

## SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

The Baptism of our Lord

January 12, 2025

Divine Service Three **LSB 184**

Opening Hymn: "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" **LSB 405**

Hymn of the Day: "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" **LSB 594**

Distribution: "How Firm A Foundation" **LSB 728**

"Have No Fear, Little Flock" **LSB 735**

Closing Hymn: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" **LSB 575**

**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 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

I will tell of | the decree:\*

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- |  
gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling,

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**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.**

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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 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!



**FIVE GUYS**

Five Guys

**JOIN US!**  
01/27/25  
11:00 am - 10:00 pm

809 south 3rd street  
bismarck, ND, 58504

COMMUNITY EVENTS

# 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.

## 5 Guys Fundraiser Event!

What a great way to...

- 1) Not fix supper for the family! (Winner, winner, 5 guys dinner!)
- 2) Fellowship with other Martin Luther School families!
- 3) Kick off National Lutheran Schools Week!
- 4) Help raise money for Martin Luther School! (A percentage of the sales during this event goes to support MLS!)



**Building Healthy Families:** Parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Our church families are made up of many people with different roles and gifts. With your child(ren), take note of and count the many ways individuals and families are serving. Maybe you observe ushers welcoming people and handing out bulletins, musicians playing and leading our singing, acolytes and crucifers lighting candles and carrying the cross in a procession, or members of the altar guild setting up for the Lord’s Supper and caring for the altar area. And don’t forget those who clean and tend to the building, so we have a nice space to gather for worship! As a family, consider how you might serve together and ask your pastor or other church leaders how to get involved! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



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



“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).

## 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:

**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.

**Jan. 19th:** Rev. Jim Lamb from Lutheran Family Service in Fort Dodge, IA & Sioux Falls, SD presents a message titled: "The Trinitarian Value of Human Life". This sermon is based on Isaiah 43:1. Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) for more information. Lutheran Hour Ministries program: “Live Option” - A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree on the future of her child.

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.



## Bible Studies:

Sundays during Education Hour

Tuesdays @ 10:00am

Tuesdays @ 6:00pm

Women’s Bible Study:

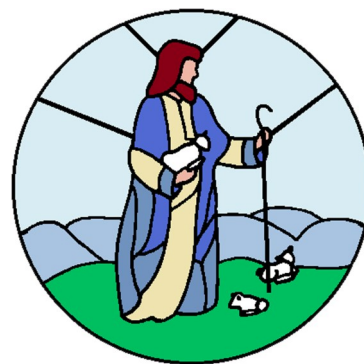
Second and Forth Mondays @ 6:00pm



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# Jan. 12 - Jan. 25

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>12</b> <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour	<b>13</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Women's Bible Study	<b>14</b> <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	<b>15</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Worship	<b>16</b> <u>6:30pm</u> Elders	<b>17</b> <u>5:30pm</u> Bingo	<b>18</b> <u>4:30pm</u> Hang Out
<b>19</b> <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Middle School Youth	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	<b>22</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>



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THE WEEKLY FYI



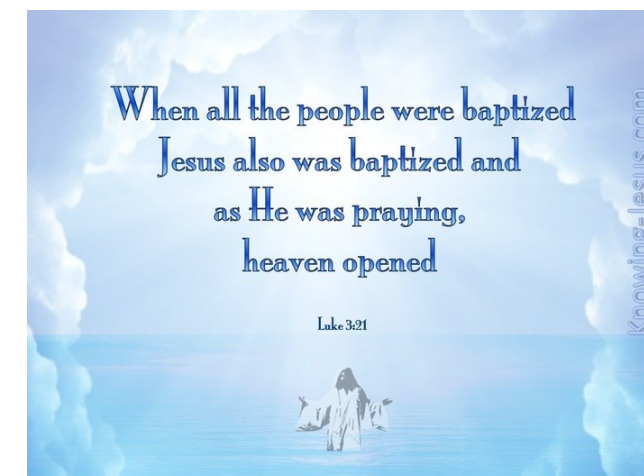
**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Sermon: Rev. Justin Woodside  
 Liturgist: Rev. Justin Woodside  
 Elder: Kevin Olson  
 Accompanist: Eutimia Woodside  
 Acolyte: Nolan P.

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

**Stewardship Thought**

Luke 3:21 – "Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ..." We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY**

All Middle School and Highschool Students grade 5-12 are invited!

Where: We will meet at Shepherd of the Valley Sunday 1/19 at 5:00 for Bible Study and Dinner then head over to Schaumburg /Wachter Arena 1504 Wichita Dr to skate.

Cost: \$5  
 Bring your Bible and a Friend!  
 Food is provided!  
 RSVP: Pastor Woodside text: 951-217-3385

**ICE SKATING**

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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.

Martin Luther School is looking for some mid-day custodial help from 12-1:30 Monday-Friday. Duties include wiping down lunchroom tables, sweeping and mopping the lunchroom, and taking out the garbage. Interest parties should contact the School office at 701-224-9070 or email Denise Wolfgram. Additional hours available. Pay is \$12.00/hour.



**Sun:** Ezek. 34:1-24; Rom. 3:19-31  
**Mon:** Ezek. 36:13-28; Rom 4:1-25  
**Tue:** Ezek. 37:15-28; Rom. 6:1-23  
**Wed:** Ezek. 38:1-23; Rom. 7:1-20  
**Thu:** Ezek. 39:1-10, 17--29; Rom. 7:21-8:17  
**Fri:** Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-12, Ezek. 40:5-42:20, 43:13-27; Rom. 8:18-39  
**Sat:** Ezek. 44:1-16, 23-29; Rom. 9:1-18

