

Zion & St. James Lutheran Churches of Martin County, Minnesota



Pastor John Henry



The Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 27, 2022

Regarding Membership and the Holy Communion

We believe that, in the Holy Communion, the bread is truly Christ's Body and the wine is truly His Blood, given to us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. As we receive this gift individually, we profess that we are truly one body in Christ—that we are united in one faith and teaching (doctrine). Ordinarily, full participation in this Holy Communion is reserved for those who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. *Any visitors or guests who desire to partake of the Body and Blood of Christ are asked to please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service.*

Opening Hymn

Jerusalem the Golden

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Invocation, Confession & Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P ... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

from Psalm 84



*Behold our shield, | O God; *
look on the face of your a- | nointed!
For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor. *
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.*

LSB pg. 186

C *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-
out end. Amen.*

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C *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

LSB pgs. 187-189

P Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
*We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with your spirit.**
P Let us pray.
 O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonder-

fully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31; 2:1-3

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 36:5–9

⁵Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O LORD.**

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹**For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.**

Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 36:9



⁹*For with you is the foun- | tain of life; **
in your light do | we see light.

Alleluia

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C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn

Thy Strong Word

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Sermon

Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory for Epiphany

LSB pg. 537

C *Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!*

The Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with your spirit.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
P It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB pg. 195

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

The Lord's Prayer

inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Consecration

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB pg. 198

- C** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Communion Hymns

<i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>	633
<i>I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus</i>	729
<i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i>	670

Nunc Dimittis

LSB pgs. 199-200

C *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Thanksgiving & Benediction

P Let us pray... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.


The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give ☩ you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

I'm But a Stranger Here

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 <i>IN OUR</i> <i>Thoughts and Prayers</i>	
<u>St James</u>	
<i>Baptism Birthdays:</i> Sandra Grefe, Larry Bremer, Cameron King, David Rode	
<i>Serving our Country:</i> Adam Quade	
<i>Sick & In Distress:</i> Mitchell Wagner, Tom Koeritz, Chris Enevold	
<i>Homebound:</i> Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann	
<u>Zion</u>	
<i>Baptism Birthdays:</i> Tyler Wille, Kai Hilgendorf, Nicole Nelson, Taylor Hartung	
<i>Seminary Student:</i> Peter Preus	
<i>Serving our Country:</i> Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown, Jesse Peterson	
<i>Sick & In Distress:</i> Greg Wallace, Duane Behrens	
<i>Homebound:</i> Dale Schwieger, Arlene Darmer, Bill Peymann, Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche	

Please update your contact information with the office. Check the list located in the annual reports so our records are up to date. **Thank you!**

You can sponsor the bulletins (\$10 per congregation) or **online broadcast** (\$25) anytime throughout the year, in honor of a special event or giving thanks to God. Call the church office to reserve the week of your choice.

Bulletins are emailed weekly. If you are not on the list and would like to be, please contact the office. **Bulletins can also be found on the website sjlnorthrop.com.** Contact the office if you have questions.

Donations for Zion Kitchen Remodel are welcomed. Please make checks out to Zion Lutheran and designate to Kitchen Remodel. We have reached \$34,000 towards our goal of \$45,000.

Vintage Zion Sunday School Records are available for the taking. They are located on the table in the Narthex. Records date up to the 80's. Help yourself!



NEEDED: Sunday School Superintendent at SJL. Please contact Paul Tomlinson (236-2143).

LYF Higher Things Egg Fundraiser: Free-will donation for farm fresh brown eggs from Lincoln Becker. They will be available Sundays after church in the Narthex @ SJL. Thank you for your generous support to help the youth get to Montana in July. Please return empty cartons if possible. If anyone else has a surplus of eggs and would like to contribute to the fundraiser contact Lynn Becker @ 230-2700.



I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and concerns during my recent surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Henry for his visit. You are all such a blessing to me. God bless you all!

Tom Koeritz

ASH WEDNESDAY: March 2nd @ Zion Lutheran
LWML will be serving supper from **6-6:45PM**
Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Potato Soup,
Sandwiches, Bars and Beverages
Free-will donations for the Zion Kitchen Fund
7:00pm Worship

Lutheran Special Education Ministries is looking for a full-time resource room teacher to fill a vacancy at St. Paul Lutheran School, Truman, MN. Applicants should have a valid Minnesota teaching license and a certification/endorsement in special education. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

Below, you'll find the link to our on-line employment application. <https://luthsped.org/were-looking-for-teachers/>

LCMS Scholarship opportunity: Eligible candidates for the scholarship should meet the following criteria: 1) Candidates must be members of congregations within the Minnesota South District of the LCMS; 2) Candidates must be in their third or fourth year of study at an undergraduate college or university of the LCMS, or enrolled in a post-baccalaureate program at an LCMS college, university or seminary. Candidates must be enrolled on a full-time basis, based upon the respective institution's definition of "full-time" status. Students are not eligible to apply for their vicarage year; 3) Candidates must be pursuing a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry. More information is available in the church office.

