

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY
Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Pastor
Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor
The Second Sunday After Christmas
January 5, 2025

Divine Service Setting Four	LSB 213
Opening Hymn: “Within the Father’s House”	LSB 410
Hymn of the Day: “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”	LSB 602
Distribution: “Come Your Hearts and Voices Raising”	LSB 375
“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	LSB 686
Closing Hymn: “Once in Royal David’s City”	LSB 376

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 Wolfgram 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 Wolfgram or Pastor Woodside.

Introit

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,*
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
his understanding is beyond | measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!*
Praise your God, O | Zion!

**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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 17th.

There will be a light supper served starting at 5:30 with Bingo at 6:30. Please sign up on the sheet so we can prepare!

Visitation Team

The board of elders is working with Pastor Wolfgram and Pastor Woodside to visit all our member households at Shepherd of the Valley in 2025. They are putting together visitation teams to complete these visits. If you would like to help with these visits, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We will provide training for the visiting teams on Saturday, January 25th.



Depression is associated with many things, but weak faith is not one of them. Martin Luther himself struggled with depression as did many of our other church leaders. If you are feeling depressed, please don't suffer alone. Luther had the right idea five hundred years ago when he said, "Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail upon all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences." Reach out and talk to someone you trust. Your pastor and your team of Lutheran Family Service counselors are here for you, regardless of where you live. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org



The focus of Human Care for the first quarter of 2025 will be Disaster Relief for North Carolina following Hurricane Helene.

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 119:9

Contact Corey Isaak to reserve your spot for this faith-enriching event
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“This Is The Life” program To watch these programs at any time and see upcoming schedules go to www.mainstreetliving.com/north.

Jan. 5th: Rev. Heath Trampe, (formerly from) Our Savior Lutheran Chapel, Minot, ND, presents the message: “God’s Wisdom”, based on Luke 2:40-52. Lutheran Hour Ministries program: "The Other Wiseman" - Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way.

Jan. 12th: ND District LCMS President, Rev. Arie Bertsch, Minot, ND, presents the message: “Wanted: Dead and Alive” based on Romans 6:1-11. Lutheran Hour Ministries program: “Homecoming” - A man struggles to reconnect with his family after a car accident.

Diaper Wars! We are seeking diapers and baby wipes to give to the Women’s Care Center. We have begun a friendly competition between those sitting on the left and right sides of the sanctuary during worship. Items will be collected until January 19.



Tuesday morning and evening Bible studies will resume on January 7.

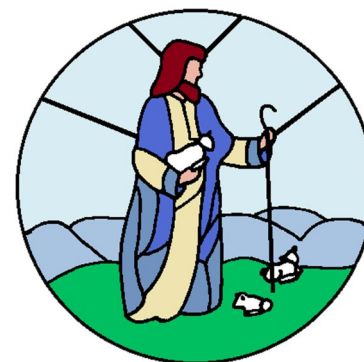
The next women’s Bible study at Shepherd of the Valley will take place on Monday, January 13th at 6:00 pm, where we will continue our study, “Meant For God: A Study of Joseph.”



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Jan. 5 - Jan. 18

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour	6	7 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>2:30pm</u> Stewardship <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	8 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship <u>7:00pm</u> Human Care	9	10	11
12 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour	13 <u>6:00pm</u> Women's Bible Study	14 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	15 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship	16 <u>6:30pm</u> Elders	17 <u>5:30pm</u> Bingo	18 <u>4:30pm</u> Hang Out



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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

Sermon: Rev. Lester Wolfgram
 Liturgist: Rev. Justin Woodside
 Elder: Kevin Olson
 Accompanist: Shirley Cook
 Acolyte: Evan P.

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

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Thank you for your kindness expressed in greetings and gifts at Christmas. It continues to be our joy to serve you. Pastor Wolfgram and Pastor Woodside



The January voter's meeting will occur on January 26th during education hour. This will be our annual planning meeting to discuss ministry priorities and plans for the coming year.

Stewardship Thought

Luke 2:40 – “And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.” At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?

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 — LUKE 2:40 —

Sun: Is. 43:25-44:20; Rev. 11:1-19
 Mon: Is. 44:21-45:13, 20-25, Dan. 10:1-12:13, Is. 48:1-22; Rev. 12:1-17
 Tue: Is. 49:1-18; Matt 1:1-17
 Wed: Is. 49:22-26, 50:4-51:8, 12-16; Matt. 1:18-25
 Thu: Is. 51:17-52:12; Matt. 2:1-12
 Fri: Is. 52:13-54:10; Matt. 2:13-23
 Sat: Is. 55:1-13; Luke 1:1-25

