

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY**  
**Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Pastor**  
**Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday School Rally Day**  
**September 7, 2025**

**Divine Service Setting Four** **LSB 203**  
**Opening Hymn: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”** **LSB 851**  
**Hymn of the Day: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”** **LSB 427**  
**Distribution: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”** **LSB 425**  
**“I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus”** **LSB 729**  
**Closing Hymn: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”** **LSB 685**

**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 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27*

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,\*  
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.  
My soul melts away for | sorrow;\*  
strengthen me according | to your word!  
Put false ways | far from me\*  
and graciously teach | me your law!  
I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;\*  
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.  
I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD;\*  
let me not be | put to shame!  
I will run in the way of your com- | mandments\*  
when you en- | large my heart!  
**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.**  
Make me understand the way of your | precepts,\*  
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.  
O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



We celebrate Sunday School Rally Day this morning as we launch another year of Sunday School at Shepherd of the Valley. Our Sunday School staff and elected members of the congregation will be installed during the Divine Service. We are grateful to the Lord for your service to the Lord and His Church!

**Rally SUNDAY**



**Building Healthy Families:** If you're suffering today from a recent loss or tragedy, or struggling with a concern that's been with you for many years, please know you're not alone. It's not only okay but God-pleasing to reach for help. God created us to live in community, where we share each other's joys and challenges. *Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2* Lutheran Family Service counselors are part of your Lutheran Christian community and are available when others are not or when you need a trusted outside perspective. You don't have to continue to walk alone. **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



## CHEESECAKE CHAT

Get the sweet details about Lutheran Family Service while enjoying free cheesecake!



**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
1710 Cherry Street, Grand Forks  
Saturday, September 20  
3:00pm

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**  
2209 4th Avenue NW, Minot  
Sunday, September 21  
3:00pm



The Human Care focus for the third quarter is Lutheran Family Service. At the LCMS ND District Convention in January, delegates passed a resolution to bring two licensed Lutheran counselors to ND in partnership with Lutheran Family Service. If you would like to know more details about the partnership and plans for ministry with Lutheran Family Service, please contact Pastor Wolfgram.



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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com/north).

**September 7th:** Rev. David Suelzle, Crosspointe Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: **"The Hidden Blessings"** based on Philemon 15-16. *This Is the Life Program: "Harriett's Wedding Day" - A groom nearly cancels wedding plans due to fear of the unknown.*

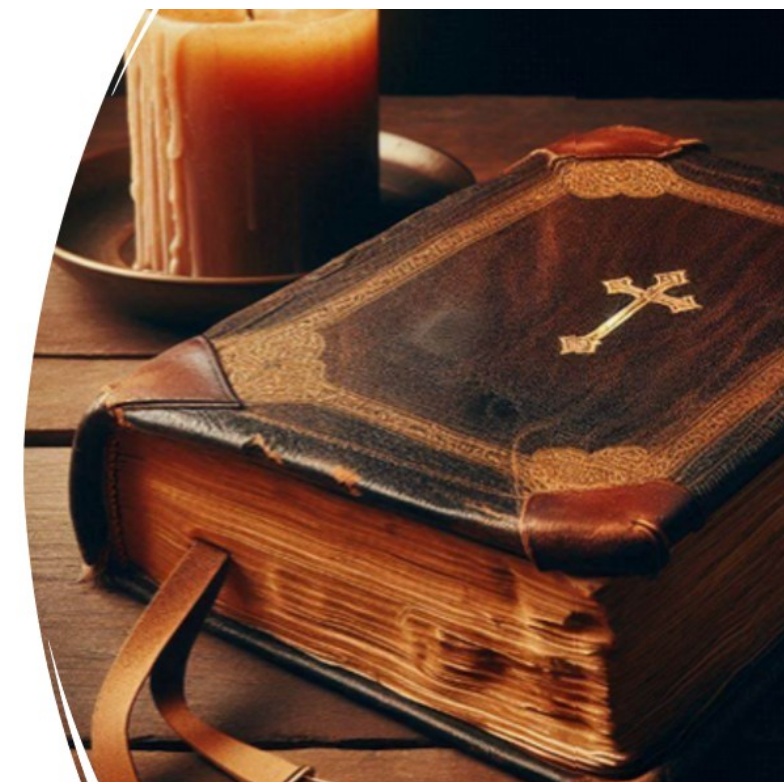
**September 14th:** Rev. Tom Eckstein, Concordia Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Adrian, ND, presents the message: **"Jesus Seeks and Saves the Lost!"** based on Luke 15:1-32. *This Is the Life Program: "Tragedy Near a Small Town" - Tragedy in a small town results in a loving father holding a grudge instead of forgiving as our Father has forgiven us.*

## Senior Luncheon/ Potluck!

All SoTV seniors are invited to the monthly Senior Bible Study and Potluck hosted at Bethel!

