

Life & Growth at Zion

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25-26, 2026

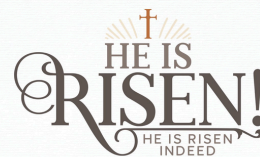


Welcome to Worship!

"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...

One of the longest lasting of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was the Pharos Lighthouse that was constructed at the entry of the harbor of Alexandria, Egypt, in the third century BC. Although weakened by a series of earthquakes, it remained standing in part until AD 1480. Initially, its source of light was the brightness of the sun reflected in a great mirror by day and the flames of a great wood fire reflected by the same mirror at night. The gradual disintegration of the tower, initially some 330 feet in height, finally extinguished its light. As He spoke with His disciples, Jesus described Himself as the light that never will be extinguished. John reports: "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'" (John 8:12). On our journey through this dark world, we are blessed to have the light of Christ as our unfailing guide. It truly is the light no darkness can overcome.



Week at a Glance

Saturday, April 25

- 5:00pm: Worship w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, April 26

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

Monday, April 27

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting
Council does NOT meet this week.

Tuesday, April 28

- Tuesday Bible Study does NOT meet.

Wednesday, April 29

- 5:15pm: Confirmation Recognition Dinner
- 5:45 pm: Hosanna Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm: Learning Fair
- 6:00pm: King's Kids
- 6:45pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm: Youth Group

Friday, May 1

- 4-9pm: Martin Luther School Mayfest

Saturday, May 2

- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, May 3

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 9:30am: Confirmands Questioning
- 9:30 am: Sunday School
- 10:45am: Creative Worship with Rite of Confirmation





UPCOMING Events



Now thru May 1st
Martin Luther School's
Mayfest Silent Auction
See page 3

Tuesday, April 28

Tuesday Bible Class

Will NOT meet this week.

Wednesday, April 29



5:15pm Meal

6:00pm Learning Fair &
Confirmation Recognition

Wednesday, April 29

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



Friday, May 1



Martin Luther School
Mayfest '26
4-9pm

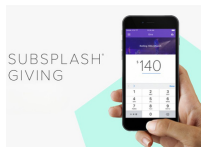
Sunday, May 3

9:30am Confirmation Questioning

10:45am Worship Service

w/Rite of 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 26

Jesus Feeds 5,000

ACOLYTES



Sunday, April 26

8:30am: Aubrey Cowan

10:45am: Morgan Mehrer

Sunday, May 3

8:30am: Chase Johnson

10:45am: Kira & Cooper
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Today's Sermon

"Our Sin, His Body"

Suffering stinks. No one likes to endure suffering. Yet 1 Peter 2 says that if, when we suffer we endure, God considers it a gracious thing. How come? Because His own Son Jesus Christ suffered for our sake. He took our sin, our sickness, and our suffering to the cross. Even though it was His body, our sin was taken to the cross. So every time we suffer, we can look to the cross and find our suffering sanctified through the body of Jesus.

Questions:

1. What "I" word describes God taking on human flesh?
2. What season of the Church year do we typically celebrate Jesus taking on a body?
3. What do we get from God in exchange for our sin?



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 .



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**KIDS IN THE
 DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is a "canticle"?

The word "canticle" (pronounced KAN-ti-kle) comes from the Latin word "cantus," which means "song." A canticle is a song based on a text from Holy Scripture. What could be better than to sing praises to God with the words He gives us?



What's the difference between a canticle and a hymn?

Hymns and canticles both put God's Word to music. You'll know you are singing a hymn when all of the verses are sung to the same melody. You'll know you are singing a canticle when the verses continue without repeating the melody. What glorious variety our Lord gives in the Divine Service!



Parents: The best way to differentiate between canticles and hymns is to look and listen. Usually the "songs" in a hymnal are appropriately designated as a hymn or a canticle. Help your children to compare the differences. You can see and hear the differences. Point out the differences and discuss the words. Take a look at the texts in the Bible that have inspired the canticle or hymn.

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Confirmation & Graduation cards are available for sale on the racks outside the sanctuary. Place the payment in the metal box to the left of the card racks.

