



Life & Growth at Zion

THE HOLY TRINITY

May 30-31, 2026

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 usually think of ourselves as small, humble creatures. We are subject to the creation in which we live and often are at the mercy of the forces around us. But we are reminded in Genesis that we are the crown of God's creation, part and parcel of all He has made. We cannot understand Him, but we know enough. That is Peter's reminder to those who executed Jesus: He did not stay dead but was able to overcome the forces opposed to Him—for us! We have work to do, Jesus tells the disciples and us in the Gospel. But we do not have to do it alone. Though we cannot understand Him, God is with us each day in His strength, mercy, and forgiving love. In short, we need not comprehend our great God; we only receive all the love He has for us. "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1).

Week at a Glance

Saturday, May 30

- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, May 31

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

Monday, June 1

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 3

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

Saturday, June 6

- ND ProLife Youth Summit
- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, May 7

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



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

UPCOMING Events



Sunday, May 31st.
Pastor Otto will hold
Bible Class
in lower level today.



Wednesday, June 3
6:00pm at
Shepherd of the Valley
801 E. Denver Avenue
Pastor Otto



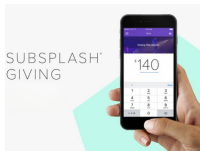
June 7-10
Vacation Bible School
Supper begins at 5:15.

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, May 31
8:30: Chase Johnson
10:45: Marcus Ell

Sunday, June 7
8:30: Aubrey Cowan
10:45: Liam Granlie

Today's Sermon

"We Believe in the Triune God"

Romans 8:14-17

Everyone likes a good mystery. We read a mystery novel, and then sometimes we find it hard to put it down. Today, on this Trinity Sunday, we have one of those things that are very essential teachings of our Christian faith--the teaching of the Trinity--Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Now we know as we study that teaching of Scripture and try to reason it out, that there are three persons, yet one God. It is hard to make sense of that according to human reason. So Scripture calls it a mystery. Yet, without believing that mystery, there is no salvation at all because it is a fundamental doctrine of Christianity itself. Those who do not believe in the Triune God certainly do not believe in the true God and certainly will not have eternal salvation. Believers are led by the Spirit. By God's Spirit and the washing of water with the Word makes us His children. It is by God's power and grace that we are children of God and are led by the Spirit. Our Father loves believers. We know how much our parents love us and sometimes it takes a long time to understand that. God tells us though that this hardly compares to the love that He has for us. Rather than push us away at the moment of our sinfulness, the Lord draws us back and says, "I am your Father." Believers are heirs with God's Son. We are told that the kingdom of glory is ours. It is an inheritance that God has given to us. On this Trinity Sunday, we see the power of God. We are reminded of God's love for us.

Questions:

1. What is the greatest mystery for Christians?
2. How is the Trinity central to the Christian faith?
3. How are we made heirs to the kingdom?

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 does "worship" really mean?

Most people use the word "worship" to mean something we do to honor God. Because of this misunderstanding, many people believe that a church service is what we do for God. The word "worship" comes from the root words "worth" and "ship." These two words describe God rather than the ones praising Him. These words describe a God who is *worthy* of being honored and adored because of His love for us. God gives us His love through His Word and Sacraments. Worship is not something we do, but rather something that God does for us!

What makes the Divine Service so important?

The Divine Service is not about what we are doing for God, but who God is and what He does for us in the ways He has promised: His Word and Sacraments. That's why Lutherans call it *Divine Service*. God is serving us! What a wonderful God we have!



Parents: The Divine Service is like listening to one long reading from the Bible. Everything in the Divine Service has been given to us through God's Word. Explain this to your children, reminding them that it is God's Word that delivers God's salvation to us!

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty depends on the support of individuals to maintain the workin the nation's capital. You can support this cause at www.LCRLFreedom.org/donate.



