

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



*Pastor John Henry*



**Second Sunday of Easter**

*April 24, 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**      *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

**464**

**Easter Acclamation**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**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.

## Entrance Psalm

*1 Peter 2:2–3*



*Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—\*  
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.*

***Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.***

## Kyrie

*LSB pgs. 152-153*

*Repeated 4 times:*

**P** ...pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## This is the Feast

*LSB pg. 155*

**C** (Refrain): *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)*

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (Refrain)*

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:*

*Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)*

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### First Lesson

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 148



<sup>1</sup>*Praise the LORD!*

*Praise the LORD from the | heavens;\**  
*praise him | in the heights!*

<sup>2</sup>*Praise him, all his | angels;\**  
*praise him, | all his hosts!*

<sup>3</sup>*Praise him, | sun and moon, \**  
*praise him, all you | shining stars!*

<sup>4</sup>*Praise him, you highest | heavens, \**  
*and you waters above the | heavens!*

<sup>5</sup>*Let them praise the name | of the LORD!\**  
*For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.*

<sup>6</sup>*And he established them forever and | ever;\**  
*he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.*

<sup>7</sup>*Praise the LORD | from the earth, \**  
*you great sea creatures and | all deeps,*

<sup>8</sup>*fire and hail, | snow and mist, \**  
*stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!*

<sup>9</sup>*Mountains and | all hills, \**  
*fruit trees and all | cedars!*

<sup>10</sup>*Beasts and all | livestock, \**  
*creeping things and | flying birds!*

<sup>11</sup>*Kings of the earth and all | peoples, \**  
*princes and all rulers | of the earth!*

<sup>12</sup>*Young men and maidens to- | gether, \**  
*old men and | children!*

<sup>13</sup>*Let them praise the name of the LORD,*  
*for his name alone is ex- | alted; \**  
*his majesty is above earth and | heaven.*

<sup>14</sup>*He has raised up a horn for his people,*  
*praise for | all his saints, \**  
*for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the LORD!*

## Second Lesson

*1 John 5:4–10*

<sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia & Verses

*LSB 266*

**C** *Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.  
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.  
Death has no more dominion over Him.  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.  
Living, He lives to God.  
Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus,  
our Lord.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19–31*

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

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

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came

and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon Hymn**     *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*     **708**

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**     *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

**The Prayers**

**Offering**

### Offertory

LSB 159

- C** *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?*  
*I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.*  
*I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.*  
*I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,*  
*in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

### 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. 161

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:*  
*Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*  
*Hosanna. Hosanna.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*  
*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*  
*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. 163

- C** *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*  
*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*  
*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

### Communion Hymns

<i>Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands</i>	<b>458</b>
<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>	<b>461</b>
<i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i>	<b>670</b>

### Thank the Lord

*LSB pg. 164*

- C** *Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

### Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### 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      *Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*      **548**

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**Gary & Sandra Luhmann** are sponsoring both the broadcast and bulletins for SJL during the month of April in honor of Autism Awareness.

**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.



IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Katy Gonzalez, Jacob Wolter, Leon McNea,  
Alexandra Byrne, Jacob Becker, Megan Schock, Luke Becker,  
Levi Hurlburt, Easton Johnston, Lee Baarts, Betsy Burkey,  
Nevaeh Mahoney, Amanda Moeller

*Serving our Country:* Adam Quade

*Sick & In Distress:* Mitchell Wagner, Chris Enevold

*Homebound:* Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Kayden Glidden, Molly Henry, Tessa Bergemann,  
Myron Lueth, Caleb Roiger, Heidi Bicknase, Marvin Talledge

*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



Examination: Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at SJL

Confirmation: Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>; 8:30am at SJL, 10am at Zion

Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for  
Public Examination and Confirmation.

**Zion:** Braden Roiger, Kane Sharp

**SJL:** Mason Engel, Camrin King, Brayden Luhmann,  
Jackson Luhmann, Tylin Luhmann

**DEADLINE for May newsletter** is Monday, April 25th. Please contact the office 436-5289, or send an email [sjl\\_office@frontiernet.net](mailto:sjl_office@frontiernet.net).

**Shiloh Lutheran Church, Elmore**, invites you to their **20th Annual Polka Service**, Sunday April 24th. Pre-service music by Chuck Thiel & The Jolly Ramblers begins at 2:45pm with a meal to follow the service.

**CREST will be hosting the Carlson Pillow Cleaning Service** on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am-3:30pm at the Evangelical Covenant Church, located at 901 Woodland Avenue in Fairmont. Pillows will be fluffed, cleaned, deodorized and sanitized for you. All proceeds from this event will go to benefit the CREST organization. For more information, you can call 235-3833.

