

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY**  
**Rev. Lester Wolfram, Pastor**  
**Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 18, 2024**

<b>Divine Service Setting Four</b>	<b>LSB 203</b>
<b>Opening Hymn: “O God, My Faithful God”</b>	<b>LSB 696</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: “I Want to Walk as A Child Of The Light”</b>	<b>LSB 411</b>
<b>Distribution: “O That I Had a Thousand Voices”</b>	<b>LSB 811</b>
<b>“Your Table I Approach”</b>	<b>LSB 628</b>
<b>Closing Hymn: “Awake O Sleeper, Rise from Death”</b>	<b>LSB 697</b>

**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 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.\*

His praise endures for- | ever!

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,\*

in the company of the upright, in the cong- | gation.

Great are the works | of the LORD,\*

studied by all who de- | light in them.

Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,\*

and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;\* the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

He provides food for those who | fear him,\*

he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.\*

Holy and awesome | is his name!

**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, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

Whether you are mourning the death of a loved one who died several years ago or the more recent loss of a family member, you are invited to Take Heart In Your Grief. Sessions will take place on six Sunday evenings at Shepherd of the Valley from 6:30-8:00 PM beginning October 6. Take Heart In Your Grief will give you the opportunity to connect with others who share your experience even as you are given hope in Christ. Pastor Marcis and Pastor Wolfgram will lead the discussion based on the booklet, Take Heart In Your Grief, authored by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann.



Contact Pastor Wolfgram if you have questions or would like to attend.

"Our Wisdom Warrior committee has been continuing our planning as we work toward launching our Mentorship program in 2025. The official day to sign up for this program will be Rally Day September 8, 2024 during Education Hour. This is the time for interested mentors and families of mentees to sign up for the program, and receive information on the upcoming training sessions (September and October). More information to come!"



Alter flowers were donated by Cheryl Purdy in memory of Curt Carlson



Pastor Marcis will lead the midweek service on Wednesday, August 21st.



**Building Healthy Families:** Parents, grandparents and pew buddies -- Have you ever heard a young child sing? Are they on key, in tune, or even singing the right words? Maybe not, but boy, oh, boy are they exuberant! Encouraging little ones to sing throughout the worship service is a wonderful way to involve them and imprint God's Word and the teachings of our faith on their hearts. Focus on regularly occurring songs in the worship service and common hymns or songs with refrains. Consider selecting a song for the month (at church or home; or even better, both!) and take it a verse per week. What a joy it is for the whole church family to sing together, making a joyful noise to the Lord! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



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).

**August 18:** Rev. Thomas Marcis, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "To Whom Shall We Go?" based on John 6:51-69. *This is the Life* program: "Look to the Mountain" - A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down and out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money.

**August 25:** Rev. Justin Woodside, Bethel and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Churches, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "Why Do What We Do?" based on Mark 7:1-13. *This is the Life* program: "Home Free" - A family learns the real meaning of love, and that it comes free.



We are renewing our subscriptions for The Lutheran Witness for families who are Shepherd of the Valley members. If you do not currently receive The Lutheran Witness and would like to receive it, please contact the church office by September 1. The Lutheran Witness is the official magazine of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and contains articles relevant to faith and life in Christ.



Sunday School Rally Day will take place on Sunday, September 8. We will install congregational officers and Sunday School staff during the service. Brunch will be served during the educational hour as various boards and organizations display their work to serve the Lord and His Church. Plan to join us for an exciting day.



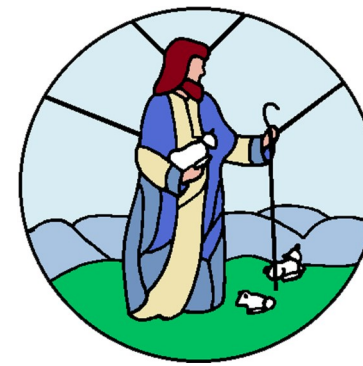
The Tuesday morning Bible study will resume this week at 10:00 am as we continue our study of the Gospel according to John. There will be bible study at 6:00 pm.

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# Aug. 18 - Aug. 31

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>11:30am</u> Wisdom Warriors <u>1:00pm</u> Middle School Youth	19	20 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	21 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship (Marcis)	22	23	24 Confirmation Retreat
25 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Senior High Youth <u>7:00pm</u> Council	26	27 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	28 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship (Wolfgram)	29	30	31



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## THE WEEKLY FYI

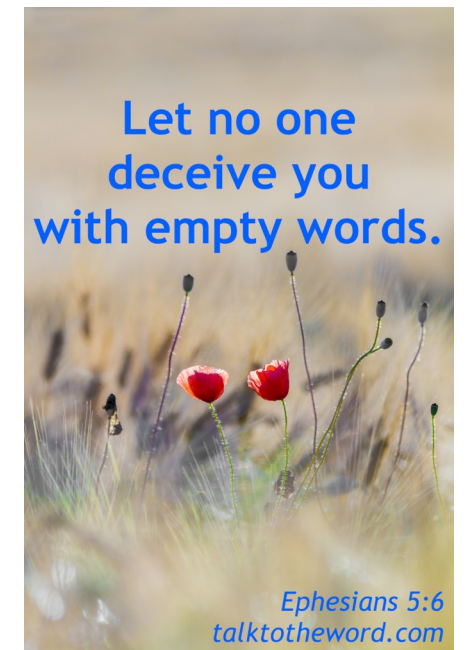
### THOSE SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Les Wolfgram  
 Liturgist: Rev. Justin Woodside  
 Elder: Martin Bjergaard  
 Accompanist: Shirley Cook  
 Acolyte: Sam N.

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

### Stewardship Thought

Ephesians 5:6-7 – “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them.” The wrath of a God is a real thing, and we would do well to reflect on this. We want to stay away from anything that would take us away from the Lord. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, “I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). We are the Lord’s servants; therefore we cling to His Word.



### Iowa Flooding



The focus for human care for the third quarter of this year is support for congregations in Northwest Iowa that suffered severe flood damage in recent weeks.

Rev. Dr. Tom Parks serves as a missionary to Taiwan. He will give a special presentation at Bethel Lutheran Church at 1:00 pm on Sunday, August 18. Taco-In-a-Bag will be served at 12:30 pm. You are invited to attend!



**Sun:** 1 Sam. 28:3-25, 1 Sam. 29:1-30:31; 1 Cor. 6:1-20  
**Mon:** 1 Sam. 31:1-13; 1 Cor. 7:1-24  
**Tue:** 2 Sam. 1:1-27; 1 Cor. 7:25-40  
**Wed:** 2 Sam. 5:1-25; 1 Cor. 8:1-13  
**Thu:** 2 Sam. 6:1-19; 1 Cor. 9:1-23  
**Fri:** 2 Sam. 7:1-17; 1 Cor. 9:24-10:22  
**Sat:** 2 Sam. 7:18-29; 1 Cor. 10:23-11:16

