



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...

After a meal, does your family pray Psalm 136:1, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever"? That short prayer is not just a reminder to say "thank You" to God, who provides daily bread for our bodies. It also repeats why God provides, specifically, because of "His steadfast love." In fact, if you pray that entire psalm, it lists the many ways God provides for all our needs of body and soul. The rich Hebrew word translated "steadfast love" reflects not only God's general attitude but also His mighty acts and deeds to provide for His people's entire lives and well-being. Jesus' provision of food for the people in the wilderness (Matthew 14) as well as "our daily bread" call to the mind of faith His ultimate gift of love, the forgiveness of our sins. As the prophet Isaiah speaks of the "rich food" God provides "that your soul may live" (Isaiah 55:2-3), so the humble Meal of bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar causes us to remember the greatest work of our Lord's steadfast love on the cross. At the altar, we receive the very substance of God's steadfast love that enlivens and strengthens a steadfast faith that will endure until we are welcomed to the great and promised heavenly feast of eternal life.

Week at a Glance

Saturday, August 1

- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, August 2

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

Monday, August 3

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

- 6:00pm: Summer Worship
w/ Holy Communion at
Shepherd of the Valley-
Pastor Zellers
- 7:30pm: Youth Group

Saturday, August 8

- 9:00am: Turtle Mountain
Archery Shoot at
Shepherd's Hill
- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, August 9

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship
- 9:40am: Bible Study
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
w/ Holy Communion
- 12:00pm: Turtle Mountain
Archery Shoot at Shepherd's Hill



UPCOMING Events



Sunday, August 2

9:40am

Pastor Otto will
lead Bible Class
in lower level.



Wednesday, August 5

6:00pm at

Shepherd of the Valley
801 E. Denver Avenue
Pastor Zellers

"BACK TO SCHOOL"
SUPPLY DRIVE SUPPLIES NEEDED
(*NEW only please)



DREAMCENTER
BISMARCK

Please leave donations in box
in lower foyer
before Sunday, August 9th.

SINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9:30am

Followed by a
Fellowship Brunch
in the Basement
and Voters' Meeting



Sunday, August 2

8:30am: Alijah Schiermeister

10:45 am: AJ & Hailey
Hjelmstad



Sunday, August 9

8:30am: Chase Johnson

10:45 am: Liam Granlie

Today's Sermon

Jesus Feeds the 5000

Matthew 14:13-21

Do you ever feel like you just want to be alone? Why? Hard news? Tough day? Jesus had a rough day. Jesus, upon hearing of the fate of John the Baptist at the hands of Herod Antipas, ruler of Galilee, withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. All four Gospel writers report this event - each with his unique perspective. Crowds of people followed Him to this place on foot and arrived ahead of Him. Perhaps the lake provided the solitude that Jesus needed -- for when He arrived on shore, He appeared to be refreshed, He had compassion on the crowd and healed the sick. The disciples appeared concerned for the welfare of the crowd and encouraged Jesus to send them away so they could go to the villages and buy some food. Were the disciples concerned for the crowd or were they more concerned for the condition of their treasury? By sending the crowds away, an opportunity would be missed. This was another chance for Jesus to demonstrate through - a miraculous sign - who He was and to further document that He is the Son of God. The boy gave sacrificially his five loaves and two fish because he trusted in the Lord. This miracle is repeated daily in our lives. All of life is a miracle - all of creation. All that we have is created and owned by God -- we just get to use His possessions. The little boy trusted in the Lord. He trusted the Lord to do far more with the resources than he could ever hope to do. This story is about trust. Trusting in God's provision for our lives.

Questions:

1. Why did Jesus cross the lake?
2. What were the disciples worried about?
3. What is the story all about?



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.

Today, Pastor Otto will lead Bible Class.

Bible class meets in the
basement beginning at 9:40am.



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

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

SAVE THE DATE the Bible that have inspired the canticle or hymn.



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Mark your calendar for SINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY

Zions' Annual Single Service Sunday.

Sunday, August 23, 2026,
at Zion Lutheran Church,
Bismarck, ND.

Brunch will follow the service.

Voters' Meeting
will begin at 11:30.

Election of the Board of
Directors will also take place.
Don't miss it!



MORE INFO:
[www.
zionbismarck.
org](http://www.zionbismarck.org)

ZION'S YOUTH GROUP

All youth in high
school and college are
invited to attend
Youth Group.

Let's build a GaGa Pit!

This Wednesday evening we will
meet at Dan & Kirsten Johnson's
at 7:30pm.

Watch for a group chat from
Kristin with directions to Johnsons.

American Family Day is celebrated on the
first Sunday in August as a day to encourage
families to spend time together.

The Lutheran Center for Religious
Liberty advocates for strong

families. See www.LCRLFreedom.org.



Main Street Living

Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John's Lutheran
Church, Montevideo, MN, presents
the message: "Christ's Gifts Are
More Than Enough" based
on Matthew 14:13-21.



This Is the Life program: "Return Trip" - The
modern-day story of a prodigal daughter.

"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 on WDAZ Xtra Channel
8.3, Bismarck/Dickinson.

From the District President's Desk

A few weeks ago, I noted that several pastors
in the ND District became published authors
in the last few years. This week I recommend
to you a book written by Pastor Daniel Voth,
Senior Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran - Grand
Forks: Clarifying the Great Commission:
Jesus' Parting Gifts to His Church. In this
book, Rev. Voth takes the reader from
hearing Matthew 28:19-20 as "marching
orders for the church" to receiving them
as comforting Gospel. In His farewell
discourse in Matthew 28, the Lord Jesus
leaves His Church with gifts that flow from
His death and resurrection. To purchase a
copy of this wonderful little book, please go
to the Concordia Publishing House website:
cph.org.—Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota
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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



Church Office Hours Summer 2026
Monday thru Friday 11am-5pm
or by appointment.



Linda Reinbold & Kitty Mettler
are in charge of
altar flowers for the month of August.
You can reach Linda at 417-294-6809.

Worship Attendance

Saturday, July 25

5:00 pm - 34

Sunday, July 26

8:30am - 74

10:45am - 83

Stewardship

July MTD

General Offering:

\$43,110.

Average Budget

Monthly Expenses:

\$58,750



"Building Healthy Families"

August 3 begins Simplify Your Life Week, a reminder to clear away clutter, reduce stress, focus on what truly matters, and find peace.

Clean out a closet or pantry and donate what you no longer need. Simplify your schedule to make room for meaningful time with those you love. But most importantly, take time to read John 14:27 and John 16:33 and consider this question: where are you looking for your identity, security, and peace? If it's your accumulating possessions, bank account, golf game, physical fitness level, number of acres, or your place on the corporate ladder, you'll surely be disappointed. Carve out time this week to spend with your Father, tune your ear to hear His voice, look for and see the many ways He is already providing for you, in this life and the one to come. Find your peace in the One who came to bring you peace and be assured that true peace is found only in Him who has already overcome the world for you. www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service.**

CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING



Zion will hold a Voters' Meeting
Sunday, August 23rd at 11:30am.

At this time, the updates concerning the new model of Policy Based Governance will be shared. The congregation will have the opportunity to ask questions and voters will be able to vote on the change to the bylaws. (*New voters will be accepted.*) Following the vote, Zions' Board of Directors will be elected by the Voters' Assembly.

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



Today's
Readings:

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:1-5

Epistle Reading

Romans 9:1-13

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Next
Week:

Old Testament

Job 38:4-18

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:5-17

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33