

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 20, 2025

Divine Service Setting Four **LSB 203**

Opening Hymn: “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear” **LSB 908**

Hymn of the Day: “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” **LSB 641**

Distribution Hymn: “Rock of Ages” **LSB 761**

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” **LSB 637**

Closing Hymn: “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” **LSB 720**

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 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105

Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.
The LORD is my | portion;*
I promise to | keep your words.
I entreat your favor with | all my heart;*
be gracious to me according to your | promise.
When I think | on my ways,*
I turn my feet to your testi- | monies;
I hasten and do | not delay*
to keep your com- | mandments.
The earth, O LORD, is full of your | steadfast love;*
teach me your | statutes!
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.
Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Pastor Vince Otto from Zion Lutheran Church will lead the midweek service on Wednesday night at Shepherd of the Valley.



Lutheran Family Service is the ministry we are supporting during the third quarter. One percent of offerings will support LFS.



Summer Midweek Wednesday preachers for July

July 2	Voss
July 9	Wolfgram
July 16	Marcis
July 23	Otto
July 30	Zellers



Building Healthy Families: It’s been said that children may not always be good at listening to adults, but they never fail to imitate them. Consider this: the words you speak are less important than the everyday life you lead. Your children (and grandchildren) are constantly learning about life by watching you. What an immense responsibility. What an incredible privilege! Pray that God will help you to be the kind of adult you want your child (or grandchild) to become. Find inspiration from the One whose love, humility, obedience, honesty, and faithfulness we’re encouraged to imitate. (Ephesians 5:1-2; Philippians 2:5-11; and 1 John 2:6) **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org



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.

July 20th: Rev. David Suelzle, Crosspointe Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: “**God’s Promises Are No Laughing Matter!**” based on Genesis 18:10-14. *This Is the Life* program: “**Love Is Not Enough**” - *A young couple struggles mightily with the decision to marry, exploring what truly is important.*

July 27th: Rev. Justin Whitmore, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Perham, MN, presents the message: “**Baptism: God’s Gift of Grace**” based on Colossians 2:11-12. *This Is the Life* program: “**A Different Way**” - *In this Fisher family episode, Cousin Stanley visits and creates a difficult situation with a neighbor.*

Shepherd’s Hill at the Cross Roads basket challenge. Members of the Human Care Committee are developing plans for a themed basket to be auctioned as a fundraiser for SH@CR. Baskets will be auctioned online on August 23-31. Visit with Dorrie Burkhardtsmeier or Bonnie Lonbaken for details. Place your donation in the basket in the back of the church.

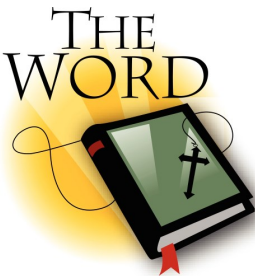


Bible Studies:

The Tuesday morning Bible study will continue at 10:00 am each week as we study the book of Isaiah.

The Tuesday evening Bible study will resume in September.

The women’s Bible study will be held on Monday, July 28th at 6:00 pm.



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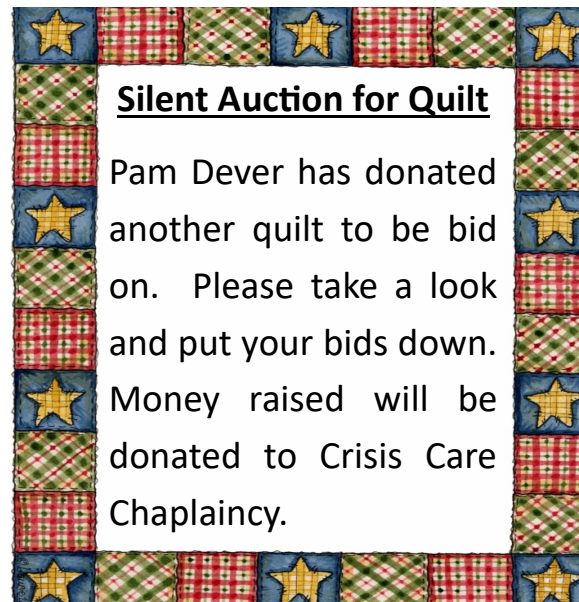
Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Middle School Youth	21	22 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study	23 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship (Otto)	24	25	26
27 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Senior High Youth	28 <u>6:00pm</u> Women's Bible Study	29 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study	30 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship Service (Zellers)	31	Aug. 1	2

