

Life & Growth at Zion

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 16-17, 2026

YOUTH SUNDAY



Recognition of
High School Seniors

8:30 Service & 10:45 Service

During the

10:45 service

Youth will assist with the service.

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...

Christians are "faith alone" people. We most often think of that in terms of salvation: we are saved by faith alone! But throughout our daily life, Christians function by faith alone. We practice generous stewardship by faith alone, trusting in the God who supplies all our needs. We keep God's commands by faith alone, confident that His ways are better than our ways. And we pray by faith alone, assured our loving God has opened His door and His heart to hear and answer us. It is faith, and faith alone, that fuels us for life today and secures us for the life to come.

Week at a Glance

Saturday, May 16

- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, May 17

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

Monday, May 18

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting
- 6:00PM: Church Council

Tuesday, May 19

- 1:00-2:30pm: Tuesday Bible Study
- 6:00pm: Board of Lay Ministry

Wednesday, May 20

- 10:00am: Martin Luther School
Closing Chapel
- 1:30pm: Nursery Roll Circle
- 7:30pm: Youth Group

Saturday, May 23

- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, May 24

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



UPCOMING Events

Today Sunday, May 17
Youth Sunday @ Zion

Tuesday, May 19
Tuesday Bible Class
will meet this week.



Sunday, May 24th.
Pastor Otto will hold
Bible Class
Memorial Weekend

**Monday,
May 25**



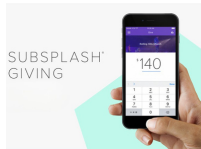
June 7-10

Vacation Bible School



June 7-10
6-8:30pm

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!



Sunday, May 17

8:30am: Alijah Schiermeister
10:45am: Preslei Sailer
McKenzie Wilson

ACOLYTES



Sunday, May 24
Holiday weekend.
Acolytes not assigned.



Today's Sermon

"It's No Secret Formula"

John 17:1

Jesus came to do the work of the Father. He had a plan. And his plan succeeded. Yet, one of the most exciting things we see in scripture is that Jesus didn't keep his plan a secret; he revealed it to all who followed him. This was the genius of Jesus' life and ministry. Where others might have tried to hold control and power for themselves, Jesus gave it away. Jesus' plan for ministry was to give his ministry away. Jesus had a mission in life. And it was not just a mission to die. There was something else that characterized Jesus' life. Jesus started an ongoing process of training people to reach others, train others, and send them out to do the same thing all over again. Jesus had a great plan of multiplication. We are on a mission! Jesus gives us all a turn! (Matthew 28:18-20.) Jesus doesn't keep his plan a secret. It's very simple. It starts with going. Jesus had a plan: to start a chain reaction of reproduction. This discipleship process isn't something for pastors or board members alone, but for every one of us to do. Will we be obedient to our mission? Will we obey the call that God has given us? We are all to abound in the work of the Lord. We see the work Jesus left for us to do. Will we do it?

Questions:

1. What was Jesus plan?
2. What is that mission?
3. How do we o about doing what he has called us to do?

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.



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**KIDS IN THE
 DIVINE SERVICE**
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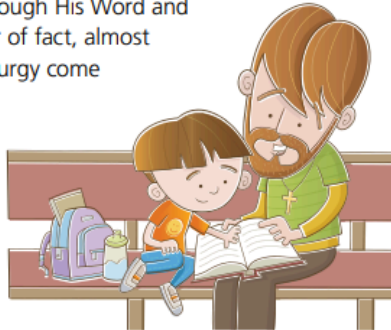
What is the "liturgy"?

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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Nursery Roll Circle

This month's Nursery Roll Circle meeting will be held Wednesday, May 20th at the home of Kathy Rath at 1:30pm.

Our Bible study will be, "Held by HIS Word in Uncertain Times."



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.

High School Youth Group

Activities in the Youth Room.

Stop in and join the fun!



Camp brochures are available by Kristin's office.

Zion's Board of Youth will pay half the camp cost for Zion students. Students can also use money from their youth account to pay for the rest of the fee. Check it out!!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the candle replacement fundraiser.

- Evelyn Orth
- Jeremy & Fae Glass
- Aspen, Adam, Alijah & Alora Schiermeister
- Darrin & Denise Anderson
- Fred & Nadine Ehrhardt
- Les & Peggy Heid
- Leona Robinson
- Mark Buschena

The following candles have been purchased in memoriam.

- Candle in memory of John Fettig by Betty Fettig
- Candle in memory of Eldon Hintz and Charles Rau by Travis & Melody Rau



June 7-10

**Zion Lutheran Church
 Vacation Bible School**

6-8:30pm

**Enroll
 Today!**



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





Congratulations and God's Blessings to Zion's 2026 graduates as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

<u>GRADUATE</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>
Jamie Bean	Damian & Lisa Bean	Bismarck High School
Celia Brandt	Benjamin & Kristen Brandt	Shiloh Christian School
Ella Christensen	Brad & Anne-Marie Christensen	Legacy High School
Abigail Fischer	Angela Bitzen & Dustin Fischer	Century High School
Tiernan Glass	Jeremy & Fae Glass	Bismarck High School
Justin Hamkens	Angie Schmidt & Tom Hamkens	Century High School
Zayden Horne	Stevie Draeger & Anthony Horne	Legacy High School
Andrew Miller	Jim & Lisa Miller	Legacy High School
Isaac Nistler	Fred & Kristin Nistler	Century High School
Grant Orgaard	Todd & Rebecca Orgaard	Mandan High School
Elizabeth Schuh	Scott & Sara Schuh	Bismarck High School

*“For I know the plans I have for you.” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you ... plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11*

Religious Liberty, Sanctity of Life, Traditional Marriage, and Educational Freedom form the focus of the work of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. See www.LCRLFreedom.org for more information.