When: Fourth Tuesday each month from 12:00 to 1:30!

Bring your Bible and a side dish or snack!



## Bible Studies:

The Tuesday morning Bible Class will begin a study of 1 Corinthians starting this week. Please join us for our 10:00 am study.

Tuesday evening Bible study will resume on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm.

The women's Bible study will meet on Monday night at 6:00pm. Since we have completed our study of Joseph from Genesis, we are launching a new study. Plan to join us!



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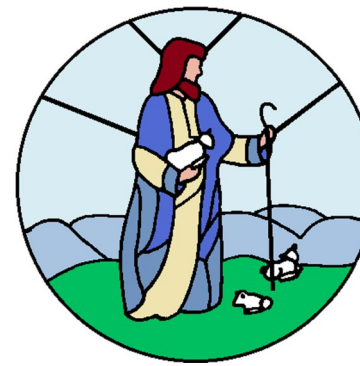
Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>7</b> <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Voter's Meeting	<b>8</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b> <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	<b>10</b> <u>5:30pm</u> Catechism Instruction @ Bethel <u>6:00pm</u> Worship Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <u>9:00am</u> Trustees
<b>14</b> <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>2:30pm</u> Stewardship <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	<b>17</b> <u>5:30pm</u> Catechism <u>6:00pm</u> Worship	<b>18</b> <u>6:30pm</u> Elders	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <u>8:00am</u> Men's Network <u>4:30pm</u> Hangout

## District Bulletin Blurbs

September 7: Today, many congregations are celebrating Rally Day - the first day of Sunday School. I pray God's blessings on the students who will attend the Sunday Schools across the North Dakota District and the teachers who have graciously volunteered to teach the children of their congregation all that Jesus has done for them. -Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President



There will be a brief voters' meeting following the worship service this morning to discuss an amendment to our bylaws as we establish an endowment for the congregation. We will also select a delegate to the circuit forum, where the southwest circuit will elect pastoral and lay delegates to the 2026 LCMS Synod convention scheduled for next summer in Phoenix.



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. Les Wolfgram

Liturgist: Rev. Les Wolfgram

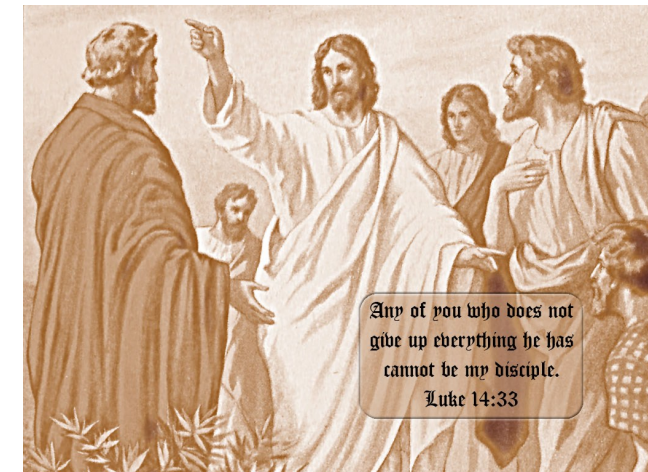
Elder: Lee Roath

Accompanist: Shirley Cook

Acolyte: Julia D.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 14:33 – "So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." None of what we have is ours. It all belongs to God. That is the foundation of Christian stewardship. What we have been given is to be used for God's purposes according to our callings in home, Church, and society. As we learn to live generously in these callings, we renounce our ownership of our wealth. It's not "ours," it's His. God owns everything, and we manage it for the furtherance of His goals.



Sun: 2 Kings 5:9-27; Phil. 1:1-20

Mon: 2 Kings 6:1-23, 2 Kings 6:24-8:29; Phil. 1:21-2:11

Tue: 2 Kings 9:1-13, 10:18-29, 2 Kings 13:1-18:8; Phil. 2:12-30

Wed: 2 Chron. 29:1-24; Phil. 3:1-21

Thu: 2 Chron 31:1-21; Phil. 4:1-23

Fri: 2 Chron. 32:1-22, Hos. 1:1-14:9; Col.1:1-23

Sat: 2 Chron. 33:1-25, Jonah 1:1-3:11; Col. 1:24-2:7



## Worship Times

6:00 PM Every Wednesday

9:00 am Sunday Divine

Service (livestream)

10:30 am Education Hour