SCAN NOW!

View the Silent Auction items on *Martin Luther School's Mayfest*. Place your bid and keep checking to see if you're the successful bidder. Silent Auction continues through Friday, May first at 6:15pm.



Zion's food pantry is in need of groceries. Please place your donations in the pantry box in the lower foyer. Thanks for helping.

High School Youth Group

Meet in the Youth Room following the Learning Fair.



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!!



Everyone is Invited



On Wednesday, April 29th, our confirmation classes will be hosting the Church Learning Fair. Each student will have a project to display (think - science fair style). We would love your support! Supper begins at 5:15 and the Learning fair goes from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. At 7:00, there is a reception for confirmands and families with cake served for everyone.

**VBS Team Meeting
 Monday, April 27th
 6:30 - 7:30 pm
 in Zion's Basement**

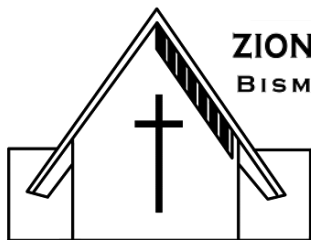
Come to this meeting to learn about how you can help with various parts of VBS: teaching, crafts, snacks, games, supplies, crew leading, registration, preschool, etc!

VBS dates are June 7-10 from 6:00-8:30 pm

From the District President's Desk

This week, both of our seminaries will be holding their call services. Seminary candidates will receive their first calls to congregations around the Synod. Let us pray for these men whom the Lord will call into His service to bring the Lord's precious gifts of Word and Sacrament to His beloved people. Let us also pray for the congregations who will receive these candidates and for those who applied for a seminary candidate but continue to wait on the Lord to send them a pastor.

-Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President



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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



Linda Sullivan is in charge of altar flowers for the month of May. You can reach Linda at 701-955-2500.

Worship Attendance

Saturday, April 18

5:00 pm - 41

Sunday, April 19

8:30am -91

10:45am -115

Stewardship

April MTD

General Offering: \$50,897.

Average Budget
Monthly Expenses: \$58,750

“Building Healthy Families”



“I have learned now that while those who speak about one’s miseries usually hurt, those who keep silence hurt more.” (C.S. Lewis)

If you’re alive and old enough to read this, you’ve probably experienced the deep pain of losing someone you love. The Gospel, God’s ministering through His Spirit, the support of a pastor, and the love of family and friends help us heal. But sometimes – for a variety of important reasons – the pain of grief doesn’t resolve and we feel stuck. If this is true for you or someone you know, call us. Lutheran Family Service offers specialized care for complicated or unresolved grief that will help. Learn more at: www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty operates by the support of individual donations. You are invited to add your donation by going to



www.LCRLFreedom.org/donate - thank you.

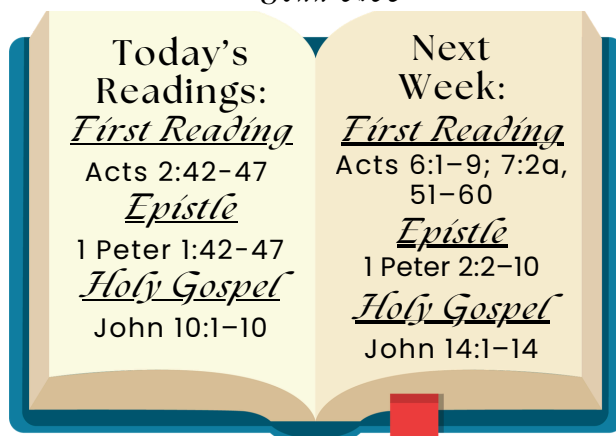
Main Street Living

April 26: Rev. Dr. Chris Brademeyer, St. John's Lutheran Church, Oakes, ND, presents the message: “Grief and Joy” based on John 16:16-22. This is the Life program: “Song of the Night” - A son’s accident causes his family to question everything.



“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 2:42-47

Epistle

1 Peter 1:42-47

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

Next Week:

First Reading

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14