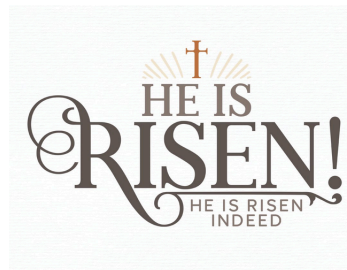


Life & Growth at Zion

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18-19, 2026



Week at a Glance

Saturday, April 18

- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, April 19

- 8:30am: Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 9:30am: Sunday School
- 9:40am: Bible Class
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
- 12:00pm: Lunch and Voters' Meeting

Monday, April 20

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 21

- 1:00pm: Tuesday Bible Study
- 6:00pm: Board of Lay Ministry

Wednesday, April 22

- 5:45 pm: Hosanna Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm: Confirmation
- 6:00pm: King's Kids
- 6:45pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm: Youth Group

Friday, April 24

- 12:01am: MLS Online Silent Auction Begins
- 9:30am: Chancel Circle

Saturday, April 25

- 5:00pm: Worship w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, April 26

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship
- 9:30 am: Sunday School
- 9:40am: Bible Class
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Welcome to Worship!

"Information for guests & visitors, including our beliefs and procedures for Holy Communion as a congregation of the LCMS, can be found on the cards in the back of each pew. If you have any questions please reach out to our pastors or the church office using the contact information found on the last page of this newsletter. Blessings on your time in worship!

As We Gather...

Whether we will admit it or not, many of us are logophiles, which means that we love words. All of us have far more words in our vocabularies than we use in our daily conversation. We know what the words mean but for some reason we do not say them much. Words come into and go out of fashion and usage. One of those words that are not used much anymore is *gladsome*. It appears in several hymns of the Christmas season and is in the first line of the ancient evening hymn "O Gladsome Light, O Grace" (LSB 888), which dates back to the fourth century AD and was originally in the Greek language. It describes Jesus as being the ultimate gladsome light with these words: "O gladsome Light, O Grace of God the Father's face, eternal splendor wearing: celestial, holy, blest, our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in Thine appearing!" (LSB 888:1). Jesus, the risen Lord, is the light that brings gladness to each hour of the day. We are blessed in that we can always rejoice in His brightness!



UPCOMING Events



Today, Sunday, April 19

Meal & Voters' Meeting
12:00pm Lower Level

Tuesday Bible Class

1:00-2:30pm
Book of Job

Wednesday, April 22

Confirmation 6:00pm **King's Kids**
Confirmation & King's Kids



Wednesday, April 22

5:45pm Hosanna Choir
6:45 Bells of Zion



Friday, April 24



Mayfest Online Silent Auction
begins at 12:01 am!



Wednesday, April 29

6:00pm
Meal & Learning Fair
Confirmation Recognition



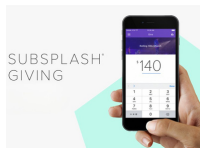
Friday, May 1

Martin Luther School
Mayfest '26 4-9pm

Sunday, May 3

9:30 Confirmation Questioning
10:45 Worship Service w/Confirmation

Zion is updating its online giving platform. Zion will now be using Subsplash. If you are presently using



Vanco for your online giving there are handouts on the table in the back of the sanctuary on how to make the change, if you have any issues please contact the church office.

Zion's new app is now available in your app store. Download it on your phone today to stay up to date with everything happening at Zion!



Sunday, April 19

Jairus' Daughter

ACOLYTES



Sunday, April 19

8:30am: Wyatt Kummer
10:45am: Marcus Ell
David Orgaard

Sunday, April 26

8:30am: Aubrey Cowan
10:45am: Morgan Mehrer

Today's Sermon

Looking through the Eyes of Faith

Luke 24:13-35

What are the eyes of faith? The two disciples on the road to Emmaus had their eyes of faith opened. They were returning to their home after the death of Jesus. What a roller-coaster their lives have been during the past week. In a week they had undoubtedly been a part of the throng that had witnessed Jesus' triumphant arrival in the Holy City. They had witnessed Jesus' angry reaction at the Temple where he had overturned the tables of the merchants and moneychangers. Perhaps they had even been gathered in the upper room when Jesus had washed the feet of those who followed him. Those had been high and glorious moments in their lives. They had faith! But then, their world had been turned upside down. The crowd which only days before had wanted him to be king, now jeered him and mocked him and in the final blow, had demanded that Pilate crucify him. His body had been nailed to a cross. He had died and they had taken his body to a tomb and buried him. Have you experienced the seemingly bottom of what life has to offer? A stranger appeared beside them. So they told him the story. It was a story filled with sorrow and regret. Then two miracles happened. First, their eyes were opened. And then, just as suddenly as he had appeared, the stranger was gone. He disappeared. But the disciples didn't fall back into their sadness. Their eyes of faith had been opened and said: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"; Their faith and ours is renewed, restored, re-invigorated through the Holy Spirits blessings and work.