District Bulletin Blurbs

The North Dakota District has, for years, supported *Project 24* and its child sponsorship program, *Christ's Care for Children - Kenya*. The district convention voted to support this mission opportunity with an annual donation of \$25,000. In case you do not know, the goal of Project 24 is to build 24 boarding schools where children go for part of the year to receive an education and to learn the Christian Faith. It warms my heart whenever I see a video of the Kenyan children reciting the Small Catechism boldly and confidently. For more information, go to: <http://www.lcms.org/make-a-gift/christs-care-for-children-kenya>. -Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

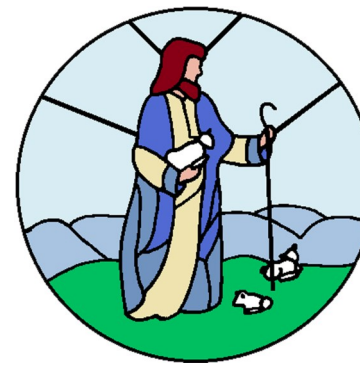


Please sign up to assist with fellowship and mowing the lawn at Shepherd of the Valley. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.



Silent Auction for Quilt

Pam Dever has donated another quilt to be bid on. Please take a look and put your bids down. Money raised will be donated to Crisis Care Chaplaincy.



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“A church family that shares, nurtures, and lives our faith in Christ”

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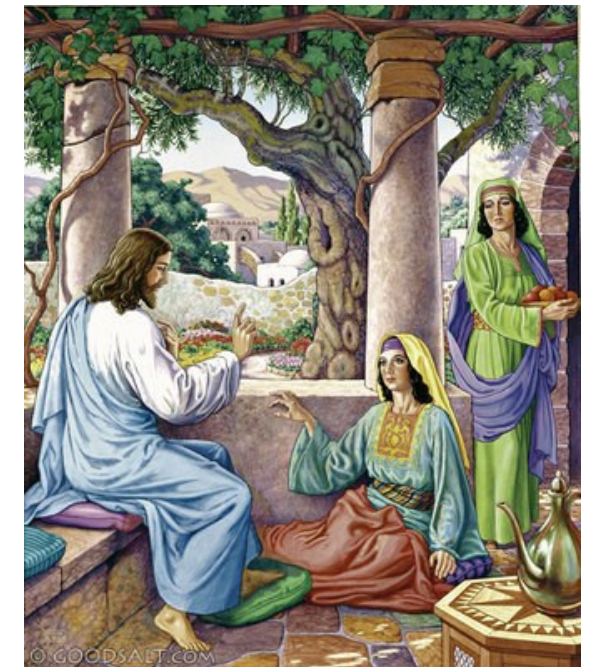
THE WEEKLY FYI

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Les Wolfgram
Liturgist: Pastor Les Wolfgram
Elder: Ken Purdy
Accompanist: Denise Wolfgram
Acolyte: Sam N.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 10:40b – “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?” Martha is doing the right thing but in the wrong order. Her service to the Lord is good, but she has let it get ahead of hearing His Word. Mary has placed the Word first, which is good. Is there any doubt that she will rise once she has heard the Word and get to serving as well? Isn't that what hearing the Word always leads us to do? We listen, then respond. We believe, and thus we act!



Sun: 1 Sam. 3:1-21; Acts 16:1-22
Mon: 1 Sam. 4:4-22, Acts 17:1-34; Acts 16:23-40
Tue: 1 Sam. 5:1-6:3, 10-16; Acts 18:1-11, 23-28
Wed: 1 Sam. 6:19-7:17, Acts 19:23-21:14; Acts 19:1-22
Thu: 1 Sam. 8:1-22; Acts 21:15-36
Fri: 1 Sam. 9:1-27; Acts 21:37-22:16
Sat: 1 Sam. 10:1-27; Acts 22:17-29



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

