

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Pastor

Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

Divine Service Setting One	LSB 151
Opening Hymn: “How Firm A Foundation”	LSB 728
Hymn of the Day: “May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”	LSB 698
Offertory: “Create in Me A Clean Heart”	LSB 956
Distribution: “O God, My Faithful God”	LSB 696
“Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”	LSB 631
Closing Hymn: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”	LSB 733

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,

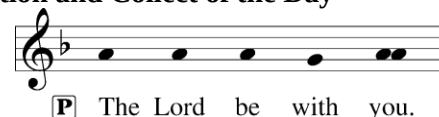
we celebrate the Lord’s Supper in the confidence that we receive, along with the bread and wine, our Savior’s true body and blood “through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins.” Besides individually receiving Christ’s free gift of forgiveness in this sacrament, all those who commune make a 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 121:1–2, 5, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 21:33

Heaven and earth will | pass away,*
but my words will not | pass away.
I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?
My help comes | from the LORD,*
who made | heaven and earth.
The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.
The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.
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.
Heaven and earth will | pass away,*
but my words will not | pass away.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.
O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BUS DRIVER NEEDED! Martin Luther School is taking applications for a bus driver.

Hours are 12-30-3:15, M-Thursday with an occasional field trip.

Must have a current CDL passenger bus license.

POSITION AVAILABLE! Martin Luther School in Bismarck is seeking a first grade teacher who loves children and delights in nurturing both hearts and minds through Christ-centered, classical education.

This is for the current 25-26 school year. Hired candidate to start ASAP.

If you’re passionate about joyful, intentional learning in a faith-filled environment, we’d love to hear from you.

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This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24



Building Healthy Families: Christians who suffer from depression often experience additional guilt, mistakenly believing that “true Christians” should not feel such sadness – only joy. Here’s important and good news: depression is not a sign of weak faith. Luther struggled with depression (melancholy) and so have many other faithful church leaders over the years. If you feel depressed, don’t withdraw from others to suffer alone. Luther had the right idea when he wrote, “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.” Don’t retreat into solitude; talk to your pastor, friend, family member, or a trusted counselor at **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

District Bulletin Blurbs

November 16: Last week, I was on the campus of Concordia University, St. Paul, MN, for the Council of Presidents’ (CoP) meeting. The LCMS Council of Presidents is comprised of the 35 district presidents, the synod president, and the synod vice-presidents. At these meetings, which take place four times a year, we discuss and debate various things going on in the synod, hear reports, and spend time enjoying each other’s company. Though there are differing opinions on various matters, I have found the CoP to be a very collegial gathering of Christian men. -Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President



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.

November 16: Rev. Vincent Otto, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: **“The Healing Power of the Sun”** based on Malachi 4:1-6. *This Is the Life* program: **“Old Smiley”** - Charlie learns that his "Happiness God" from the Orient is not what it seems to be.

November 23: Rev. David Lindberg, Peace Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, presents the message: **“Delivered From Darkness”** based on Colossians 1:13-20. *This Is the Life* program: **“To Take a Life”** - A devoted son's loving father is terminally ill, suffering severely and pleading to die.

Thanksgiving Eve Service will take place on November 26th at 6:00 pm. Please join us to give thanks to the Lord for His goodness to us in Jesus!



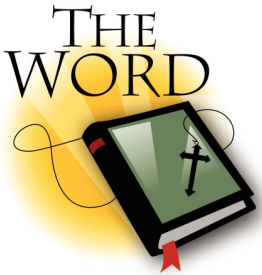
The Fall Voters Meeting will take place during education hour on November 23rd. The 2026 budget will be considered, and representatives from our leadership boards will report on their activities and priorities that support the ministry of proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior from sin.

Bible Studies:

The Tuesday morning Bible Class. Please join us for our 10:00 am study.

Tuesday evening Bible study 6:00 pm.

The women’s Bible study will meet on Monday night at 6:00pm November 24th We will be reading Grace Upon Grace.



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Nov. 16 - Nov. 29

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Middle School Youth	17	18 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	19 <u>5:30pm</u> Catechism <u>6:00pm</u> Worship <u>7:00pm</u> Human Care	20 <u>6:30pm</u> Elders	21	22
23 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Senior High Youth <u>7:00PM</u> Council	24 <u>6:00pm</u> Women's Bible Study	25 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	26 <u>5:30pm</u> Catechism <u>6:00pm</u> Thanksgiving Service	27	28	29

Thank you for your kindness and generosity on my 60th birthday. I am grateful to the Lord for the blessing that you are for me. Pastor Wolfgram

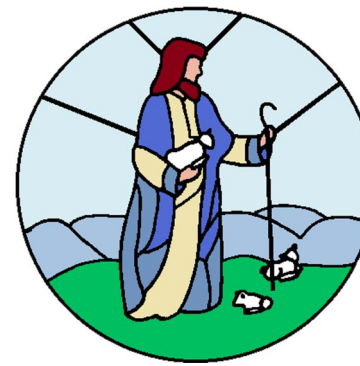


“Stewardship as a Way of Life”

This is the second week of our stewardship emphasis, Everyday Stewards. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we are transformed into new people who become God’s stewards. As the Apostle Paul stated, “...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17). The theme for this week is “Stewardship as a Way

of Life.” Christian stewardship involves more than what we do just on Sunday. Stewardship is faith in action, and it refers to all the activities that we do in Christ’s name. We are God’s stewards in our homes, workplaces, schools, and in our neighborhoods. We are stewards each and everyday. Our stewardship is a way of life. Where God places us, we are called to be His faithful stewards.

Our theme for next week is “Stewards Living with Purpose.”



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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: Rev. Les Wolfgram
Liturgist: Rev. Les Wolfgram
Elder: Kevin Olson
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 21:6 – “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection — as we look back on our earthly life — what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the church year that focuses on The Last Things.



Sun: Jer. 33:1-22, Jer. 34:1-36:32; 45:1-51:64; Matt. 27:11-32

Mon: Jer. 37:1-21, Rev. 17:1-18; Matt. 27:33-56

Tue: Jer. 38:1-28, Jer. 39:21-44:30; Matt. 27:57-66

Wed: Dan. 1:1-21; Matt. 28:1-20

Thu: Dan. 2:1-23; Rev. 18:1-24

Fri: Dan. 2:24-49; Rev. 19:1-21

Sat: Dan. 3:1-30; Rev. 20:1-15

