

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY**

**Rev. Lester Wolfram, Pastor**

**Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 22, 2024**

**Divine Service Setting Four** LSB 203

**Opening Hymn: “My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”** LSB 934

**Hymn of the Day: “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”**

LSB 356

**Distribution: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”** LSB 341

**“Let The Earth Now Praise the Lord”** LSB 352

**Closing Hymn: “Now Sing We Now Rejoice”** LSB 386

**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**

*1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b–7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b–47*

My soul magni- | fies the Lord,\*

and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

My mouth derides my | enemies,\*

because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.

There is none holy | like the LORD;\*

there is none besides you; there is no rock | like our God.

The barren has borne | seven,\*

but she who has many children | is forlorn.

The LORD kills and | brings to life;\*

he brings down to Sheol and | raises up.

The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;\*

he brings low and | he exalts.

**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.**

My soul magni- | fies the Lord,\*

and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**



“Save the date for Bingo on Friday, January 17

We rejoice as we welcome Candace Henkelman to our church family during the morning service. We are glad you are here! Welcome!



Building Healthy Families: What do you do in your home to keep your family focused on the true meaning of Christmas? Time spent together without technology, taking turns reading aloud the “original” Christmas story from Luke 2 is one great idea. Praying together is another. Perhaps at Christmas dinner, invite your family to read a Christmas song as a prayer before the meal, with each member given a verse to share. The text from Martin Luther’s “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” (Lutheran Service Book #358) would be a beautiful family prayer. A blessed, peaceful and joyful celebration of Jesus’ this Christmas to you and yours -----from your friends at Lutheran Family Service! Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org



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

**North Dakota's 35th Annual**

*Men's* **RETREAT**

Rev. Bernie Worrall presenting

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads  
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 199:9

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

We will take down the Christmas tree on Saturday, January 4, at 10:00 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. 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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) for more information. Lutheran Hour Ministries program: “Christmas on Main Street” - The Christmas message at a mission brings a grandson and his grandfather together.

**Dec. 29:** Rev. Daniel Voth, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: “Seeing Christ with Our Own Eyes” based on Luke 2:22-40. Lutheran Hour Ministries program: “Puzzle Club Christmas” - The Puzzle Club must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas.

The Human Care Committee encourages Shepherd members to donate diapers and baby wipes to Bismarck's Women’s Care Center. We are collecting these items through December. Diaper wars have begun. There is a contest between those sitting on the sanctuary's south side and those sitting on the north side. The Women’s Care Center needs larger diapers. Thank you!



Join us for our Tuesday morning Bible study on the book of Isaiah. We meet at 10:00 am on January 7th.

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.”

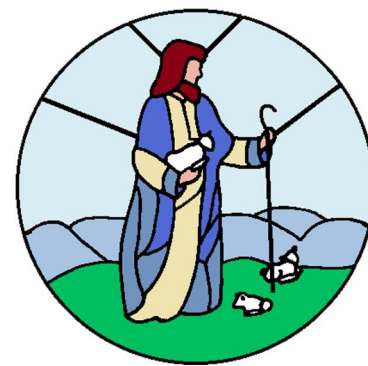


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# Dec. 22 - Jan. 4

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
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THE WEEKLY FYI



**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Preacher: Rev. Lester Wolfram  
 Liturgist: Rev. Lester Wolfram  
 Elder: Ken Purdy  
 Accompanist: Shirley Cook  
 Acolyte: Sylvia D.

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

**Stewardship Thought**

Luke 1:45 – “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord’s own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord’s commands in the face of the world’s anger and resistance, just as it gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.



Sun: Is. 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24  
 Mon: Is. 32:1-20; Rev. 4:1-11  
 Tue: Is. 34:1-2, 8-35:10, Micah 1:1-7:20; Rev. 6:1-17  
 Wed: Is. 40:1-17; Rev. 7:1-17  
 Thu: Is. 40:18-41:10; Rev 8:1-13  
 Fri: Is. 42:1-25; Rev. 9:1-12  
 Sat: Is. 43:1-24; Rev. 9:13-10:11



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.

