



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...

We do not deserve the attention God lavishes on us! As He calls us to Himself, we are on the receiving end of boundless love and mercy from Him, shown especially in the death and resurrection of our Lord, to whom we have been united. We share faith with Abraham, though the future may not be clear. Our sins brought Jesus to the cross, but the empty tomb invites us to eternal life. When the Pharisees questioned Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners, He admonished them in saying, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick" (Matthew 9:12). God calls those who need to be saved—sinners like us—with the gracious Good News proclaimed to us in worship this day.

Week at a Glance

Saturday, June 6

- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, June 7

- 8:30am: Worship
w/ Holy Communion
- 9:40am: Bible Class
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
- 5:15pm: VBS Supper
- 6–8:30pm: Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 8

- 5:15pm: VBS Supper
- 6–8:30pm: Vacation Bible School
- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Tuesday, June 9

- 5:15pm: VBS Supper
- 6–8:30pm: Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 10

- 5:15pm: VBS Supper
- 6–8:30pm: Vacation Bible School
- 6:00pm: Summer Worship
w/ Holy Communion at
Shepherd of the Valley–
Pastor Woodside
- 7:30pm: Youth Group

Saturday, June 13

- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, May 14

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

UPCOMING Events



Sunday, June 7

9:40am

Pastor Marcis will lead Bible Class in lower level.



Wednesday, June 10

6:00pm at

Shepherd of the Valley
801 E. Denver Avenue
Pastor Woodside



**BEGINS
TONIGHT
June 7-10**

Vacation Bible School

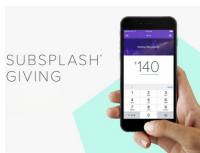
Supper begins at 5:15.

June 7-10 6-8:30pm

Enroll today using the QR code!



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 7

8:30: Aubrey Cowan
10:45: Liam Granlie

Sunday, June 14

8:30: Wyatt Kummer
10:45: Morgan Mehrer

Today's Sermon The Call of Matthew Matthew 9:9

Have you ever wondered why Jesus called who he called for his disciples? JESUS CALLS ORDINARY AND IMPERFECT PEOPLE. God's grace reaches beyond human weakness and failure. Jesus called Matthew despite his background (Matthew 9:9) He saw potential and purpose where others saw failure and rejection. The Lord looks at the heart and divine purpose within a person. Salvation comes by grace and not human merit (Ephesians 2:8-9) No one earns the call or favor of God through personal righteousness. Matthew arose immediately and followed Jesus. God's call should be answered with readiness and faith. JESUS TRANSFORMS THOSE HE CALLS. Christ changes lives completely through salvation and discipleship. God transformed a tax collector into a servant and witness of Christ. In Christ, old things pass away and lives are renewed. c) God equips those He calls (1 Thessalonians 5:24) The Lord provides grace, wisdom, and strength for His assignment. THE CALLED ARE TO EXTEND GOD'S MERCY TO OTHERS. Christ demonstrated compassion and mercy toward broken people. Believers are called to share the Gospel (Mark 16:15) The call of Matthew reveals the grace, mercy, and transforming power of Jesus Christ. God calls ordinary people, forgives past failures, and gives new purpose and direction.

Questions:

1. Why did Jesus call Matthew?
2. How are lives changed by Jesus' call?
3. What does Jesus call his followers to do?

✝ This Sunday, June 7th, Pastor Otto is the guest pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Lidgerwood, ND.

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

Adult Bible Class will meet in the lower level beginning at 9:40am.



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is “making the sign of the cross”?

Making the sign of the cross means to draw an invisible cross on yourself at certain times during personal prayer, the Divine Service and other appropriate times during worship.

How do I make the sign of the cross?

Hold your thumb and two fingers together. 1 Touch your forehead, 2 then your tummy, 3 your left shoulder, 4 then your right shoulder 5 and finally your chest. Try it a few times and you’ll get it. Before long, it will be easy to do!

Why is it a great thing to do?

Can you think of a time when your pastor first made the sign of the cross on you? At your Baptism, you received the sign of the cross on your forehead and on your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ! Making the sign of the cross is a great way to remember all that Jesus has done for you on the cross and given to you in and through Baptism!



Parents: Before or after the service, practice making the sign of the cross with your children. Remind them that we may make the sign of the cross at certain times during the service, for example, anytime you see a small red “cross” symbol, or pastor makes the sign of the cross on the congregation.

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High School Youth Group

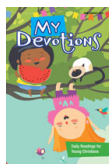
Youth in High School and College are invited to attend Youth Group Wednesday evening at 7:30pm.



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.



Martin Luther School and Zion Lutheran Church are accepting applications thru Monday, June 8, 2026 for a full-time janitorial position. This position includes the responsibility of cleaning and maintaining both the school facilities and the church. This position includes benefits, and a background check is required. The position is currently available, and training could begin as early as June 15th. Compensation begins at \$18 per hour or more depending upon experience. For more information or to schedule an interview, email Principal, Denise Wolfram at wolfram@lutherschools.org.



A daily devotional written for pre-teens, *My Devotions* helps make reading the Bible become a habit in a fun and easy way. Copies available on the counter in the upper foyer.

Each devotion is accompanied by a daily Scripture passage, journal prompt, and prayer, and each issue also includes a variety of Bible-related games and activities as well as pages for journaling. Topics focus on home and school life, so readers can apply the devotional lessons to their lives!



Helping hands are needed to fill the outdoor pantry during the summer.

If you are interested in helping, contact the office for more information at: zionoffice501@gmail.com

Invite your friends and family!

June 7-10 BEGINS TONIGHT

Zion Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School
6-8:30pm

Supper begins at 5:15.
 Freewill offering will be taken for the meal.

Enroll Today!