



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...

Any gardener will admit they have seen certain plants flourish while others fail. The plants don't get a choice in the matter. A plant cannot affect the amount of sunlight, moisture, or attention it receives. It simply grows the way it was designed to. You have been planted by the Lord in His garden. You have seen the light of His Gospel, been watered in Baptism, and been nourished by heaven's food. You have been designed to flourish! A pear tree doesn't grow pumpkins, and neither do the redeemed fall back into fear or slavery. You are the harvest of the Lord. We grow to His glory.

Week at a Glance

Saturday, July 4

- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, July 5

- 8:30am: Worship
w/ Holy Communion
- 9:40am: Bible Class
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
- 7:00pm: Hosanna Rehearsal

Monday, July 6

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 8

- Kinder Camp @ Shepherd's Hill
(Kristin)
- 6:00pm: Summer Worship
w/ Holy Communion at
Shepherd of the Valley-
Pastor Woodside
- 6:00pm: Hosanna Rehearsal
- 7:30pm: Youth Group

Saturday, July 11

- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, July 12

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship
w/ Holy Communion
- 9:40am: Bible Study
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
- 12:00pm: 40th Anniversary Luncheon



UPCOMING Events



Sunday, July 5

9:40am

Pastor Marcis will lead Bible Class in lower level.

CHOIR

Sunday, July 5

7:00pm

Wednesday, July 8

6:00pm

Hosanna Choir Rehearsal



Wednesday, July 8

6:00pm at

Shepherd of the Valley
801 E. Denver Avenue
Pastor Woodside

SINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9:30am

Followed by a
Fellowship Brunch
in the
Basement

2026 CONFIRMATION PICTURES

Are now available for pickup in the church office. Call the office to arrange a time to pick up the photograph. (223-8286 from 11am-5pm)

Sunday, July 5

8:30am: Volunteer Needed

10:45 am: Volunteer Needed

ACOLYTES



Sunday, July 12

8:30am: Chase Johnson

10:45 am: McKenzie Wilson

Today's Sermon

Trapped

Romans 7:15-25

See if you can identify the one thing that all these people have in common. Moses, King David, Thomas Jefferson, JFK, Bill Clinton, Britney Spears, Elvis Presley, and Michael Jackson. All of these people reach the greatest heights of success; they conquered the world—but they couldn't defeat their personal demons. We aren't that different from the rich and famous. We put on a good front, but we keep people distant—and perhaps even attempt to keep God distant—to keep others from knowing who we really are. It would seem that Christians should not have this problem. After all, Paul wrote that we have been baptized into Christ's death and raised to a new life. Not even a "super saint" like Paul escaped the struggle of sin in his life. We all dream of what life would be like without rules, laws and expectations. We need to know what is right and wrong. There is something within us that rebels against authority. Like the words of that famous song by Frank Sinatra, "We want it our way." We not only rebel against earthly authorities and God, but we also find ourselves rebelling against ourselves. Paul says that he does what he doesn't want to do and doesn't do what he wants to do. Paul has it right, we are at war with ourselves. There is a saying that, "Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven." It is our forgiveness through the cross of Christ—his life, death, and resurrection—that is our hope. We walk forgiven. We live free from shame and guilt. We are able to do this because of what God has done and not because of what we have done.

Questions:

1. Why does everyone battle sin?
2. Why do Christians still battle sin?
3. Where does our hope come from?



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,

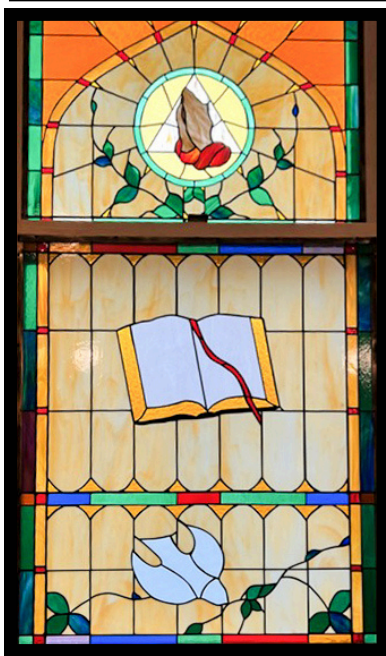
Click on: "Learn More", choose either the Video Podcasts or Podcasts, then select the one you would like to see or hear.