Tuesday Bible Class

May 26th will be the final Tuesday Bible class for this spring session. Tuesday Bible class will resume in the fall. God bless your summer.

Main Street Living

Because of the Indianapolis 500

Sunday, May 24, 2026,

Main Street Living and "This is the Life", will not air on KVRR or WDAY EXTRA.



Martin Luther

SCHOOL

Please join in thanking and praising God for the teachers, staff, families, and students of Martin Luther School.

Wednesday, May 20th is the final school day for for 2025-2026 school year.

Preschool @ Martin Luther Main Campus:

Carrie Harling

Christina Tavaras

Helen Christensen (Preschool Aide)

Preschool @ Shepherd of the Valley Campus:

Chanda Stelter

Dorrie Burkhardtsmeier (Preschool Aide & ABC Care)

Kindergarten: Quincy Wyatt

Grade One: Reagan Spomer

Grade Two: Shawna Trester

Grade Three: Sandra Hood

Grade Four: Anne-Marie Christensen

Grade Five: Ellie Quebedeaux

Grades Six through Nine: Joy Mehlhoff

Staff: Julie Bahmiller, Joe Agnew, Grace Krill, Mark Neels, Carmen Helm

Principal: Denise Wolfram

From the District President's Desk

Preparations are underway for the 2026 Synod Convention, which will take place July 18-23 in Phoenix, AZ. The convention will be gathering under the theme of Christ Is Risen Indeed. In about a week and a half, the convention floor committees will meet to discuss the overtures their committees have received and turn them into resolutions for the convention to consider. Please keep in your prayers the floor committees and those involved in the enormous task of organizing all the moving parts to put the convention together.

-Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

Screen Operators Needed

Screen operators play an important part during each service at Zion.

If you would be willing to help advance the screens once a month during either the 8:30 or 10:45 service, please talk with either Pastor Marcis or Pastor Otto.

We will train anyone who is interested.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration



NEW COLORS CHECK IT OUT!! NEW DESIGNS

Order your NEW Zion Merch!

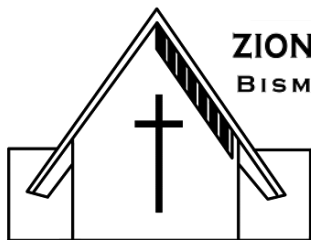
Multiple Color Options + Toddler/Youth/Adult Sizes Available



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!



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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



Linda Sullivan is in charge of altar flowers for the month of May. You can reach Linda at 701-955-2500.

Worship Attendance

Saturday, May 9

5:00 pm - 47

Sunday, May 10

8:30am -140

10:45am -121

Stewardship

May MTD

General Offering:

\$19,968.00

Average Budget

Monthly Expenses:

\$58,750



"Building Healthy Families"

Psst...have you ever noticed how nearly impossible it is to tune out a whispered conversation nearby?

Kids certainly can't. Parents, you can actually use that to your advantage—by letting them "accidentally" overhear the things you most want them to learn. When they catch you speaking warmly about your spouse, it quietly builds their sense of security at home. When they overhear you saying good things about their teacher, it shapes how they show respect and cooperation at school. And when they hear you expressing genuine appreciation for your pastor, it naturally nurtures their respect for him as well. Those little, overheard moments? They often speak louder than a message communicated directly! www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Main Street Living

Rev. Karl Weber, St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottertail, MN, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richville, MN, presents the message: "If You Love Me" based on John 14:15-21.

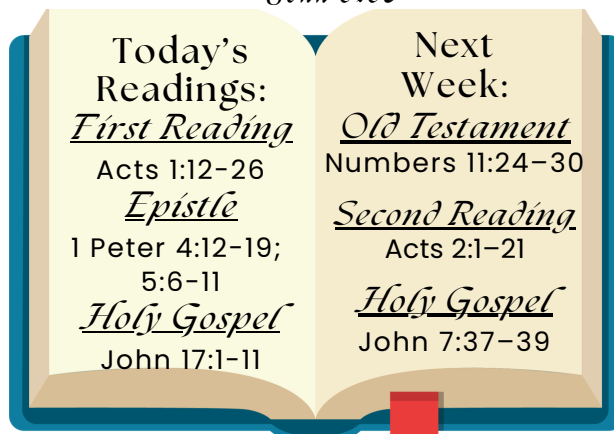
This Is the Life program:

"The Now Crowd" - A soldier on leave helps his brother work through struggles in his life.



"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 9:00 am Mountain 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:

First Reading

Acts 1:12-26

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-19;

5:6-11

Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

Next Week:

Old Testament

Numbers 11:24-30

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Holy Gospel

John 7:37-39