The Knights of Columbus Council #1575 of Fairmont will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast Benefit** on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am-12:30pm at the K-C Hall, located at 920 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Fairmont. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, milk, coffee, and juice. The breakfast will be served on a free will donation basis and all proceeds will benefit CREST.

**St John's Lutheran Church of Willow Creek** is in need of a church office secretary. If you have any questions about the position, please contact Pastor John Bennett at (507) 327-7383. Information about this position can be found at <http://stjohnswillowcreek.org/secretary.html>

#### **MARTIN LUTHER**

Everyone is invited to Martin Luther High School, Northrop for the **Spring Music Concert "Music Montage."** Elementary and high school band and high school choir students will perform under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. An added attraction this year is a performance by the Concordia University St. Paul Choir under the direction of Dr. David Mennicke. Admission is a free will donation. Please join us in celebrating the talents of musicians of all ages!

**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](http://www.martinlutherhs.com)

A **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Monday, April 25 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the National Honor Society. To make an appointment please go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## LYF

**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. 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. Thank you for your generous support to help the youth get to Montana in July.

**The next LYF meeting will be Sunday, May 15th at 4pm.** We will be inviting other area youth groups to join in the fun! Be watching your email for more information from Larissa.

This year **THRIVENT's Shredding Event** will be held all day Monday April 25, from 8:30 am to 6 pm, at our office – 301 Downtown Plaza in Fairmont. The rest of the week, Tuesday through Friday – the 26<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> you can bring your recycling to the office from 8:30 am to 12:00 (noon).

Please limit your recycling to 2 paper grocery bags per household. Also please keep in mind that the bins we have fill up fast, so limit your shredding to banking and or legal documents that need to be destroyed. PLEASE, No Junk Mail!

Bring your shredding into our office and empty into one of our bins. If you have any questions, please contact your Thrivent Office at 507-235-9877 or 507-235-6755. If you need help carrying your bags, just let us know and one of us would be happy to help!

### SJL SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

**Everyone is invited to attend!**

- ✠ April 23th: All School Musical w/Bake Sale
- ✠ May 9th: Field Day
- ✠ May 24th: 8th Grade Graduation
- ✠ May 25th: Awards Night
- ✠ May 26th: Last day of school closing chapel



Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
<b>SJL</b>	<b>4-24</b>	Brian & Bryce Borkenhagen	Ashley Burkey
	<b>5-1</b>	Sutton Bohlsen & Chase Hillmer	Joseph Crissinger
<b>Zion</b>	<b>4-17</b>	Gary & Connie Peymann	Sam Marroquin-Balderas
	<b>5-1</b>	Brandon & Marissa Poppe	Jadyn Montgomery

<b>THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: April 24 - May 1, 2022</b>		
<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:30AM–1:00PM</b>		
<b>Office phone: 436-5289 Email: sjl_office@frontiernet.net Website: sjlnorthrop.com</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	Confirmation Public Examination	(SJ) 6:00 PM
<b>Monday</b>	Individual Prayer & Absolution	(SJ) 8:00 AM
	Red Cross Blood Drive	(ML) 12:30-5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Confirmation Class for 6th & 7th grades	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	NO 8th Grade Confirmation Class	
	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
	Individual Prayer & Absolution	(SJ) 9:15-9:45 AM
	SJL Musical & Bake Sale	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Confirmation Day</b>	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM

Online giving is an easy and reliable method to contribute to your church while you are out of town, or if you are interested in eliminating the need to remember your envelope on Sunday morning. You can make a one time donation or save time and schedule recurring contributions. This option is available for either congregation through our website, sjlnorthrop.com.

<b>Maundy Thurs 4-14-22</b>	Jt Attend 88 (HC 74)
<b>Good Friday 4-15-22</b>	Jt Attend 108



<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion</b>			<b>April 17, 2022</b>
Attendance	133 (HC 101)	Home	\$3,410.00
Loose	\$197.00	Missions	\$325.00
MLHS	\$65.00	Maundy Thurs	\$431.00
Kitchen	\$6,245.00	Good Friday	\$137.00

<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – St James</b>			<b>April 17, 2022</b>
Attendance	214 (HC 175)	Home	\$8,405.00
Online	\$1,564.89	Missions	\$210.00
Tuition	\$225.00	Loose Plate	\$419.60
Tuition Angel	\$50.00	Maundy Thurs	\$216.00
Good Friday	\$650.00		