Questions:

1. Why were the two men depressed?
2. How did Jesus presence change that?
3. What opened their eyes of faith?

To hear or view Zion's podcast or video podcasts,



go to: www.zionbismarck.org

Choose: "About Us", then "Ministries"

Scroll down to: "Living the Faith" podcasts,
Click on: "Learn More", choose either the Video Podcasts or Podcasts, then select the one you would like to see or hear.

Adult Bible Class & Sunday School For All Ages

Opening for Sunday School & High School Bible study will be held in the Youth Room at 9:30am. Adult Bible Class will meet will be held in the lower level beginning at 9:40am .



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What does "worship" really mean?

Most people use the word "worship" to mean something we do to honor God. Because of this misunderstanding, many people believe that a church service is what we do for God. The word "worship" comes from the root words "worth" and "ship." These two words describe God rather than the ones praising Him. These words describe a God who is *worthy* of being honored and adored because of His love for us. God gives us His love through His Word and Sacraments. Worship is not something we do, but rather something that God does for us!

What makes the Divine Service so important?

The Divine Service is not about what we are doing for God, but who God is and what He does for us in the ways He has promised: His Word and Sacraments. That's why Lutherans call it *Divine Service*. God is serving us! What a wonderful God we have!



Parents: The Divine Service is like listening to one long reading from the Bible. Everything in the Divine Service has been given to us through God's Word. Explain this to your children, reminding them that it is God's Word that delivers God's salvation to us!

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High School Youth Group
Guest Speaker, Anthony Aukland
presents,
"Protecting Yourself, Online"



Camp brochures are available by Kristin's office.

Zion's Board of Youth will pay half the camp cost for Zion students. Students can also use money from their youth account to pay for the rest of the fee. Check it out!!

Lunch & Voters' Meeting



Today, Sunday, April 19
12:00PM Lower level

The repairs needed on the roof & policy based governance will be the topics of discussion. New voters will be accepted.



Everyone is invited to attend the meal prior to today's Voters' Meeting.

Come on down to the lower level and enjoy sandwiches, chips, salads, desserts and beverages. Today's meeting will be held as soon as everyone has been served. See you there!

*Martin Luther School invites you to
Mayfest '26
Friday, May 1, 2026
We look forward to seeing you at the
Bavendick Room in the National Energy
Center of Excellence Bismarck State College.
Tickets available online at
www.mayfest2026.ourschool.support
\$80 per ticket or a table of 8 for \$600.
Evening includes
Dinner, Featured Items Auction,
Silent & Live Auctions*

Questions? Talk with your church schoolboard members



Zion's Church Learning Fare

Wednesday, May 29th
5:15 Confirmation
Recognition Dinner
6:00pm View Confirmation Projects
7:00pm Confirmands Recognition & Cupcake Reception



Chancel Circle will meet Friday, April 24 9:30am in the lounge.

TROPICAL TREK

Jesus Comes to Seek and Save

JUNE 7-10, 2026
6:00 - 8:30 PM

At Tropical Trek VBS, the Bible stories will show kids that God is always there for them, finding them when they're having troubles, feeling lonely, lost, hopeless, or not good enough. In fact, God the Father loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to save us. Because Jesus died and rose to life, we have hope and new life in Him!

Join us for Bible lessons, crafts, games, and activities that all point to Jesus!
Free will offering for supper starting at 5:15 each night.

STUDENTS &
VOLUNTEERS CAN
REGISTER BY
SCANNING THIS
CODE OR GOING TO
ZIONBISMARCK.ORG



SCAN ME

Screen Operators Needed

We are once again in need of people to run the screens for both the 8:30 and 10:45 Sunday services. If you would like to help with this important part of the services, please talk with either Pastor Marcis or Pastor Otto. You will be trained, and we work with your availability when scheduling.

Thrivent
Action
Teams



Are you a Thrivent member? Do you have a Thrivent policy?

Many Thrivent policies have the added benefit of allowing policy holders to apply for Action Team grants. These grants can be used to help with different needs in the church and community. In the past Zion has used some of these grants to purchase the storage cabinets for the pantry goods, food for the pantry, items needed for LERT events, and many more options.

If you would like to use your Action grant to help with various projects at Zion, please contact the church office at: zionoffice501@gmail.com and we will help you with the application process. Thank you for your help.