Kinship Radio presents our 13th Annual "A Day for Women" on Saturday, April 9th at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. This year's Special Guest is Sharon Hodde Miller, author of Nice: Why We Love To Be Liked And How God Calls Us To Be More, blogger, mother and wife. We are also welcoming back local favorite, Tina Haroldson as our special speaker! There will be music, ministry, lunch, and mini-sessions. Space is limited so call 507-526-3233 or go online to KinshipRadio.org to register beginning Monday, February 28th at 8am.

EASTER FLOWERS



Dee's Floral & Designs are accepting orders for Easter flowers. Prices include delivery to St. James Lutheran or Zion. Plants available this year are Tulips (\$16); Lilies, Cyclamen or Kalanchoe (\$18); or Hydrangea (\$40). Deadline to order is Monday April 4th. Call directly to Dee's to place your order...235-9856.

A special page will be reserved in the bulletin for anyone who would like to have a plant given in memory of a loved one or a special event you'd like to recognize! Bulletin deadline is no later than, Monday, April 11th; call the church office (436-5289) or email your information to sjl_office@frontiernet.net



MARTIN LUTHER

2022-2023 school year enrollment is now open for students in grades 9-12 at Martin Luther High School.

Students can learn in a place where Christ is the focus and excellence is the standard. MLHS offers a complete high school education in a safe, family-like environment where every student is valued. Interested students and parents are invited to come see what a difference Jesus in the classroom--everyday makes in the lives of teens. All students are welcome at MLHS. Call 507-436-5249. www.martinlutherhs.com

The MLHS Class of 2022 will be hosting a **Waffle Feed** on Sunday, February 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is a free will donation. Proceeds will help fund their Class Trip.

The MLHS Post Prom Committee is holding a **Drive-Thru Chili Sale** with pick up on Sunday, March 13 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10 for a 32 oz container. Please pre-order by Tuesday, March 8th at 507-436-5249 or through a committee member.

The Freshmen Class of MLHS invites all 8th grade students and their families to a **"Getting to Know You KNIGHT"** on Tuesday, March 15th at 5:30 p.m. A free supper of pulled pork sandwiches and sides will be served. Students and parents will provide tours and answer questions. New students enrolling that evening will have a "Signing with MLHS" Ceremony and photo-op. Call 507-436-5249. www.martinlutherhs.com

A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Sunday, March 20th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They will be serving Beef Barley, Chicken Wild Rice and Loaded Baked Potato Soups; Organic Homemade Egg Salad Sandwiches; Cupcakes; Greg's Heavenly Homemade Ice Cream; Lemonade and This Is Most Certainly Brew Coffee. This is a benefit for Student Tuition Aid. Cost is a free will donation. Everyone is invited to attend

The MLHS Association Delegate Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 20th at 1:00 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend.

The Spring Rummage and Bake Sale will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on March 31, April 1 & 2. Setup begins Saturday, March 26th.

A Prayer for Lent

This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."

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A Fundraiser Meal and Silent Auction to help offset the cost of medical equipment for Ashley Walters Hinz will be held on Sunday, March 6th, 11:30-1:30pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fairmont. A Taco Bar Meal will be served for a free-will donation (suggested: \$10/plate). The Silent Auction will run for the duration of the event with all bids closing at 1:30pm.

Knights of Columbus Fish Boil Dinner, Friday March 4th & 18th, 5-7:30 pm. Suggested \$15 donation to benefit Orphan Grain Train and local organizations. All you can eat Codfish, Baby Potatoes, Pearl Onions, Coleslaw, French Bread, Dessert & Beverages.



Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	2-27	Lee Baarts	Bryce Borkenhagen
	3-6	Dereck & Chris Bartz	Ashley Burkey
Zion	2-27	Juan Marroquin & Veronica Balderas	John Henry
	3-2	Dean Maschoff	7p
	3-6	Matthew & Jayden Moeller	Sam Marroquin-Balderas

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:			Feb 27 - March 6, 2022
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:			Monday-Friday 8:30AM–1:00PM
Office phone: 436-5289			Email: sjl_office@frontiernet.net
			Website: sjlnorthrop.com
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM	
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM	
	Class of '22 Waffle Breakfast	(ML) 10-12:30 PM	
Monday	Individual Prayer & Absolution	(SJ) 8-8:30 AM	
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM	
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY		
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM	
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM	
	Lenten Supper	(Z) 6-6:45 PM	
	Ash Wednesday Worship	(Z) 7:00 PM	
	Joint Elders Meeting	(Z) 8:00 PM	
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM	
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM	
	Individual Prayer & Absolution	(SJ) 9:15-9:45AM	
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM	
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM	



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			February 20, 2022
Attendance	80 (HC 68)	Home	\$2,115.00
Loose	\$122.60	Missions	\$140.00
Kitchen	\$100.00	Bulletins	\$35.00
SJL School	\$50.00	MLHS	\$600.00
Cemetery	\$20.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			February 20, 2022
Attendance	73 (HC 58)	Home	\$3,715.00
Online	\$525.56	Missions	\$110.00
Tuition	\$2,137.50	Loose Plate	\$110.00
LYF	\$50.00	Tuition Angel	\$50.00
Memorials	\$25.00	MLHS	\$125.00