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



Pastor John Henry

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The First Sunday in Lent March 6. 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

I Walk in Danger All the Way

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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.
- 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.
- 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.
- C Amen.

The Litany

LSB pg. 288-289

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with your spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 Genesis 3

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent.

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²²Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" ²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 142

¹With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

²I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.

³When my spirit faints within me, you know my way!

In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

⁴Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.

⁵I cry to you, O LORD;

I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

⁶Attend to my cry,

for I am brought very low!

Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!

⁷Bring me out of prison,

that I may give thanks to your name!

The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1–11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 91:15-16

15When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.
16With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

"'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and

"'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

""You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.""

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Sermon

Nicene Creed inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory for Lent

LSB pg. 422

On my heart imprint Your image, blessèd 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

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 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

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

The Tree of Life	561
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	438
Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed	560

Post-Communion Hymn for Lent

LSB. pg. 632

O Jesus, blessèd 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.
- 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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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St James

Baptism Birthdays: Lisa Gravlin, Ruth Johnson, Carole Schultze, Kris Rode, Daniel Johnston, Heidi Steuber, Mason Engel,

Levi Anderson, Alexandra Schuder Serving our Country: Adam Quade

Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Tom Koeritz, Chris Enevold

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Jeffrey Moeller, Jennifer Wille, Nicholas Miller

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



This week our SJL students and members of St. James church, Jaxsyn, Jayse, Alex and Marshall lost their father, Jordan Mortenson. As a church and school family we mourn with them and continue to pray for all who are grieving his passing.

Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

If you are moved to support this family, cash donations (a Trust Fund has been set up for their future) and gift cards (WalMart, Kwik Trip, etc) can be dropped off at the St. James school office marked "Mortenson Fund".

Questions contact Heather 507-436-5289.

-SJL Teachers and Staff

Mads Andenas, a member of Bellview Lutheran Church in Howard, SD, where SJL received their stained glass windows, has requested our prayers as he is currently battling lung cancer.

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 silnorthrop.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 \$35,500 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 con-Help? tact 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.

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.



MARTIN LUTHER

2022-2023 school year enrollment is now open for students in grades 9-12 at Martin Luther High School. All students are welcome at MLHS. Call 507-436-5249. www.martinlutherhs.com

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.

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.

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 Kalanches choe (\$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

A Fundraiser Meal and Silent Auction to help offset the cost of medical equipment for Ashley Walters Hinz will ne 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 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.

LENT II: March 9th @ Zion Lutheran LWML will be serving supper from 6-6:45PM Variety of Lutheran Hotdishes, Salads, Bars and Beverages Free-will donations for the Options Pregnancy Center 7:00pm Worship

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CAN SERVE		Those Serving our Lord			
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SJL 3-6	<u> </u>	Dereck & Chris Bartz	Ashley Burkey		
3-1	13	Arlyn Becker & Earl Ricard	Joseph Crissinger		
Zion 3-6	<u> </u>	Matthew & Jayden Moeller	Sam Marroquin-Balderas		
3-9)	Jeff & Heather Moeller 7pm			
3-1	13	Marcus Moeller & Jared Flohrs	Jayden Montgomery		



THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: March 6 - 13, 2022 **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday 8:30AM-1:00PM Office phone: 436-5289 Email: sjl office @frontiernet.net Website: sjlnorthrop.com Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday Sunday School/Bible Class (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM Individual Prayer & Absolution Monday (SJ) 8-8:30 AM Tuesday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM Wednesday LENT II **NO LWML** 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 Zion Trustees Meeting (Z) 8:00 PM Joint Choir Practice (Z) 8:00 PM Thursday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM Morning Bible Study Friday (SJ) 8:00 AM Individual Prayer & Absolution (SJ) 9:15-9:45AM Divine Worship Sunday (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Class (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM SPRING FORWARD Chili Drive-Thru (ML) 10 AM - Noon NFL (Z) 7:00 PM



Reflecti	February 27, 2022		
Attendance	91 (HC 60)	Home	\$2,910.00
Loose	\$8.00	Missions	\$740.00
Kitchen	\$1,150.00	MLHS	\$115.00

Reflecting	February 27, 2022		
Attendance	101 (HC 87)	Home	\$9,903.00
Online	\$550.56	SJL School	\$1,366.57
Tuition	\$4,325.00	Loose Plate	\$130.00
Sub Teacher	\$300.00	MLHS	\$50.00