



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...

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

Week at a Glance

Saturday, July 18

- July 18-23 LCMS Synodical Convention
Phoenix, AZ
- 5:00pm: Worship
- 6pm-7am: Basement Reserved

Sunday, July 19

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

Monday, July 20

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

- 6:00pm: Board of Lay Ministry

Wednesday, July 22

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

Saturday, July 25

- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, July 26

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship
- 9:40am: Bible Study
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
w/ Holy Communion
- High School Encounter Camp
July 26-31 @ Shepherd's Hill



UPCOMING Events



Sunday, July 19

9:40am

Pastor Marcis will lead Bible Class in lower level.



Wednesday, July 22

6:00pm at

Shepherd of the Valley
801 E. Denver Avenue
Pastor Marcis



July 26-31

High School Encounter Camp
Shepherd's Hill



SINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9:30am

Followed by a
Fellowship Brunch
in the Basement

ACOLYTES



Sunday, July 19

8:30am: Aubree Cowan

10:45 am: Cooper & Kira
Yunker

Sunday, July 26

8:30am: Wyatt Kummer

10:45 am: Marcus Ell

Today's Sermon

The Shape of Hope

Romans 8:12-26

Some of the greatest Christian hymns are songs of hope: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less," "Rock of Ages," "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past," and many more.

Christians are a people of hope. We don't hope in just anything. The hope that we have as Christians is a hope that can withstand persecutions, natural disasters, personal tragedies, and economic downturns, and a score of gloomy days. Our hope is a hope focused on a relationship. Paul first writes that we have received the spirit of adoption. We can legitimately identify ourselves as Children of God—members of God's family. At our baptism, we celebrate that we are being adopted by our Lord. Paul instructs us to celebrate this truth—that we have been adopted into God's family—and to allow that truth to be the seed of our hope. Our hope becomes more secure because of the relationship that we have with God, our Father. We live in the reality that God holds us in the palm of his hand and is a part of our going out and our coming in. Paul writes these words to us who are struggling to find jobs, make ends meet, raise our kids, and live lives that honor God and bear witness to God's love and grace. This hope is ours and we are invited to live in this hope today. We are people who walk in freedom and live in hope.

Questions:

1. What do some of the greatest hymns sing about?
2. Where does our hope come from?
3. How should we now live our lives?

Thank You

Thank you for making the celebration of 40 years of ministry such a special and memorable occasion.

Thank you for the many thoughtful cards, generous gifts, kind words, and prayers. Your love and encouragement have been a tremendous blessing to us. Thank you to all the musicians who shared their gifts during the worship services. Thank you to everyone who prepared and served the delicious meal, as well as to all who helped with the setup and cleanup. Your willingness to serve made the celebration truly special.

A very special thank you to the members of Zion for the privilege of serving alongside you in ministry for the past 37 years. It has been a true blessing and an honor to walk together in faith, worship, and service. Your partnership in ministry has meant more than words can express. With grateful hearts, --- Pastor Thomas & Sara



Can You Help?

DREAMCENTER

BISMARCK

"BACK TO SCHOOL" SUPPLY DRIVE SUPPLIES NEEDED

***NEW only please**

In order of need:
BACKPACKS! (goal is 500)
Pencil Boxes or Pencil Bag
Kleenex/Face Tissue Boxes



Markers
Colored Pencils
Yellow Highlighters
Black Sharpies
Dry Erase Markers

Calculators (both basic and scientific)
3x5 Notecards

1-2 inch Ring Binders



Scissors

(Fiskars preferred, various sizes needed)
Folders and Binder Dividers (both with pockets)
Notebooks

(Composition, Wide-ruled & College ruled)



Rulers
Crayons (24 pack)
Glue Sticks

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

**Backpacks will be distributed
Thursday, August 13th 4-6:30pm
at The Dream Center
1805 Park Avenue**

High School Youth Group

This week, youth and parents are invited to participate in a church work night!



This is the final camp of the summer! All high school youth are encouraged to attend!



SHEPHERD'S HILL
AT THE
CROSSROADS
ST. JOHN, NORTH DAKOTA

Kristen will attend High School Encounter Camp at Shepherd's Hill July 26-31. Come along and join this fun opportunity to meet new friends and grow in your faith. Scholarships are available to interested youth. Zion will provide transportation to this camp at Shepherd's Hill this summer.
There are still openings available!

