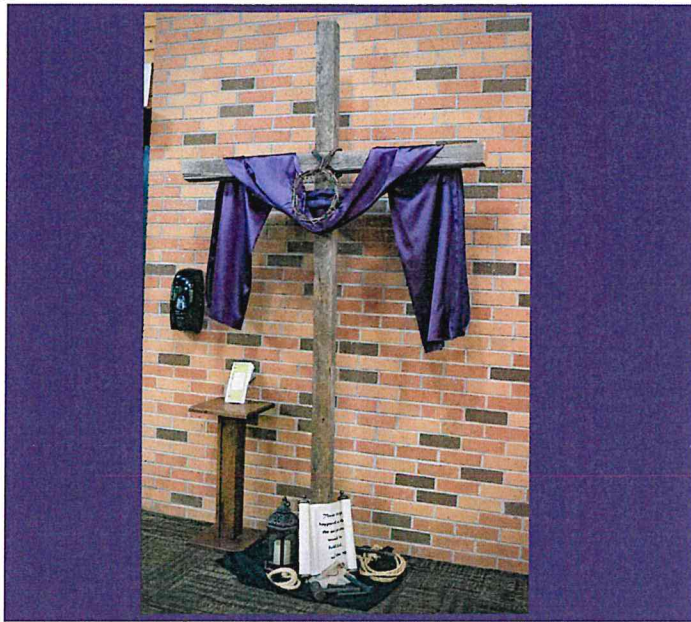


Life & Growth at Zion



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...



Today we enter the Great and Holy Week of our faith, the very heart and center of God's greatest act since the Creation itself—the salvation of mankind by the overthrow of sin, death, and the devil, and the restoration of all creation through the power of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. As we join the crowds welcoming Jesus, the one who comes in the name of the Lord, we plan to get swept up in the drama of the story many know so well.

Week at a Glance

Saturday, March 28

- 5:00pm: Worship w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, March 29

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

Monday, March 30

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 31

- 1:00pm: Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday, April 1

- 5:15–6:30pm: Lent Supper
- 5:45pm: Bells of Zion Rehearsal
- 6:00–7:00pm: Family Lenten Event
- 7:00pm: Wednesday Lenten Service
- 7:45pm: Hosanna Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45pm: Youth Group

Thursday, April 2

- 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service w/ Holy Communion

Friday, April 3

- Noon–3pm: Tre-Ore Service
Messiah Mandan, ND
- 7:00pm: Good Friday Tenebra Service

Saturday, April 4

- 10:00am: Hosanna Rehearsal
- 10:45am: Easter Ensemble Rehearsal
- 5:00pm: Worship w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, April 5

- 6:30am: Easter Sunrise Service w/ Holy Communion
- 8:30am: Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 9:30 am: Sunday School
- 9:40am: Bible Class
- 10:45am: Creative Worship w/ Holy Communion

UPCOMING Events



Sunday, March 29

Holy Week Lessons
Sunday School Children
sing start of 10:45 service.