Adult Bible Class

Today, Pastor Marcis will lead Bible Class.

Class meets today in the lower level beginning at 9:40am.





New Stained Glass

for
Zion's Sanctuary

7,000

4,500 ← Total to Date
7/03/26

4,250

3,700

3,500

3,475

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High School Youth Group

All youth in high school and college are invited to attend Youth Group with Pastor Otto this week.



SHEPHERD'S HILL
AT THE
CROSSROADS
BY JOHN HORTON BRADSHAW

There are still openings for youth interested in attending camp at Shepherd's Hill this summer. Kristin will be attending Kinder Camp 2: July 8-9, and Discovery Camp 2: July 8-10. Pastor Otto and Russ will attend Jr High Encounter Camp: July 12-17. Kristen will also attend High School Encounter Camp: July 26-31. Zion will provide transportation to these camps.



Plan to attend!
Single Service Sunday
August 23 @ 9:30am.
Brunch will follow the service.

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.

SCAN ME!



CHOIR

Hosanna Choir will practice
Sunday, July 5th at 7:00pm
Wednesday, July 8th at 6:00pm.

The choir will sing, "Lift High the Cross", for Pastor Marcis' ordination celebration Sunday, July 12th.

Screen Operators Needed

for 8:30 & 10:45 services.
Training provided.
This is not a weekly commitment.
For more info talk with
Pastor Marcis or Pastor Otto.



Weekly Summer Services

Services will be held each
Wednesday at 6pm.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
801 East Denver Avenue.

All summer services
include Holy Communion.
July 8th, Pastor Woodside

Ben Franklin famously quipped, "A Republic, if you can keep it" when asked what form of government the founders finalized. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty helps this generation "keep it." www.LCRLFreedom.org.



Dear Members,

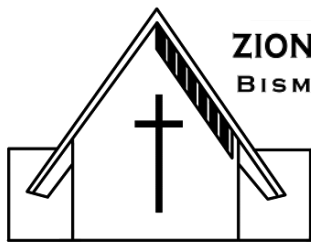
Please be aware that neither Pastor Marcis nor Pastor Otto will ever contact you asking for favors, gift cards, donations, or any other personal requests.

Recently, phishing emails have been circulating that appear to be from clergy members. These emails are not from Zion's pastors. If you receive such a message, please disregard and delete it immediately.

From the District President's Desk

Happy Independence Day on this, the year of the 250th anniversary of our country. Let us thank God for the many and varied blessings that He has poured out on our land. And let us keep our government leaders in our prayers, that they would do God's will so that we would live quiet and peaceable lives.

-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



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

Altar flowers are given in memory of
Mike Glass



by Jeremy, Fae, & Tiernan Glass.
Rhonda Rath is in charge of
altar flowers for the month of July.
You can reach Rhonda at 426-1247

Worship Attendance Stewardship

Saturday, June 27

5:00 pm - 46

Sunday, June 28

8:30am - 60

10:45am -80

June MTD

General Offering:
\$43,932.

Average Budget
Monthly Expenses:
\$58,750

"Building Healthy Families"



What are some of your best childhood memories? Psychologist Mary Pipher says there are three things that most people usually remember with great happiness from childhood -- time spent outdoors, vacations and family meals. During these long summer days, spend time with your children or grandchildren outdoors. Take some time off work...plan a picnic...explore a new park or hiking trail. Let your children or grandchildren help choose the spot. You don't have to go far from home or spend a lot of money to create forever memories!
www.LutheranFamilyService.org



Martin Luther School now
has openings for students in
Kindergarten through garde 8.

Main Street Living

Rev. Sam Pitsch, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: "Rest for Your Souls" based on Matthew 11:29. This Is the Life program: "Dream of His Own" - A father and son are at odds when their construction company will evict an Indian family.



"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

Zechariah 9:9-12

Epistle Reading

Romans 7:14-25a

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Next Week:

Old Testament

Isaiah 44:6-8

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18-27

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,
36-43