

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY**

**Rev. Lester Wolfram, Pastor**

**Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 8, 2024**

**Divine Service Setting Four** **LSB 203**

**Opening Hymn: “On Jordan’s Bank, The Baptist’s Cry”**  
**LSB 344**

**Hymn of the Day: “Hark the Glad Sound”** **LSB 349**

**Distribution: “The Advent of Our King”** **LSB 331**  
**“Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”** **LSB 347**

**Closing Hymn: “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”**  
**LSB 348**

**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 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!\*

O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.\*

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.

But my people did not listen | to my voice;\*

Israel would not sub- | mit to me.

Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,\*

that Israel would walk | in my ways!

**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 voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

A Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 14, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley. Jim Hawley is hosting this bazaar with items collected by Sherry over the years. Details about items for sale are coming soon.



The Children's Christmas service will occur on Wednesday, December 18, at 6:00 pm.

**Building Healthy Families:** As you prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth with your family, remember those who struggle. Lutheran Family Service is here as a uniquely Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod mission to help those in need as an extension of our church's ministry all year long. No government dollars are used in order to keep its Christ-centered focus. Your partnership gift given before December 31 through the "We're All in this Together" year-end giving appeal will make it possible for someone to receive help regardless of their ability to cover the cost of the care they need. Make your gift today online at <https://lutheranfamilyservice.networkforgood.com/> or by mail to your closest LFS office or the LFS administrative office at 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. We're In This Together! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



The Human Care focus for the fourth quarter of 2024 is Lutheran Family Service.



**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).

**Dec. 8:** Rev. Thomas Puffe, St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message: "Luke 3:1-14" based on the same text. Lutheran Hour Ministries program: "Red Boots Christmas" - A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas."

**Dec. 15:** Rev. Scott Ramey, All Nations Lutheran Church, Rock Lake, ND, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rolla, ND, and Zion Lutheran Church, Munich, ND, presents the message: "Are You the One!" based on Matthew 11:2-4. Lutheran Hour Ministries program: "Christmas Is" - The shepherd in a Christmas play learns the importance of Christmas.



The Board of Youth is once again collecting items for the Annual Wachter Christmas Bags. If you would like to contribute items towards the cause, please see the bulletin board in front of the coat room. If you would like to contribute monetarily, please talk with Adam Dever, Justin Dever or Pastor Woodside. Thank you!

We will sing Christmas carols to our homebound members on Sunday afternoon, December 15. We will gather at Shepherd of the Valley at 2:00 pm. We will gather at the church following caroling for light refreshments and fellowship. Please plan to join us.



Join us for our Tuesday morning Bible study on the book of Esther. We meet at 10:00 am.

The next women's Bible study at Shepherd of the Valley will take place on Monday, December 9th at 6:00 pm, where we will continue our study, "Meant For God: A Study of Joseph."



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# Dec. 8 - Dec. 21

Sunday      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

8 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>7:00pm</u> Council	9 <u>6:00pm</u> Women's Bible Study	10 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study	11 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship	12	13	14 <u>10:00am</u> Hawley Christmas Bazaar
15 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Middle/Senior High Youth	16	17 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study	18 <u>6:00pm</u> Children's Christmas Service	19	20	21 <u>4:30pm</u> Hang Out

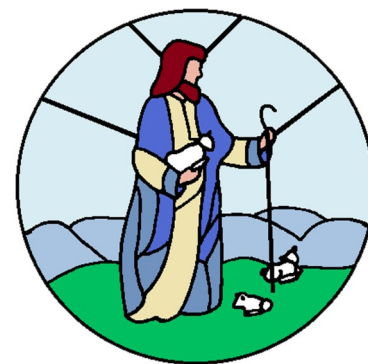


As we enter the joyful Christmas season, we invite you to participate in a special Poinsettia Donation to help beautify our church for the holidays. Your generous gift will fill our sanctuary with the vibrant colors of Christmas.

This is a free-will offering, and donations of any amount are welcome. Donations can be placed in the donation box in the narthex. Thank you for your support and contributions.



Christmas Services: The Christmas Eve service will occur on December 24 at 6:00 pm. The Christmas Day Divine Service will occur at 9:00 am December 25 including the Lord's Supper.



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

“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: Martin Bjergaard  
 Accompanist: Shirley Cook  
 Acolyte: Mackenzie G.

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

Stewardship Thought

Luke 3:4 – “As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than seven hundred years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That’s yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives: He knows what’s coming and we don’t.



Sun: Is. 8:9-9:7; 1 Peter 4:1-19  
 Mon: Is. 9:8-10:11; 1 Peter 5:1-14  
 Tue: Is. 10:12-27a, 33-34; 2 Peter 1:1-21  
 Wed: Is. 11:1-12:6; 2 Peter 1-22  
 Thu: Is. 14:1-23; 2 Peter 3:1-18  
 Fri: Is. 24 1-13; 1 John 1:1-2:14  
 Sat: Is. 24:14-25:12, Obad. 1:21; 1 John 2:15-29