Monday, March 30

Women's Care Center
Tour 5:15pm
Supper 6:00pm

Tuesday Bible Class

1:00-2:30pm
Book of Job



April 1

Wednesday Lent Supper
5:15-6:30pm
Family Service Event
6:00-7:00pm



Wednesday, April 1

7:00pm
Lenten Service



Thursday, April 2

7:00pm
Maundy Thursday
Service



Friday, April 3

7:00pm
Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 29

8:30am: Alijah Schiermeister
10:45am: Preslie Sailer

ACOLYTES



Wednesday, April 1

7:00pm
Kinley Johnson

**Thursday, April 2
Maundy Thursday**

7:00pm
Serenity Horne

**Friday, April 3
Good Friday**

7:00pm Braden Rooke

**Sunday, April 5
Easter Sunday**

8:30am: RaeAnn Morrison
Avery Reule
10:45am: Hadlee Schmidt

Today's Sermon

**Palm Sunday: The King Comes in Peace
Matthew 21:1-11**

Palm Sunday marks the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, a journey that led to the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan for humanity. This event was not merely a political display, but a prophetic moment filled with deep spiritual significance. As Jesus rode into the city on a donkey, He declared His identity as the Messiah and the Prince of Peace. The people shouted "Hosanna," laying down their garments and palm branches in His path, signifying honor, celebration, and submission. Yet, Palm Sunday reminds us not only of celebration but of the fickleness of human loyalty and the steadfastness of divine purpose. Do we truly honor Him as Lord and King, or do we only praise Him when it's convenient? **Jesus entered as a humble King.** Though King of kings, Jesus chose a lowly donkey, fulfilling prophecy and modelling humility. **The crowd's praise was loud but shallow.** Many shouted "Hosanna" with their lips but rejected Him with their hearts. Palm Sunday reveals Christ's mission of peace. Peace with God comes only through Christ. Justified by faith, we have peace... (Romans 5:1) Don't be part of the crowd that praises today and denies tomorrow. Be among the few who crown Him King daily. He came in peace to save you; He will return in glory to reign.

Questions:

1. Why is Palm Sunday so important?
2. Why is Jesus riding a simple donkey?
3. Why is the crowd shouting Hosanna?

This week on Living the Faith podcast join Pastor Marcis and Pastor Otto as they journey through Lent.



To hear the podcast Go to: ZionBismarck.org

Click Events

You will be taken to a page that gives you the option for:

Video Podcast

Click "Living the Faith" for the full list of Podcast dates and topics.

Adult Bible Class & Sunday School For All Ages

Sunday School & High School Bible study, Join us for Opening in the Youth Room at 9:30am. Adult Bible Class will meet in the lower level to continue the study of Judges.



Zion's Food Pantry

Needs the Following Items

The following items are needed to replenish the pantry. Please remember we cannot accept items in glass bottles or jars.

Shelf Stable	Pancake Mix
Meat Products	Bisquick Mix
Canned Fruit	Bottles of Syrup
Canned Vegetables	(No Glass Bottles)
Canned Pasta Sauce	Jelly in Plastic
Pasta	Squeeze Bottles
Ramen Noodles	Vegetable Oil
Boxes of	Onion Salt
Mac & Cheese	Garlic Salt
Boxes of Packaged	Boxes of Jello
Rice Meals	Packets of taco or
Refried Beans	gravy mix
Can Openers	

If you are a Thrivent Member, please consider using one of your annual Thrivent Action Grants to help the youth restock the pantry. For information on how to do this, contact Zion's office at Zionoffice501@gmail.com



Hosanna Choir will rehearse Saturday, April 4th at 10:00am.

Ensemble rehearsal for Easter Sunday will be held Saturday, April 4th at 10:45am.

If you play a **musical instrument** and would like to be a part of the ensemble, please call Eric Rooke at 701-770-0520.

High School Youth Group will meet in the Youth Room following Wednesday Lenten Service.



Catechesis Retreat April 10-11 Minot, ND

"Lost in the Scroll?"
Living Sober-Minded in a Digital World" is a great topic for all of our youth to study! This retreat is open to Jr. High and High School students. For more information, contact Kristin Nistler at 701-400-2069.

FREE Easter Photo Booth!

Dana Otto will be offering free family photos in front of a festive backdrop before & after all 3 services Easter Sunday for Zion members and guests! The Photo Booth will be located in the South foyer near the parking lot entrance.

Easter Gift Cards for the Staff of the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch



We continue to accept gift cards to show appreciation to the 85 staff members at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

We give \$10 gift cards from Caribou, Starbucks, or McDonalds.

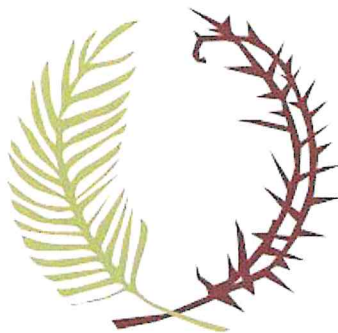
Designated envelopes for gift cards or cash to purchase gift cards can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Please place in the offering plate or the black box outside the church office.

