

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

Divine Service Setting Four **LSB 203**

Opening Hymn: “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”
LSB 345

Hymn of the Day: “In Holy Conversation” **LSB 772**

Distribution: “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers” **LSB 515**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” **LSB 803**

Closing Hymn: “Savior Again to Thy Dear Name” **LSB 917**

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.



“Save the date for Bingo on Friday, January 17



North Dakota's 35th Annual Men's RETREAT
 Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads
Rev. Bernie Worrall presenting
 FRI, JAN 10 - SAT, JAN 11, 2025
 \$100/person

Based Morality
 "How can a young man keep his way pure?
 By guarding it according to your word."
 Psalm 119:9

Contact Corey Isaak to reserve your spot for this faith-enriching event
 corey.isaak@gracefargo.org | 701-281-0240

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

Building Healthy Families: This time of the year finds many of so busy shopping, wrapping, baking, hosting parties, attending concerts...you know the list! While these activities aren't bad, let this be your friendly reminder to slow down, be still, and not miss the reason we celebrate. Refocus if you need to! "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2 **Lutheran Family Service** 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.

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.

Dec. 22: Rev. Matthew Harrison, president of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, presents a Christmas message. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information. Lutheran Hour Ministries program: "Christmas on Main Street" -

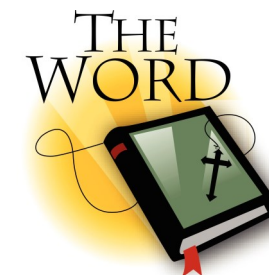


Christmas caroling will occur this afternoon. We'll meet at Shepherd of the Valley at 2:00 pm. Join us.



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

The next women's Bible study at Shepherd of the Valley will take place on Monday, January 13th at 6:00 pm, where we will continue our study, "Meant For God: A Study of Joseph."



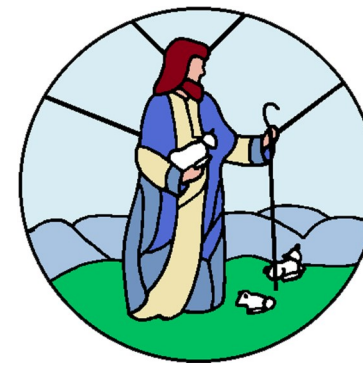
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Dec. 15 - Dec. 28

Sunday Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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
22 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour	23	24 <u>6:00pm</u> Christmas Eve Service	25 <u>9:00am</u> Christmas Service	26	27	28



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: Abby Z.

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

Stewardship Thought

Philippians 4:5-6 – “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Wouldn’t you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn’t it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Poinsettia fund! We have a beautiful sanctuary to prepare for Christ’s birth!



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.



Sun: Is. 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24
 Mon: Is. 26:20-27:13; 1 John 4:1-21
 Tue: Is. 28:14-29; 2 John 5:1-21, 2 John 1-13, 3 John 1-15
 Wed: Is. 29:1-14; Jude 1-25
 Thu: Is. 29:15-30:14; Rev 1:1-20
 Fri: Is. 30:15-26; Rev. 2:1-29
 Sat: Is. 30:27-31:9; Rev. 3:1-22

