Divine Service Setting One	LSB 151
Opening Hymn; "Lamb of God"	LSB 550
Hymn of the Day: "God So Loved the World"	LSB 571
Distribution: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	LSB 425
"I Come, O Savior, To Your Table"	LSB 618
Closing Hymn: "When I Behold Jesus Christ"	LSB 542

**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 27:3-5; antiphon: v. 1*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?\*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;\*

though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;\*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

**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.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?\*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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](http://www.soul57.org). There you will find information about their program.

**Building Healthy Families:** Who was the man God used to bring the Gospel to convert pagans to Christ over 1600 years ago in Ireland? Most of the world will celebrate him next weekend with green beer and parades but without an awareness of his significant role in Christian history. The little known and incredible story of St. Patrick is researched and well told by physicist and writer, John Murphy Ball, a member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Huntsville, Alabama. Look it up, share it with your children and grandchildren this week, and be amazed again at the many ways our loving Lord directs the paths of His faithful, from the beginning of time until this very day. *Find St. Patrick's story on the web at <https://witness.lcms.org/2011/in-search-of-st-patrick-3-2011/>* **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



Men's Network will take place on Saturday, March 16, at Bethel Lutheran Church. Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and our study of Romans. Breakfast is served at 8:00 am. We hope to see you there.

The Lord of life continues to be in control of our lives at all times and especially now in the midst of the uncertainty we've experienced the past few years and continue to experience. Shepherd of the Valley will once again be conducting a "Good Friday Prayer Vigil" starting at 7:00 pm on Good Friday and ending at 7:00 am Saturday morning. The Prayer Vigil consists of one-hour time slots whereby one or more persons will be in prayer in the quiet of the sanctuary each hour. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary along with Prayer Request cards that can be used to submit your prayer requests. .



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).

**March 10<sup>th</sup>:** 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.*

**March 17<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Doug Thompson, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisher, MN, and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Euclid, MN, presents the message: **"The Glory of Jesus"** based on Mark 10:32-45. *This Is the Life" program: "Holy Land Tour pt. 1" - A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.*

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.



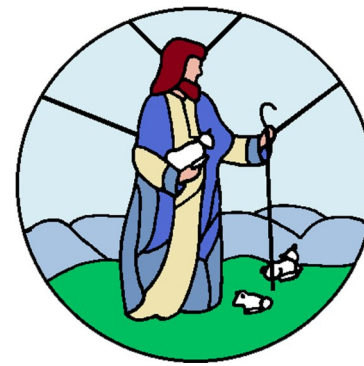
Midweek Lent Services: We have begun our forty-day journey in Lent. Please join us for our Lent supper at 5:00 pm followed by the special midweek Lent service at 6:00 pm on Wednesday. Pastor Wolfgram will address the theme and image of Thorns throughout the Bible.



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# Mar. 10 - Mar. 23

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>10</b> <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <u>2:00pm</u> Stewardship <u>4:00pm</u> Evangelism <u>5:00pm</u> Human Care	<b>13</b> <u>5:00pm</u> Lenten Supper <u>6:00pm</u> Worship	<b>14</b> <u>10:00am</u> People Matter	<b>15</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Cornhole Indoor Picnic	<b>16</b> <u>8:00am</u> Men's Network <u>4:30pm</u> Hang Out
<b>17</b> <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Middle School Youth	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <u>5:00pm</u> Lenten Supper <u>6:00pm</u> Worship <u>7:00pm</u> Elders	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>



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THE WEEKLY FYI



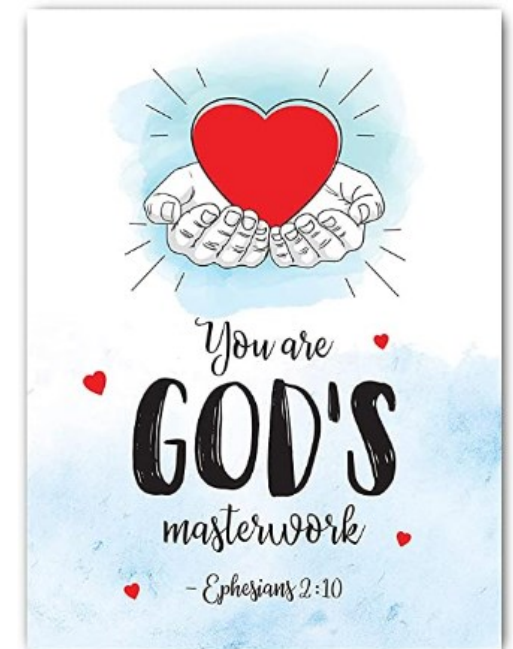
**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Preacher: Rev. Lester Wolfram  
 Liturgist: Rev. Lester Wolfram  
 Elder: Craig Helm  
 Accompanist: Shirley Cook  
 Acolyte: Abby Z.

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

**Stewardship Thought**

Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn't doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord's free salvation given to us to the good works He's prepared for us, everything is a gift of God's grace.



**Sun:** Gen. 27:30-45, 28:10-22; Mark 9:1-13  
**Mon:** Gen. 29:1-30, Gen. 29:31-34:31; Mark 9:14-32  
**Tue:** Gen. 35:1-29; Mark 9:33-50  
**Wed:** Gen. 37:1-36; Mark 10:1-12  
**Thu:** Gen. 39:1-23; Mark 10:13-31  
**Fri:** Gen.40:1-23; Mark 10:32-52  
**Sat:** Gen 41:1-27; Mark 11:1-19



If you or someone you know and love has experienced the heartbreaking loss of a newborn through miscarriage or stillbirth, please plan to attend Heartache and 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. Come to learn what is helpful – and not helpful – following such a painful, life-changing experience. 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 such a loss. No cost to attend, but please register your intent to come by contacting Rev. Les Wolfram by phone call to his office at (701)258-4231.



The Change of Date: The second annual Shepherd of the Valley indoor Bean Bag Toss 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!

