

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Confirmation Sunday

Divine Service Setting Four LSB 203

Opening Hymn: “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain” LSB 865

Hymn of the Day: “Fruitful Trees, The Spirit’s Sowing”

LSB 691

Distribution: “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” LSB 594

“Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide” LSB 585

Closing Hymn: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” LSB 633

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 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

A little while, and you will see me no | longer;*

and again a little while, and you will | see me.

I will extol you, my | God and King,*

and bless your name forever and | ever.

Every day I will | bless you*

and praise your name forever and | ever.

The LORD is gracious and | merciful,*

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,*

and all your saints shall | bless you!

My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,*

and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | 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.

A little while, and you will see me no | longer;*


and again a little while, and you will | see me.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through 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.)



Bethel Lutheran Church's Annual
LWML Salad Supper
 Monday, May 13 @ 6 pm



Come learn about creating treasures from discards! Carolyn Geston, our guest speaker will show us how to recycle and upscale jeans, neckties, shirts and other items.
 Please share your favorite salad
 —you'll be surprised by the variety!

Bethel Lutheran Church | 615 E Turnpike Ave | 701-255-1433



Building Healthy Families: "Don't worry, be happy!" ... remember that catchy little tune from the 80's? Repeatedly, God gives us this same message in His Word; but isn't it so much easier to say "don't worry" than it is to not worry? When you're feeling overwhelmed with worry, go to God's Word, read, then write down on a piece of paper some of the verses that speak directly to you. To get started, check out Psalm 23:4, John 14:27, Matthew 6:25+, Romans 8:31, and Isaiah 41:10. Also know that men and women who share your Lutheran Christian faith and are trained and experienced at helping people with worry (and many other things) are available to you at Lutheran Family Service through office or tele-health visits. Call us – it's why we're here! **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Bismarck-Mandan LCMS Ascension Day Service
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 (7111 Williamson Drive, between US-83 & N. Washington)
Thursday, May 9
7:00 p.m. Divine Service
Preacher: Vicar Dylan Meyer

8:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social
 "While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven." (Luke 24:51)



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.

April 28th: 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.

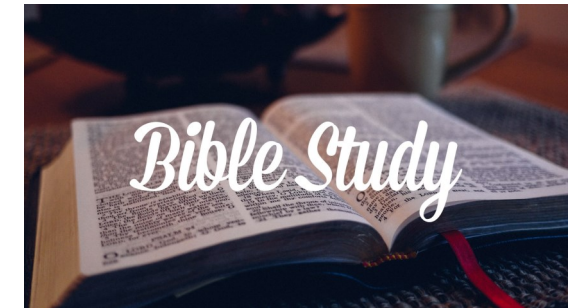
May 5: Vicar Jonathan Chapa, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: "What A Friend That We Have..." based on John 15:9-17. "This Is the Life" program: "How come a nice girl like you?" - A nurse struggles with what to do after reconnecting with an old boyfriend

We rejoice with Olivia Dever as she confirms the faith into which she was baptized in Christ. We are grateful to the Lord for all of His promises and His love to us expressed in Christ's death and resurrection. God bless Olivia as she gives profession of her faith in Christ this morning.



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.

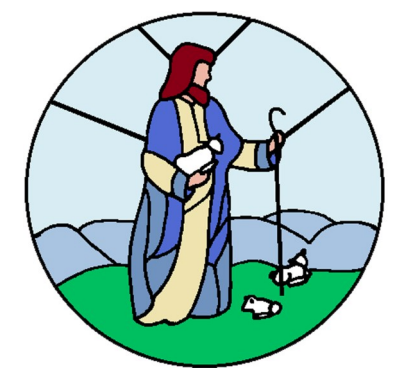
The People Matter Community Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, from 11-2 on the grounds of Wachter Middle School. Shepherd of the Valley hosts a table at this community event to connect people in need in our community with the resources available to help them in their time of need. Inflatables, a dunk tank, free food served by the Dream Center, and a drawing for several bike/helmet sets will be a part of the day. We are in need of volunteers to assist with our table and to help with registration during the event. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you'd like to help.



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Apr. 28 - May 11

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Senior High Youth <u>3:00pm</u> MVCO Concert <u>7:00pm</u> Council	29	30 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	1 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship	2	3	4 <u>4:00pm</u> Mayfest
5 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour	6	7 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	8	9 <u>7:00pm</u> Ascension Day Service	10	11 <u>11:00am</u> Community Carnival



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



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THE WEEKLY FYI

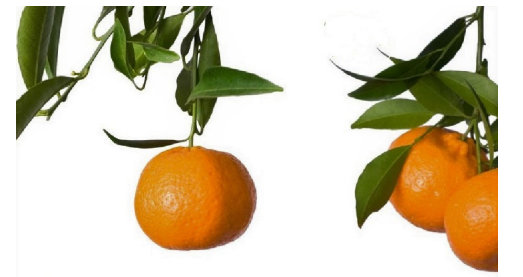
THOSE SERVING TODAY

- Preacher: Rev. Justin Woodside
- Liturgist: Rev. Les Wolfgram
- Elder: Rob Burkhardsmeyer
- Accompanist: Shirley Cook
- Acolyte: Madison G.

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

Stewardship Thought

John 15:2 – "Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning



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John 15:2

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 5:** Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27; Luke 11:37-54
- Mon:** Lev. 21:1-24; Luke 12:1-12
- Tues:** Lev. 23:1-22; Luke 12:13-14
- Wed:** Lev. 23:23-44; Luke 12:35-53
- Thu:** Lev. 24:1-23; Lev. 25:1-55; Luke 12:54-13:17
- Fri:** Lev. 26:1-20; Luke 13:18-35
- Sat:** Lev. 26:21-33, 39-44; Num 1:1-2:34; Luke 14:1-24



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