

## SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Divine Service Setting Four **LSB 203**

Opening Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" **LSB 709**

Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain" **LSB 865**

Distribution: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" **LSB 740**

"I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table" **LSB 618**

Closing Hymn: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" **LSB 655**

**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 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

The LORD is my | shepherd;\*

I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\*

He leads me beside still | waters.

He re- | stores my soul.\*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;\*

your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;\*

you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

**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 am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.


**Amen.**

# Mayfest 24

Saturday, May 4, 2024, 4-9pm  
 Bavendick Stateroom  
 Bismarck State College NECE Building  
 Social Hour, Dinner, Silent Auction, & Live Auction  
 Mayfest is the largest single fundraising event  
 for Martin Luther School.  
 We encourage you to be a part of this fun event.

Purchase your tickets online:  
 \$75 per ticket or  
 a table for 8 for \$550.

(Scan QR Code to purchase tickets now.)




**Building Healthy Families:** Your mom wants to stay in her own home and wants you to stop worrying about her. You want her to be happy, but you worry about her living alone as she ages. Sound familiar? A recent AARP survey found that staying at home as long as possible is a stated goal for 95% of people age 75 and older. Be creative and seek mutually agreeable solutions which make staying at home safe as long as possible; be brave and respectful and have conversations about options before a move is needed. Find helpful ideas and resources at <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/aging-place/aging-place-growing-older-home> or invite a counselor from LFS out to speak to a group in your church or community about this important topic! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



The Sunday School children will assist with the service this morning as they present the Six Chief Parts of Luther's Small Catechism. We are grateful to our Sunday School staff for their work in preparing our children as they are formed and shaped in Christ.



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).

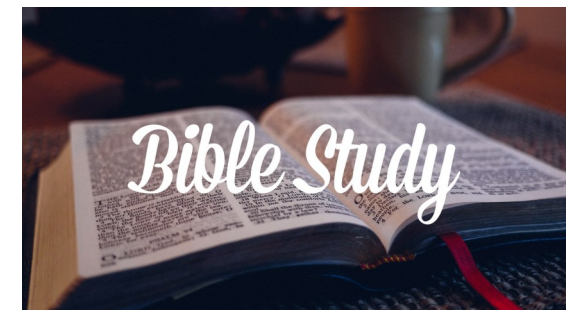
**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Rev. Jim Meyer, member of St. John Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, presents the message: "What Kind of Shepherd Is Christ?" based on John 10:11-18. *This Is the Life* program: "Alibi" - A father tries to reconnect with his estranged son after the death of his mother.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents the message: "Where is Jesus?" based on Acts 8:26-40. *"This Is the Life"* program: "No Place to Hide" - A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.

The rite of Confirmation will take place next Sunday, April 28. Olivia Dever will confirm the faith into which she was baptized. We pray God's rich blessing for Olivia as she grows in her faith in Jesus.



Tuesday Bible Studies: On Tuesday morning at 10:00 am Pastor Woodside and Pastor Wolfgram will lead a study on the Gospel according to John. The Tuesday evening Bible Study also resumes this week at 6:00 pm as we begin to study the book of Exodus led by Pastor Woodside.



I would like to give a huge thank you to our wonderful Shepherd of the Valley family! As many of you know I was in the hospital for a week and have been recovering at home since. The doctors are still figuring things out, but I am on the mend! So I wish to thank you all for your many kindnesses! Quite a few people reached out with cards, calls and well-wishes, which felt like a hug when I was in pain. And I know so many of you were remembering my family and me in your daily prayers and it was an amazing blessing to be lifted up in prayer by so many. And in keeping with the role of the Church, you cared for my family as you would have cared for your own family. You took the burden of feeding them - and that's not a small feat considering the number that sit at my table! But you also took the burden of worry off my shoulders. I was able to rest at the hospital, and later at home, knowing that my family was being well cared for. If you hadn't, my kids would have been at the mercy of Justin's (Pastor's) cooking skills, which would have meant Taco Bell every night! A special thank you to the one person who offered to take my place and drive three-hours, another special thank you to the three people who arrived just in time to keep me from doing something dangerous, and to another thank you to those visited while I was in the hospital, and finally another special thank you to those few who took pictures of my family at special events that I missed. Also, if you see my older children, give them a pat on the back for stepping-up and taking over all my household tasks while I was unable to. Again, thank you, Shepherd family, for the immense blessing you have been to my family these past few weeks! - Victoria Woodside

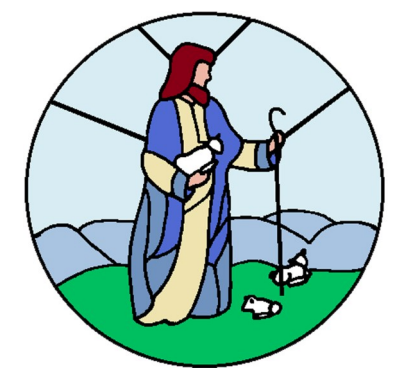


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# Apr. 21 - May 4

| Sunday   | Mon | Tue   | Wed                            | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 21<br><u>9:00am</u><br>Divine Service<br><u>10:30am</u><br>Education Hour<br><u>1:00pm</u><br>Middle School Youth  | 22  | 23<br><u>10:00am</u><br>Bible Study<br><u>6:00pm</u><br>Bible Study | 24<br><u>6:00pm</u><br>Worship | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br><u>9:00am</u><br>Divine Service<br><u>10:30am</u><br>Education Hour<br><u>1:00pm</u><br>Senior High Youth<br><u>3:00pm</u><br>MVCO Concert<br><u>7:00pm</u><br>Council | 29  | 30<br><u>10:00am</u><br>Bible Study<br><u>6:00pm</u><br>Bible Study | 1                              | 2   | 3   | 4   |



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
 "A church family that shares, nurtures, and lives our faith in Christ"  
**Fourth Sunday Of Easter**  
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## THE WEEKLY FYI

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

- Preacher: Rev. Justin Woodside
- Liturgist: Rev. Les Wolfgram
- Elder: Rob Burkhardsmeyer
- 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

John 10:14 – "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.



Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is the area of focus for Human Care during the second quarter of 2024. SH@CR is a Lutheran Bible Camp located near the International Peace Garden and is a Registered Service Organization of the LCMS. SH@CR provides Christ-centered ministry with retreats and Bible camp opportunities for persons of all ages. We rejoice in the blessing that SH@CR is for individuals and families across ND as they provide outdoor ministry opportunities for Christians to grow in their faith in Christ through Bible study, fellowship, and enjoying God's creation. To learn more about camp and retreat opportunities go to their website at <https://www.shretreat.org/>.

- Easter 4:** Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36; Luke 9:1-17
- Mon:** Lev. 9:1-24; Luke 9:18-36
- Tues:** Lev. 10:1-20; Lev. 11:1-15:33; Luke 9:37-62
- Wed:** Lev. 16:1-24; Luke 10:1-22
- Thur:** Lev. 17:1-16; Luke 10:23-42
- Fri:** Lev. 18:1-7, 20-19:8; Luke 11:1-13
- Sat:** Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37; Luke 11:14-36



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**AT THE**  
**CROSSROADS**  
 ST. JOHN, NORTH DAKOTA