



Pastor John Henry



The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: March 27 - April 3, 2022

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:30AM-1:00PM

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| Sunday | Divine Worship | (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM |
| | Sunday School/Bible Class | (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM |
| | LYF | (SJ) 6:00 PM |
| Monday | Individual Prayer & Absolution | (SJ) 8-8:30 AM |
| Tuesday | Chapel | (SJ) 8:40 AM |
| | Board of Christian Education Mtg | (SJ) 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday | LENT V | |
| | Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) | (SJ) 4:00 PM |
| | Confirmation Class (8th grade) | (SJ) 5:00 PM |
| | Lenten Supper | (Z) 6-6:45 PM |
| | Lenten Vespers | (Z) 7:00 PM |
| | Joint Choir Practice | (Z) 8:00 PM |
| Thursday | Chapel | (SJ) 8:40 AM |
| | MLHS Rummage Sale Begins | (ML) 4:00 PM |
| | Eve Circle | (SJ) 7:00 PM |
| Friday | Morning Bible Study | (SJ) 8:00 AM |
| | Individual Prayer & Absolution | (SJ) 9:15-9:45 AM |
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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 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* **575**

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.

The Litany

LSB pg. 288-289

| Lent III-March 16, 2022 | | Lutheran Bible Translators | |
|-------------------------|----|----------------------------|----------|
| Joint Attendance | 76 | SJL | \$148.00 |
| | | Zion | \$818.25 |



| Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion | | | March 20, 2022 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------|----------------|
| Attendance | 87 (HC 63) | Home | \$3,710.00 |
| Loose | \$74.50 | Missions | \$140.00 |
| Kitchen | \$100.00 | MLHS | \$65.00 |
| SJL School | \$50.00 | | |

| Reflecting our Stewardship – St James | | | March 20, 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| Attendance | 111 (HC 85) | Home | \$3,864.00 |
| Online | \$1,289.89 | Memorials | \$20.00 |
| Tuition | \$725.00 | Loose Plate | \$144.72 |
| Missions | \$65.00 | Tuition Angel | \$50.00 |
| SJL Church Misc | \$50.00 | MLHS | \$125.00 |

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 16:2-3, 9-18

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 Spring Rummage and Bake Sale will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Thursday, March 31, 4-8 p.m.; Friday, April 1, 8 am-8 pm; and Saturday, April 2, 8 am to noon. Donations of spring and summer clothing, household goods, toys etc in good condition will be accepted from Saturday, 3/26 until Tuesday, 3/29. Volunteer helpers are most welcome before and during the sale. Please go to www.martinlutherhs.com to use the Sign Up Genius. Thank you to the entire community for your support of the MLHS Ministry.

Get your tickets to the OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction that will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Saturday, April 9th! Hundreds of interesting items, gift baskets, crafts, and gift certificates will be on the sale. Auction preview begins at 4:30 p.m. A dinner of bacon-wrapped chicken breast will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the Live Auction to follow. Please join in the fun to support your Lutheran high school! For more information call 507-436-5249 or go to www.martinlutherhs.com.

LENT IV: March 30th @ Zion Lutheran Board of Christian Education

will be serving supper from **6-6:45PM**

BBQ Sandwiches, Chips,

Desert and Beverages

Free-will donations for new school curriculum

7:00pm Divine Service

| Those Serving our Lord | | | |
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| | | Greeters | Acolyte |
| SJL | 3-27 | Lynn & Lincoln Becker | Camrin King |
| | 4-3 | Lonny & Lynn Becker | Jackson Luhmann |
| Zion | 3-27 | Austin & Amanda Morris | Kane Sharp |
| | 3-30 | Lucas & Nicole Nelson 7pm | |
| | 4-3 | Tyler & Mikaela Morris | James Steuber |

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

LYF

LYF Higher Things Egg Fundraiser: Chickens are on "Spring-Break", but hopefully will return to normal soon. Call or text Lynn Becker if you need eggs. 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.

March LYF Meeting will be in the fellowship hall at SJL on March 27th at 6pm. **All students grades 7-12** are invited to attend. Pastor Henry has chosen a new book for bible study called "Christians in a Woke World: A Call to Courage, Confession, and Love, written by Rev. Paul Dare. *We would like to invite the parents to attend at least the first meeting on the 27th, and sit with us as we start this new study.* Root beer floats will be served.

