



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...

Jesus has not come to calm the world but to lead us into battle. That battle is inside of us—the call to take up the cross, to deny self, and to follow Jesus. He has already won the victory over death and the devil, and now He works to sanctify us in this truth. While this might appear to be surrender, it is the only path to finding our lives and keeping them to everlasting life. We are bearers of this message to the world and accompanied with the promise that Christ is working in us and through us to make the Gospel known. Yet in the midst of this, we are encouraged that the smallest good work will not be overlooked by the Father, and those redeemed by Christ have a heavenly reward awaiting their faithful believing and living.

Week at a Glance

Saturday, June 27

- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, June 28

- 8:30am: Worship
- 9:40am: Bible Class
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
w/ Holy Communion
- June 28–July 2 Kid's Camp at Shepherd's Hill (Russ)

Monday, June 29

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 1

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

Friday, July 3

Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 4

- 5:00pm: Worship



Sunday, July 5

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



UPCOMING Events



Sunday, June 28

9:40am

Pastor Marcis will lead
Bible Class
in lower level.



Wednesday, July 1

6:00pm at

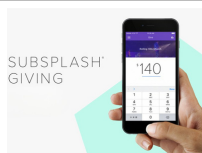
Shepherd of the Valley
801 E. Denver Avenue
Pastor Zellers

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)

Please sign up on the orange
sheets in the back if you plan to
attend the recognition luncheon
for Pastor Marcis' 40 Years
of Ministry celebration.

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!



ACOLYTES



Sunday, June 28

8:30: Volunteer Needed

10:45: Preslie Sailer

Sunday, July 5

8:30am: Volunteer Needed

10:45 am: Volunteer Needed

Today's Sermon

God's Peace Surpasses Human Understanding

Matthew 10:34-42

Almost everyone on earth desires peace. Families desire peace in their home. A nation may desire peace within its borders. Of course, almost all desire world peace. So, it may sound strange to our ears in our text when Jesus says, I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. Here was the Prince of Peace foretold by Isaiah the prophet. Yet he comes to bring a sword. GOD'S PEACE CAN CAUSE CONFLICT. The Israelites were expecting a worldly peace. Jesus came not with worldly peace but eternal. The disciples left family and friends to follow Jesus. Their actions divided families. They gave up an earthly life and found eternal life. All too often we may have in our minds and lives only the things of men. Taking a stand on the Bible can cause conflict. Knowing God's peace of forgiveness is all that matters. GOD'S PEACE DOES DESIRE DEDICATION. The dedication of Jesus' disciple would be a lifelong commitment. Jesus reminding the disciples of humble dedication in service to the Lord. Our Savior is not a Savior who necessarily brings worldly peace. God's peace certainly does surpass human understanding. God's peace goes far beyond quieting wars and rumors of war. God's peace is his free gift to us. God's peace is also our strength in and for this life. Thankfully our loving Father shows us what it takes to dedicate ourselves to him.

Questions:

1. What kind of peace is the world looking for?
2. How is Jesus the prince of peace yet brings a sword?
3. How is God's peace a free gift?

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
Adult Bible Class.

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



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

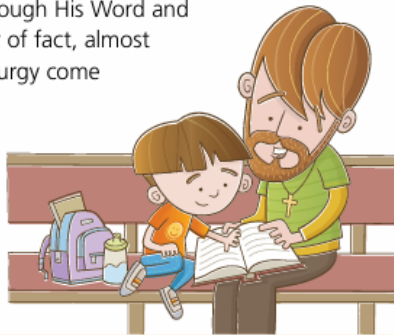
What is the "liturgy"?

Maybe you have heard this word before. The word "liturgy" (pronounced LI-tur-jee) comes from the Greek word "leitourgia," which means "public service" or "divine service." The liturgy is God's service to us through Word and Sacrament.

Why do we use it?

Just as the word "liturgy" means "divine service," God is the one serving us in our Lutheran worship. We are simply responding to Him with thanksgiving and praise. Isn't it wonderful to be involved in worship that has God doing all of the work through His Word and Sacraments? As a matter of fact, almost all of the words in the liturgy come straight out of the Bible!

What a great way to worship on Sunday morning!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, direct your children to the various services in the hymnal. Encourage use of the liturgy with your family at home. Matins (LSB, 219) and Vespers (LSB, 229) make for great family devotions.



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High School Youth Group

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



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

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. Russ will attend Kid's Camp: June 28-July 2. 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.

NEW
COLORS

CHECK
IT OUT!!

NEW
DESIGNS

Order your NEW Zion Merch!

Multiple Color Options + Toddler/Youth/Adult Sizes Available



Proceeds
benefit
Zion
Youth!

To place an order: scan the QR code above, visit www.tinyurl.com/22rbdczk, or contact the church office!

Select "I Will Pickup My Order" during checkout to have your items delivered directly to Zion for free!

Welcome to Zion

Sunday Morning Greeters Needed

Are you comfortable shaking someone's hand and saying, "Good Morning"?

Did you answer, "Yes"?

Congratulations, you qualify to be a Greeter!

Greeters are needed for the 8:30 & 10:45 services throughout the summer.

Please consider being a part of this fun ministry opportunity.

For more information, or to sign up, please call the church office at 223-8286, or email zionoffice501@gmail.com



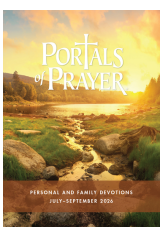
RSVP

Today is the final day to sign up to attend the 40th Anniversary in Ministry Recognition Luncheon for Pastor Marcis.

The orange sign-up sheet is located on the table in the rear of the church.