NORTH DAKOTA PRO-LIFE YOUTH SUMMIT

North Dakota State Heritage Museum
612 E. Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND

Registration opens in January at www.ndrl.org

Presented by Lutherans for Life of ND and ND Right to Life

Register Now **New Event Date: June 6, 2026**

High School Youth Group

High school and college students are welcome to join the Bible Studies & fun!



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.



Martin Luther School and Zion Lutheran Church are currently accepting applications 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 8th. Compensation begins at \$18 per hour or more depending upon experience. For more information or to schedule an interview, email Principal, Denise Wolfgram at wolfgram@lutherschools.org.

Invite your friends and family!

TROPICAL TREK
Jesus Comes to Seek and Save

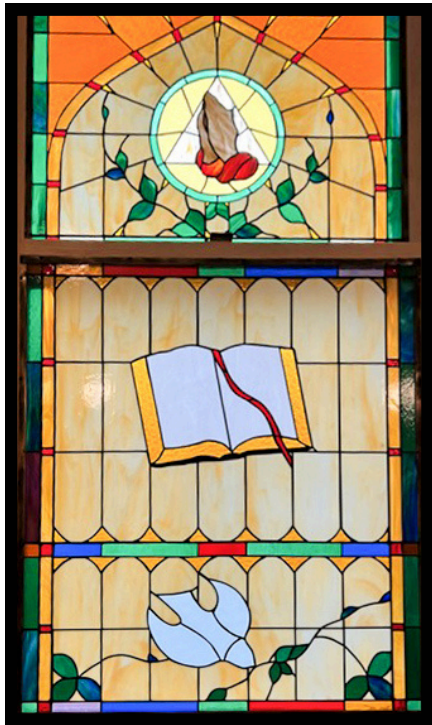
June 7-10
Zion Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School
6-8:30pm

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

Enroll Today!

SCAN ME

New Stained Glass for Zion's Sanctuary

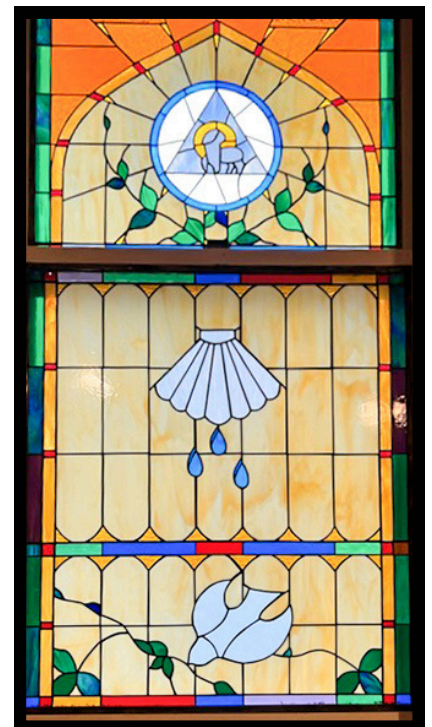


In November 2025, Trinity Lutheran Church of Drayton, ND closed. Some former members of Trinity are now members at Zion and have acquired Trinity's stained glass windows. The four windows, pictured to the left and right, depict the means of grace (the Word of God and the two Sacraments, baptism and Holy Communion) and the crown of righteousness (our eternal reward, won for us by the blood of the Lamb). The windows were originally created in 1988 by the late Glee Grau, formerly of Dickinson.

When the windows are installed at Zion, they will be hung near the back of the sanctuary, two on the south wall and two on the north wall. The windows will be framed and backlit with LED lighting. The cost for materials and electrical installation is approximately \$7,000. Members can contribute toward the windows by making an offering with memo: stained glass window fund.

We expect to have the windows installed sometime this summer. Thank you for your support of this project as we seek to glorify God by adding more beauty to our church!

Contribute toward the installation of our new windows! Make a special offering with memo: *stained glass window fund*.



Thank you to James Rath for constructing the custom backlit frames and installing the stained glass in Zion's sanctuary!

