

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

Divine Service Setting One	LSB 151
Opening Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"	LSB 436
Hymn of the Day: "My Song Is Love Unknown"	LSB 430
Distribution: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"	LSB 427
"Drawn To the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"	LSB 560
Closing Hymn: "Glory Be to Jesus"	LSB 433

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 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an
ungodly | people,*
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!
I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.
Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid
| hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.
Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
"O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"
For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.
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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Salutation and Collect of the Day

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look
upon Your people that we may be governed and
preserved evermore in body and soul; 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.

The Annunciation of our Lord takes place on March 25 when Jesus was miraculously conceived in Mary's womb. We celebrate Christ and we celebrate life. Lutherans For Life has provided five placards that say, "At Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church we believe That God became a man in Jesus Christ..." "That Jesus' humanity began at his conception..." "And that your humanity therefore began at your conception." We are looking for five volunteers to hold these signs from 7:45-8:15 am and from 2:50-3:25 pm on Monday, March 25 during drop off and pickup at Wachter Middle School to broadcast this message to our community. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship area. Join us in speaking up for life!



Building Healthy Families: Spring - a season of renewal and new life - officially arrives on Tuesday, March 19 at 10:06 pm! Though you can't dig in the garden quite yet, take some time this week to take your family (or just yourself!) to your local greenhouse where you can smell, see, touch, feel and experience the new life all around you. As you do, be mindful of the new life that stirs within you and of Paul's inspired words written for you in Romans 6: "You were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, you too may live a new life." (Pssst.... Easter is coming soon!) **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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 signup 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.

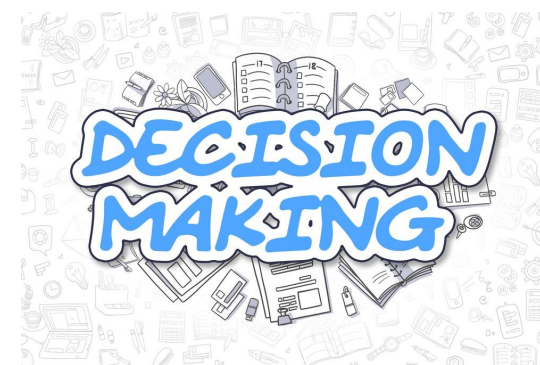
March 17th: **Rev. Doug Thompson**, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisher, MN, and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Euclid, MN, presents the message: **"The Glory of Jesus"** based on Mark 10:32-45. *This Is the Life* program: **"Holy Land Tour pt. 1"** - A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry,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

March 24th: **Rev. Michael Suelzle**, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Devil's Lake, ND, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota, ND, and St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara, ND, presents the message: **"Glory"** based on John, 12:20-43. *This Is the Life* program: **"Holy Land Tour pt. 2"** - A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

We welcome Mike Fischer, Sr Gift Planning Advocate, from The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Mission Advancement who 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.



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 Paradise throughout the Bible.

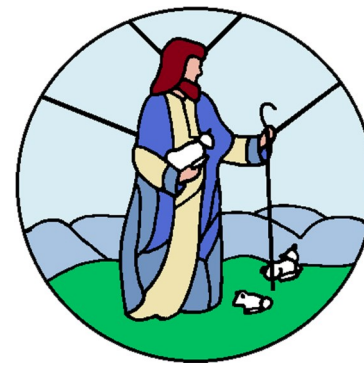


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Mar. 17 - Mar. 30

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Middle School Youth	18	19	20 <u>5:00pm</u> Lenten Supper <u>6:00pm</u> Worship <u>7:00pm</u> Elders	21	22	23
24 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Senior High Youth <u>7:00pm</u> Council	25	26	27	28 <u>6:00pm</u> Maundy Thursday Service	29 <u>12:00-3:00</u> Tre-Ore @ Messiah <u>6:00pm</u> Good Friday Service <u>7:00pm</u> Prayer Vigil	30



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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 Wolfgram
 Liturgist: Rev. Lester Wolfgram
 Elder: Lee Roath
 Accompanist: Shirley Cook
 Acolyte: Olivia D.

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

Stewardship Thought

Mark 10:45 – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example of self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.



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 Wolfgram by email at pastor.wolfgram@gmail.com or by phone call or message to his office at (701)258-4231 or cell phone at (701) 400-0646.



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!

Sun: Gen. 41:28-57; Mark 11:20-33
Mon: Gen. 42:1-34, 38; Mark 12:1-12
Tue: Gen. 43:1-28; Mark 12:13-27
Wed: Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34; Mark 12:28-44
Thu: Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28; Mark 13:1-23
Fri: Gen. 47:1-31, Gen. 48:1-49:28; Mark 13:24-37
Sat: Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26; Mark 14:1-11

