

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Feb 19 - 26, 2023
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon
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Sunday Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
 Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30 AM
 Easter Breakfast Planning Mtg (Z) 11:00 AM
Tuesday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM
 Preschool/Kindergarten Open House (SJ) 4:00-6:00 PM
 PTL Meeting (SJ) 7:00 PM
Wednesday **ASH WEDNESDAY**
 Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM
 Confirmation Class (8th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM
 Lenten Supper (Z) 6:00-6:45PM
 Ash Wednesday Vespers (Z) 7:00 PM
Thursday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM
 Eve Circle (SJ) 7:00 PM
Friday Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
 Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30 AM
 Waffle Breakfast (ML) 10:00-1:00 PM

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 the website; sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Feb 12, 2023
Attendance	111 (HC 69)	Home	\$3,420.00
Missions	\$600.00	Loose Plate	\$62.00
MLHS	\$400.00	Parsonage Repairs	\$1,000.00
SJL School	\$50.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Feb. 12, 2023
Attendance	97 (HC 77)	Home	\$3,645.00
Loose Plate	\$127.00	Missions	\$60.00
Online	\$1,675.70	SJLS Misc	\$125.00
Tuition Angel	\$200.00	Bulletins/Broadcast	\$35.00
Tuition	\$250.00		

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



Pastor John Henry

The Transfiguration of our Lord

February 19, 2023



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

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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 O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
P ... in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 26:2-3



²Prove me, O LORD, and | try me; *
test my heart | and my mind.
³For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes, *
and I walk in your | faithfulness.

**Glorify 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.

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-

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class.

Zion: 8:45am, Narthex. Please join us as we study topics in The Lutheran Witness. Please bring your Lutheran Witness magazine if possible. Extra copies are available.

SJL: 9:45am, Fellowship Hall. We are starting a new study today entitled, “*What’s Your Mission....*” God gave an assignment to His people thousands of years ago: Bring “lost sheep” back into the love and safety of His kingdom. It’s still our task today. Discover the mission that can give your life, and the lives of those around you, greater meaning than you ever imagined.”

Friday Morning Bible Study is held at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL. We are continuing our study on hymns of Advent and Christmas.

ISSUES, ETC. FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

February 19—Transfiguration and the Cross, Dr. John Bombaro, and Answering Pro-Choice Arguments, Dr. Steven Christie

February 26—The Mystical Union with Christ, Dr. Jordan Cooper.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Table Manners" Frequent family dinners are important, but none more so than the gracious meal to which God invites His family, the Church. (Exodus 24:11)

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	2-19	Paul & Cindi Tomlinson	Ashley Burkey
	2-26	Rick & Jody Uttech	Cedar Bohlsen
Zion	2-19	Joe & Amy Nelson	Sam Marroquin-Balderas
	2-22	Brent & Jennie Oberdieck 7pm	————
	2-26	Luke & Nicole Nelson	Caleb Meyer

CREST is currently in need of more volunteers to help provide non-professional services to those in need in Martin County. Volunteers shop, cook, drive or just check in on many people with long-term health care needs. Even just a few hours a month can make a world of difference. Find out how good it feels to volunteer by calling the CREST office for more information today at 235-3833.

The LWML Blue Earth Zone invites all women and men to the LWML Spring Zone Rally on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at St. Paul's Lutheran Truman. The topic will be led by Rev. Craig McCourt. A light supper will be served at 5 PM. *Rev. Craig McCourt is originally from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Craig served congregations in the area of youth and adult ministry in Wisconsin, Indiana, Texas, and Minnesota for more than 30 years. Craig and his wife, Shirley, raised 2 sons, Isaiah and Noah. In 2013, Craig and Shirley launched GodPonders as a full time speaking-leading-teaching ministry. Craig recently returned to full-time ministry after completing the SMP program and is now serving as Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington, MN. Craig has spoken at schools, churches, prisons, colleges, camps, youth gatherings, retreats, and conferences. He also hosts a morning coffee chat on Peace Lutheran Church's YouTube channel. His first book Pondering God is a set of 30 devotions designed to help you Ponder God. His newest book is a small group Bible Study on Ephesians, "The Church - The Body of Christ. It was made available in the fall of 2022. You can visit his website at craigmccourt.com.*

Knights of Columbus Fish Boil Dinner, 920 E 10th St, Fairmont, MN. Friday February 24th & March 10th, 5-7:30 pm. Suggested \$15 donation to benefit Orphan Grain Train, Veterans Services and local organizations. All you can eat Codfish, Baby Potatoes, Pearl Onions, Cole-slaw, French Bread, Dessert & Beverages.