"Building Healthy Families"



How many hours each day do you spend in front of a screen? (ouch...for the average U.S. adult it's 7 hours and 3 minutes per day!) Playing golf? Shopping? Working? Although these activities themselves are not bad, hobbies, habits and jobs can take a great amount of time, replacing more important things if we let them. Psalm 90:12 instructs, "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." This week, choose wisdom over habit or impulse: prioritize the time you spend with your Creator and Savior, and those He has given to share this life with you.

www.LutheranFamilyService.org



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



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.

June 3 Pastor Otto (Zion)

June 10 Pastor Woodside

(Bethel & Shepherd of the Valley)

June 17 Pastor Marcis (Zion)

June 24 Pastor Walla (Bethel)

In Recognition Of: Pastor Thomas R. Marcis, Jr's 40 Years in the Ministry

Zion's Board of Lay Ministry

invites you to attend a special luncheon in the church basement
Sunday, July 12th at Noon.

Rev. Peter C. Marcis will be the guest preacher
at both the 8:30 and 10:45 services.

Please RSVP for the noon meal by
Monday, June 29th

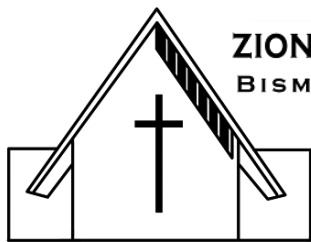
to either the church office at 701-223-8286 or to zionoffice501@gmail.com.

Pastor Marcis graduated from St. Louis Seminary May 23, 1986.

He was ordained and installed at St. Luke, Zap, North Dakota, July 6, 1986.

In 1989 he accepted the call to Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND.

Pastor Marcis has served the church at large as the Chairman for the LCMS Board for Human Care, as Chairman for the Advisory Committee for LCMS World Relief for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as a Synodical Reconciler, as Chairman of the North Dakota District Board of Directors, Director for the North Dakota District's Division of Education and as Chairman for the North Dakota District Rural Ministry Task Force.



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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 Reinbold & Kitty Mettler
are in charge of altar flowers
for the month of June.

You can reach Linda at 417-294-6809.

Worship Attendance

Saturday, May 23

5:00 pm - 38

Sunday, May 24

8:30am - 67

10:45am -101

Stewardship

May MTD

General Offering:

\$48,368.

Average Budget

Monthly Expenses:

\$58,750

From the District President's Desk

The Holy Trinity is a mystery revealed in the Sacred Scriptures that our reason ultimately must submit to. It doesn't make sense to human reason and logic how there is one God in three distinct Persons. Yet, this is the God who has created you, redeemed you, and sanctified you. Let us praise this Triune God and confess Him faithfully. For "We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance."

—Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota
District President

Main Street Living

Rev. Thomas Clark, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson, ND, and St. John's Lutheran Church, Belford Township, ND, presents the message:

"The Music of God's
Creation and Recreation"
based on Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a.

This Is the Life program:

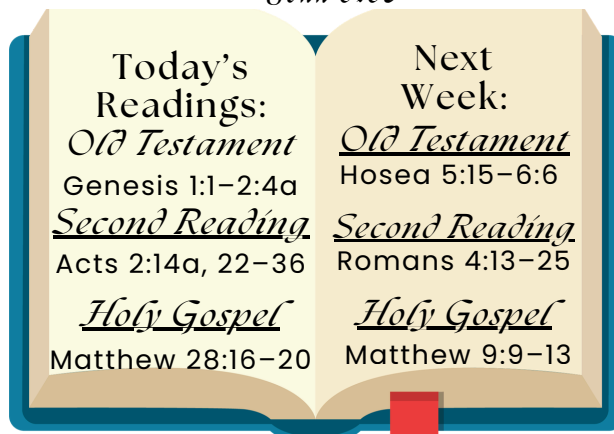
"Awake with a Stranger"—

A guilt-ridden man is confronted
and haunted by a lapse in judgment.

"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:

Old Testament

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Next Week:

Old Testament

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13