2026 Congregational Self-Study



To complete this form online, scan this QR code or go to:

<https://forms.gle/juEtKzueppyGFegL9>

Please only submit ONE form per member.

Please read instructions carefully & answer ALL questions.

Your responses will remain anonymous.

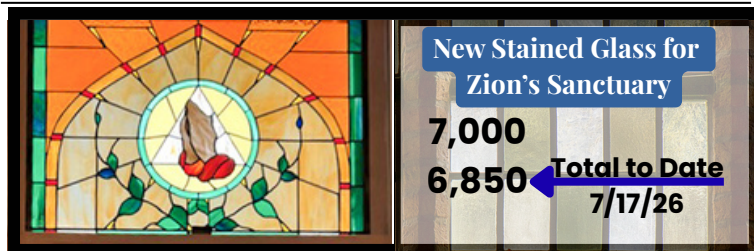
This is the Final Week to complete the survey.

From the District President's Desk

The delegates that your circuit voted to send to the 2026 Synod Convention are meeting in Phoenix under the theme Christ Is Risen Indeed. At this convention, they will vote on various resolutions and elect people to various offices within the Synod and organizations within the Synod. Please pray that the Lord would grant wisdom to the delegates, God-pleasing resolutions would be adopted, and all who are elected would serve faithfully in their offices. If you would like to watch the convention proceedings, it is being live-streamed on several platforms. Go to: www.lcms.org/convention/national/livestream for more information.—
Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President



Synod Convention Daily Recap Video Podcast: Our triennial Synod Convention will be taking place in Phoenix on July 18-23. At the end of each day, Rev. Thomas Marcis, host of the ND District's "Ministry on the Prairie" podcast, will interview District President Mark Chepulis and others to recap what's happening as the convention unfolds. Find the link to these daily video podcasts online: www.nodaklcms.org/resources/podcast.





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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.



Rhonda Rath is in charge of
altar flowers for the month of July.
You can reach Rhonda at 426-1247

Worship Attendance

Saturday, July 11

5:00 pm - 13

Sunday, July 12

8:30am - 88

10:45am -185

Stewardship

July MTD

General Offering:

\$25,664.

Average Budget

Monthly Expenses:

\$58,750

"Building Healthy Families"



This week, take time to notice
the beautiful (or wilting!)
flowers and vegetables growing
in your own or someone else's

garden. Let them remind you that great
relationships don't just happen – they
require time and attention. Who needs
more of yours? "Remember that children,
marriages, and gardens reflect the kind of
care they get." (H. Jackson Brown, Jr.)
Learn more www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Who were the "champions" of 1776?
They stood with courage for God-given
liberty in their time. Today, the
Lutheran Center for Religious
Liberty reminds us that the same
calling rests on us. For more info:
LCRLFreedom.org/champions.



Main Street Living

Rev. Chris Waldvogel, Beautiful Savior
Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents
the message: "Sowing Good Seed for
the Final Harvest" based on
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

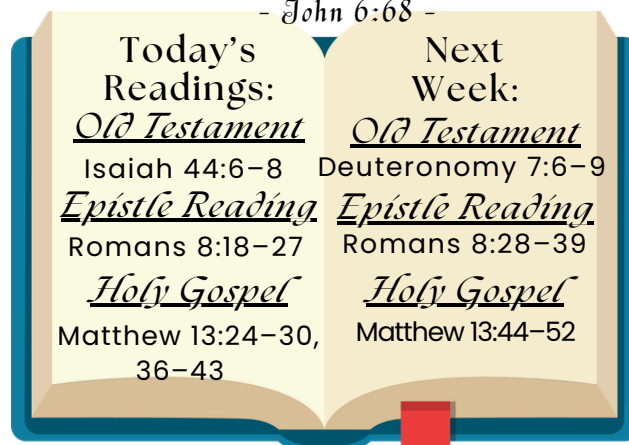
This Is the Life program:

"Interlude"- A husband
and wife struggle with marital issues.



"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.

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



Today's Readings:

Old Testament

Isaiah 44:6-8

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18-27

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,
36-43

Next Week:

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:28-39

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52