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**KIDS IN THE
 DIVINE SERVICE**
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**Why do we celebrate
 "Palm Sunday"?**

The Sunday before Jesus was crucified by the people, they honored and adored Him as their Lord and king with palm branches. We remember this as the beginning of Christ's bitter walk to the cross.



PRAISE HIM!

CRUCIFY HIM!

Why did the people honor and adore Jesus on Palm Sunday and then kill Him on Good Friday?

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the people began to praise and honor Him as their king. They believed Him to be a powerful leader who would overthrow the Roman government and restore Israel. When Jesus did not do this, the people wanted Him crucified. You and I know what kind of a king He is. He's a king who came to die for the sins of His people. Wow! What a king!



Parents: Remind your children that it was important that Jesus did die for their sins. That is exactly what He came to earth to do. He came to pay the price that we could never pay. Direct your children to the symbols in the church that reflect Christ's death. Remind them that we will hear of His victory over death next Sunday on Easter!!!

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES at ZION

*Spy Wednesday
 April 1
 Supper 5:15-6:30 pm
 Family Lenten Event
 5:00-6:45pm
 Service 7:00pm
 Pastor Otto*

*Maundy Thursday
 April 2
 Service with
 Communion 7:00pm
 Pastor Otto*

*Good Friday Service
 April 3
 7:00pm
 Pastor Marcis*

**Easter Sunday
 April 5**

*Sunrise Service
 With Communion
 6:30am
 Pastor Marcis*

*Traditional
 Worship Service
 With Communion
 8:30am
 Pastor Otto*

*Creative Worship Service
 With Communion
 10:45 am
 Pastor Otto*

Easter Vigil
 Saturday, April 4
 at sunset (8:16 pm)



- + An Easter Vigil is held after sunset on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter.
- + It is a time for attentive waiting and prayer, celebrating Jesus' transition from death to life.
- + This service acts as a bridge between Lent and Easter, completing the *Triduum* (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil).

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CONGREGATIONAL
- MEETING -

**Sunday, April 12
 9:40pm
 Lower Level**

The congregation is invited to attend this discussion on the repairs needed to the roof, along with Policy Based Governance and how it would be implemented at Zion. This is your opportunity to have your questions answered.

Lunch & Voters' Meeting

Sunday, April 19
 12:00PM Lower level

The repairs needed on the roof & Policy based governance will be the topics. New voters will be accepted.





Wednesday Service
 April 1 7:00pm
 Sermon by Pastor Otto



Objects of Lent

March 29th: **Palm** Palm Sunday
 Matthew 21:1-11

April 1st: **Silver** Spy Wednesday
 Mt 26:14-16, 27:3-10

April 2nd: **Bread** Maundy Thursday
 Luke 22:7-20


April 3rd: **Nails** (Good Friday)
 Psalm 22:16

April 5th: **Stone** (Easter)
 Matthew 28:1-10



Meals are served from 5:15-6:30
 each Wednesday during Lent.
 Everyone is invited to attend.

If you would like to join us for the meal, please sign up in the "Lenten Meals" binder located on the coffee bar in the lower foyer. It is much easier to plan the meals if we know how many will be attending. **April 1st:**  Pizza

 Individual Easter cards are available for purchase for \$1.00 each on the card rack outside the sanctuary. Payment can be placed in the metal box on the wall by the card racks.

From the District President's Desk

Our Lord rides into the gates of the city on the back of a donkey as he bears our sins upon His back. He rides in not just as the chosen Sacrificial Lamb but also as a scapegoat, bearing the sins of the world. He rides into Jerusalem toward that appointed sacrifice bearing your sins. Soon, He will be led outside the city gates to take up thorns as His crown and a cross as His throne, but this is all done intentionally and on purpose. He isn't caught in a bad circumstance, but gladly and willingly goes to the cross for you. A blessed Holy Week to you, as we hear of our Lord's Passion, that is, His obsessive love, that drives Him to the cross.

- Rev. Mark Chepulis,
 North Dakota District President

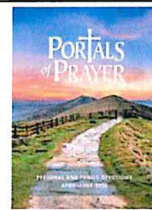


Join Us!!!