Upcoming Projects Include:

Zion's Youth will purchase some groceries to help fill the pantry
Vacation Bible School
LERT opportunities
Live Nativity in December



Thank you to everyone who has helped restock the pantry. There are still items that are needed.

Canned Soups
Canned tomato sauce
Boxes of rice and pasta
Mac & cheese boxes
Canned veggies
Cereal
PB & Jelly
Crackers
Baking mixes

From the District President's Desk

I have some exciting news to share. There is a new campus ministry starting in the ND District. The Northwest Circuit is supporting a campus outreach at Minot State University called SOLA (Students of Lutheran Apologetics). The group has been accepted by MSU as an official student organization, and its advisory committee is moving forward with the work to establish a strong Lutheran presence on campus. If you would like more information, please contact

Mr. Caleb Hoverson at

calebhoverson@yahoo.com.

-Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

Over the last eight years (roughly 2018-2026), the U.S. Supreme Court has decided at least 15 religious liberty cases in favor of religious claims. See www.LCRLFreedom.org for more information and a free booklet about these cases.



It is time to renew subscriptions to "Portals of Prayer".

If you would like to either place a payment in the collection plate in an envelope marked, "Portals of Prayer", or online at www.zionbismarck.org. The cost for a subscription is \$20.

Martin Luther School invites you to participate in the 2026 Mayfest Silent Auction.

The Silent Auction begins at 12:01am

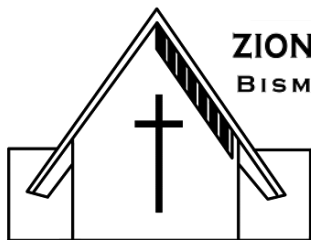
Friday, April 24th continues through May 1st.



Scan the QR code, choose Online Silent Auction and check out all the great donated items!

Including:

Sports equipment
Children's Toys
Stanley Tumblers
A Discovery Flight
Gift cards to local restaurants
Car washes
Decor
and more!



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Worship:

Saturday 5pm - Contemporary
Sunday 8:30am - Traditional
Sunday 10:45am - Creative

Sunday School (September-May) 9:30 am

Adult Bible Class (year round) 9:40 am



Altar flowers are given in memory of
Leroy and Sharon Anderson
and Ron Reitmeier,
by Darrin & Denise Anderson.

Carol Baker is in charge of altar flowers
for the month of April.

You can reach Carol at 701-530-9981

Worship Attendance

Saturday, April 11

5:00 pm - 38

Sunday, April 12

8:30am -90

10:45am -101

Stewardship

April MTD

General Offering:
\$33,649.

Average Budget
Monthly Expenses:
\$58,750



"Building Healthy Families"

Many of the challenges we face today as individuals, couples, or families are made worse by

economic downturn, job loss, divorce, or other changes that make it difficult for available dollars to last to the next paycheck. Here's an important message: Don't ever let lack of finances be a barrier to calling LFS for support! A growing number of LCMS people are making monthly, quarterly, or annual gifts so that LFS can always say "Yes" when someone calls for help who doesn't have insurance or financial resources to cover the entire cost of care. LFS accepts most major insurances and offers a sliding fee scale for those without insurance. Pregnancy counseling is always provided with no fee. Don't hesitate to call. Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

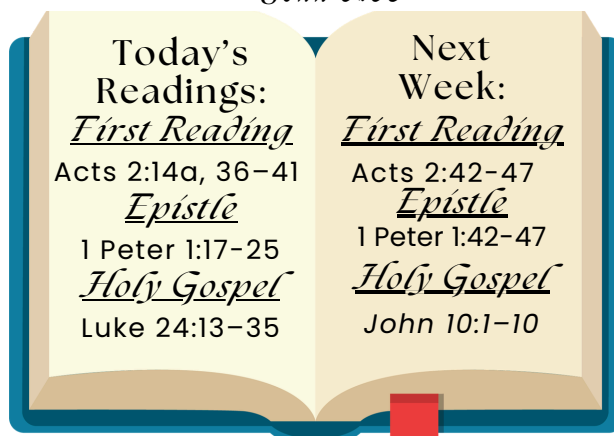
Main Street Living

April 19: Rev. Justin Whitmore, Saint John's Lutheran Church, Perham, MN, presents the message: "That I May Live Under Him" based on 1 Peter 1:17-25. This is the Life program: "A Girl's Best Friend" - Focusing on the here and now creates problems for a mother and her daughter and prompts spiritual questions for all.



"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service. Programs are broadcast starting at 10:00 am Central Time 9:00 am Mountain time on WDAZ Xtra Channel 8.3, Bismarck/Dickinson

*"Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life."
- John 6:68 -*



Today's Readings:

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17-25

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Next Week:

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Epistle

1 Peter 1:42-47

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10