Options Pregnancy Center's Annual Banquet will be held at the Best Western in Fairmont on Thursday, March 31, at 6:00 PM. Kailee Perrin will be our guest speaker for the evening. Reservations are required. Complimentary tickets for this Fundraising Dinner are available by calling Options Pregnancy Center at 238-2330 by **March 28th.** An opportunity to make a financial gift to the ministry of Options Pregnancy Center will be extended during the evening.



Responsive Psalm

Psalm 51

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
**according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.**
- ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- ³**For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**
- ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
- ⁵**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
- ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- ⁷**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**
- ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- ¹³**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.**
- ¹⁴Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.**

¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;

¹⁹**then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

Second Lesson

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Isaiah 66:10, 13

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her;

¹³**As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.**

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!

You are invited March 27th from 5-7pm, to a homemade chili supper hosted by the Youth of St John's Willow Creek. Take out will be available upon request. We are raising funds to go to the Higher Things conference next summer (2023). Our goal is \$7000 so every dollar counts. We will be serving corn bread and desserts along with the chili. Thanks for supporting our youth group. To call in your chili order for pick up, starting at 5pm, please dial 507-340-4397 or 507-327-7383 and one of the youth will help you. A freewill donation will be greatly appreciated!

LWML Blue Earth Zone Spring Rally will be Tuesday, April 19th at St Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Registration begins at 5pm including a light supper with the rally beginning at 6pm. The guest speaker will be Tracy Muhlenbeck from the Five Sisters Project in Wells, MN. The Five Sisters Project serves women in crisis by providing confidential comfort, spiritual coaching, life skills training, and resources. Gifts from the Heart Project items include paper towels, hand soap, postage, toilet paper, and office products (ie copy paper, file folders, office light bulbs).

Do you have time to spare? Looking for something interesting to do? **Consider becoming a volunteer with CREST.** The need is urgent! It's an awesome opportunity to meet seniors and caregivers, plus brighten their lives and make new friends. Your time will make a difference in their lives and enhance yours as well. CREST assignments are flexible and based upon the volunteers' schedule, so if you are called and can't take an assignment that's okay and we will call other volunteers. Contact CREST at 235-3833 or email us at crest@crestvolunteers.org today!

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.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Saylor Garlick, Bentley Weiss, Tara Bohlsen,

Arlyn Becker, Ashley Flom, Harlie Fletcher, Leanna Mahoney

Serving our Country: Adam Quade

Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Chris Enevold, Eugene Simmering

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Andrew Wille, Monica Sands, Anthony Vogt

Katherine Bergeman

Seminary Student: Peter Preus

Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown,

Jesse Peterson

Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Duane Behrens

Homebound: Dale Schwieger, Arlene Darmer, Bill Peymann,

Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche

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



Please join us for a Pampered Chef shower honoring **Rebecca Callison bride-to-be of Luke Becker**. Saturday April 9th from 10am-noon in the fellowship hall. Rebecca will have a wishlist that you can purchase items to stock their kitchen. Please bring your favorite recipe to share with the bride-to-be!

Thrivent Choice® Dollars can have a tremendous impact on organizations like ours. Eligible Thrivent clients please consider directing Choice Dollars® to us. **Deadline to direct 2021 funds is March 31st.** So far for the year 2021 SJL School has received \$1,787 and SJL Church has received \$779. Since the program began in 2010 SJL School has received \$43,717, SJL Church \$5,166, and Zion \$3,048. You may contact Thrivent by phone (1-800-847-4836, Option #6, M-F 7a-6p); online @ thrivent.com; or contact our local office @ 235-9877 or 235-6755.

Donations for Zion Kitchen Remodel are welcomed. Please make checks out to Zion Lutheran and designate to Kitchen Remodel. We have reached \$37,800 towards our goal of \$45,000.

Holy Gospel

John 6:1-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* **563**

Sermon

Apostles' Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

Offering

Offertory for Lent

LSB pg. 422

- C** *On my heart imprint Your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures, never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!*

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 Prayers of the Church

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

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| <i>O Love, How Deep</i> | 544 |
| <i>If Your Beloved Son, O God</i> | 568 |
| <i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i> | 702 |

Post-Communion Hymn for Lent

LSB. pg. 632

- C** *O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.*

*Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!*

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

Lord of Our Life

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