The board of Adult Ministry and Lutheran's Engaged in Mission are hosting a continental breakfast serving cinnamon and caramel rolls, muffins and donuts between services and after the 10:45 a.m. service Easter morning. A freewill offering will be taken and the proceeds will go towards helping to pay for back surgery for Lilia Barrales, director of Kids Kingdom orphanage (along with her husband Arturo). For years she has suffered from low back pain that has reached a point that if it is not corrected, could eventually lead to her losing the ability to walk.

Tre-Ore Schedule Good Friday, April 3, 2026

TIME	WORDS OF THE CROSS	PASTOR DELIVERING THE MESSAGE
NOON-12:30	"Father Forgive Them..."	Pastor Thompson
12:30-12:55	"Truly, I say to you..."	Pastor Woodside
12:55-1:20	"Woman, behold you son..."	Pastor Voss
1:20-1:45	"My God, my God..."	Pastor Walla
1:45-2:10	"I thirst"	Pastor Otto
2:10-2:35	"It is finished"	Pastor Wolfgram
2:35-3:00	"Father, into Your hands..."	Pastor Marcis



Portals of Prayer for April-June of 2026 are now available on the cabinet in the upper foyer and on the coffee bar in the lower foyer.

Zion is updating its online giving platform. Zion will now be using

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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.



LENTEN

Family Servant Event

04/01/2026

6:00-7:00 PM

Families are welcome to join us in the basement for a servant event to benefit Heaven's Helper's Soup Cafe. We will be washing, peeling and chopping vegetables to send over to the Cafe. Parents, please note that we will be using sharp objects & please plan to be present with your child. We will need a few extra cutting boards, knives and peelers. There are some jobs that don't involve cutting, such as washing the veggies, bagging the chopped food, and labeling bags. We will also be creating cards and notes to the residents at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch and assembling Easter baskets to deliver to the Ranch. This event will take the place of Confirmation and King's Kids classes. Our regular Lenten supper will be served beginning at 5:15 pm. Please sign up for the meal in the 3 ring binder in the church foyer!

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

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you to attend*

Mayfest '26

Friday, May 1, 2026

4-9pm

*Event will be held in
the Bavendick Room
located in the*

*National Energy Center of Excellence
on the campus*

of Bismarck State College

The Evening Includes:

Silent Auction, ,

Dinner, and Live Auction

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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



Carol Baker is in charge of altar flowers for the month of April. You can reach Carol at 701-530-9981

Worship Attendance

Saturday, March 21
5:00 pm - 44
Sunday, March 22
8:30am - 104
10:45am - 134

Stewardship

March MTD
General Offering:
\$47,498.
Average Budget
Monthly Expenses:
\$58,750



“Building Healthy Families”

If it weren't for the events of nearly 2000 years ago this week, it really wouldn't matter what we do or say here at Lutheran Family Service. At best, all counseling would be a temporary fix. But thank God, it did happen and it does matter. During Holy Week we reflect with you on Jesus's life, Passion, sacrifice, and death – but not without a sure, confident hope. As Easter People, we walk through this dark week with solemnity while preparing in our hearts to celebrate Christ's triumphant resurrection from the dead. With you, we believe in God who raised Jesus. The reality of these historic events gives meaning and purpose to every one of our days. His redeeming love guides all our choices and relationships. LFS counselors who share your confident hope and faith are available to support you through whatever life circumstance or unresolved issue may be trying to steal your joy today. Call us – it's why we're here! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org Lutheran Family Service.



The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty equips Lutherans to faithfully engage the public square with clarity, courage, and compassion. See www.LCRLFreedom.org.

Main Street Living

March 29: Rev. Arie Bertsch, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: "My God, My God" based on Matthew 27:38-66. This is the Life program: "The Twisting Road" - A young man and his wife deal with life, future, and regrets of things left unspoken.



Programs are broadcast starting at 10:00 am Central Time: Bismarck : KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3

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



Today's Readings:

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Holy Gospel

John 12:20-43

Next Week:

First Reading

Acts 10:34-42

Epistle

Colossians 3:1-4

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10