It would be wonderful to have you join the celebration!

Luncheon is Sunday, July 12 at noon.

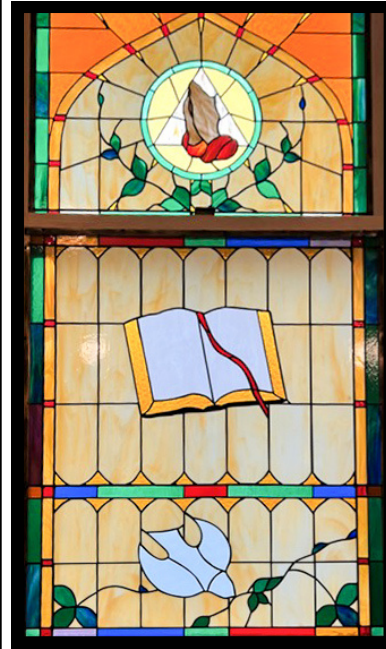


Portals of Prayer July – September

is now available on the cabinet in the upper foyer and on the coffee bar in the lower foyer. Pick up your copy today.



The food pantry could use the following items:
Cold cereal, Mac & Cheese
Canned pasta sauce, canned fruit,
Canned beans:
black, pinto, & kidney,
Canned tomatoes, tomato sauce,
Canned meat,
Heat & Eat rice or pasta.
Rice, Boxed pasta



New Stained Glass for Zion's Sanctuary

7,000

4,250

Total to Date
6/26/26

3,700

3,500

3,475

0.00



Sunday Van Drivers Needed

Each Sunday Zion's van drivers pick up a few members who are in need of transportation to the 10:45 service. If you would be interested in being one of the drivers, call the church office at 223-8286 for more information. This would be a once or twice a month committment.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and memorials in memory of Sara's sister, Dorothy. We greatly appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Pastor and Sara

2026 Congregational Self-Study

As we begin the process of preparing to call our next Senior Pastor, Zion's leadership would like to get some feedback and perspective from the members of the congregation. The District asks calling congregations to complete this self-study to help them understand who they are, to assist the newly called pastor in understanding the congregation which has extended him a Divine Call, and to assist the District President as he adds names to the congregation's call list.

- Please only submit ONE form per member.
- Please read instructions carefully & answer ALL questions.
- Your responses will remain anonymous.
- If you would prefer to complete this form online,

scan thisQR code or go to: <https://forms.gle/juEtKzueppyGFegL9>

If you have questions about this survey or about the Call process, please reach out to Congregational Vice-President Darrin Anderson. Please complete by Sunday, July 26,2026.





Weekly Summer Services

Services will be held each Wednesday
at 6pm at Shepherd of the Valley
Lutheran Church
801 East Denver Avenue.

All summer services will include
Holy Communion.

The local LCMS pastors will take turns
leading the services. If you use an
envelope from your congregation, your
offering will be sent to your congregation.

July 1 Pastor Zellers (Messiah)

July 8 Pastor Woodside
(Bethel & Shepherd of the Valley)

July 15 Pastor Marcis (Zion)

July 22 Pastor Marcis (Zion)

July 29 Pastor Otto (Zion)

From the District President's Desk

Happy Father's Day. In baptism, God claims us as His children and teaches us to call Him "our Father." He has given us earthly fathers who love and care for us. Let us thank God for all fathers—for those who gave us earthly life, and for all men who have been father-figures in our lives: uncles, teachers, pastors, and friends. Let us pray that the Lord bless them in this vocation to which He has called them, that they would always be an example of faith and a blessing to us. For those whose fathers now rest from their labors, may the Lord grant comfort and peace in the joyful heavenly reunion with those we love.

—Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota
District President

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty:
because someone has to watch
Congress while the rest of us are at
potlucks. Stay connected at



www.LCRLFreedom.org



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

Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry

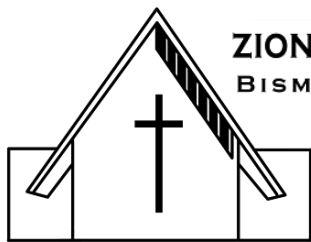


The Board of Lay Ministry at Zion,
Bismarck, invites you to a luncheon on
Sunday, July 12th, 2026 at 12:00pm
in recognition of

**Rev. Thomas R. Marcis, Jr.'s
40th Ordination Anniversary**
Please RSVP to the church office by June 29th.

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Rev. Peter C. Marcis will be the guest
preacher for the 8:30am & 10:45am
worship services on July 12th.



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH BISMARCK, 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.



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

Worship Attendance

Saturday, June 20

5:00 pm - 41

Sunday, June 21

8:30am - 100

10:45am - 89

Stewardship

June MTD

General Offering:

\$33,033.

Average Budget

Monthly Expenses:

\$58,750

"Building Healthy Families"



Many years ago, our Lutheran ancestors left behind the familiar and came seeking religious freedom in a new land. We celebrate that freedom this week, even as we recognize growing challenges to our religious liberty. Join us in praying for our leaders, both in government and in our LCMS church. May God strengthen them to boldly speak and act in ways that secure our freedom not just to have faith, but to live out that faith in the public square. Your prayers for the staff and leadership of Lutheran Family Service as they proclaim, teach, and live out God's good plan for life, marriage and family are also appreciated. Happy 250th birthday, America!

www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Main Street Living

Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents the message: "Knowing God's Will For Certain" based on Jeremiah 28:5-9. This Is the Life program: "The Prisoners" - An elderly woman is attacked and terrorized by a teenage gang.



"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 -