Our Lenten Journey begins this week. All Wednesday services are joint and will be held at Zion at 7pm with supper served at 6. Please join us as we prepare for Easter.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 22nd @ Zion Lutheran

LWML

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

**Goulash, Chicken Hotdish or Tater Tot Hotdish,
Buttered Bread, Carrots/Celery, Bars and Beverages**

Free-will donations for MLHS

7:00pm Divine Service

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

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 36:5-9



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

⁶Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains 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.

⁹For with you is the foun- | tain 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.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB pg. 156

C *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:18-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

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

¹⁸Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

¹⁹And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." ²⁰Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

²¹And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²²saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

²³And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. ²⁷But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the



MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

SJL & Zion are full association members

Waffle Breakfast sponsored by the Freshman Class at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop will be held on Sunday, February 26th. They will be serving waffles with all the trimmings from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is a free will offering. Proceeds will help fund their senior class trip.

You can give to MLHS Ministry while you shop! HyVee Cards available in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. **KWIK TRIP cards** available in \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$500 increments. Both can be purchased at the MLHS office during regular office hours. Please call 436-5249 and we will have them ready for you.

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is now open at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop. Interested families are invited to visit the school at any time. Call 507-436-5249 to set up a time. The Vision of Martin Luther JR/SR High School is: Partnered with families and congregations, Empowered by the Gospel, Academically Accredited, Christ-Centered and Cross-Curricular, Engaged in Excellence. **Early enrollment discounts apply until March 15th.** For more information visit www.martinlutherhs.com. All teens are welcome to be blessed by a quality Christian high school education.

Mark your calendar! The OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, April 22nd. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The committee is gathering new items, handmade items, gift certificates, or collectibles. Your donations are welcome! Notification and pictures are appreciated by March 1st to help with pre-event publicity. Please call 507-436-5249. Thank you!

The Minnesota South District LCMS insert in the February 2023 Lutheran Witness featured a story about Martin Luther JR/SR High School "Generating a JESUS Generation-Spanish Enrichment" \$14,000 grant. Senora Veronica Balderas teaches Spanish to 7th and 8th graders at St Paul Lutheran, Fairmont; St Paul's Lutheran, Truman and MLHS. The goal is to introduce them to Spanish culture and prepare them to be a generation of Christian disciples to their Hispanic neighbors. The full article can be read at <https://www.martinlutherhs.com/7--8-spanish.html> or <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/publications#Lutheran-Witness-supplement>.

The March Delegate Assembly meeting will be held at MLHS on Sunday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Room. The 2023-2024 budget will be presented for approval.

Contact information updates are appreciated. Please contact the church office if your information in the Annual Report is incorrect or if you can help fill in some of the missing information.

We would like the names and addresses of our college students for the yearly recognition project of the Zion LWML & SJL Eve Circle. Please contact the church office with your student’s information by **Monday, February 20th.**

Open House for 3 and 4 year old Preschool and Kindergarten will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd from 4-6PM. Please spread the word to anyone who might be interested. Mrs Laura Henry (Preschool teacher) and Mrs Kristen Schoen (Kindergarten teacher) will be available to explain our program and answer any questions you may have. You will also be able to register and reserve your child’s spot for the 2023-24 school year. If you are unable to attend, you may contact the school office to schedule a visit (436-5289).

Weather Related Announcements can be found on SJL Facebook page, or on KEYC (TV, website, Facebook page). If you are interested, KEYC has an option for notifications for any organization you chose. Download the **KEYC News Now** app on your phone, go to **Settings** and choose **Closings**, then scroll down to **St James Lutheran Church - Northrop or Zion/Fraser Lutheran - Fairmont.**

Zion Members: There will be a meeting after church in the Zion basement to discuss Easter breakfast on **Sunday Feb 19th.** If you wish to contribute but are unable to attend, please contact Connie Peymann (236-6540) or Peggy Wille (236-1698).

Easter Choir Practice will begin on **March 1st.** Practices will be held Wednesdays through Lent after the Vespers service. We will be singing on Maundy Thursday and Easter Morning. All skill levels are welcome! Please contact Heidi Koeritz if you have any questions 436-5557.

LYF

LYF Egg fundraiser continues. Sales will be at SJL after most services or you can call/text Lynn Becker at 230-2700 to arrange a pick up from the farm. 100% of proceeds goes to LYF for expenses and future trips. Please keep returning cartons and just leave in the SJL narthex.

Higher Things 2023 Planning Meeting for students and parents will be Sunday February 26th, 6pm at SJL. If your youth is interested in going or you just want more information, please plan to attend or contact Larissa Hillmer at 507-236-2780.

cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Zion Sunday School Students Sing *at Zion only*

Hymn of the Day *Thy Strong Word* **578**

Sermon **“Give Up and Go for Glory”**

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. 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>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>	633
<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	525
<i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i>	670

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.

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

Jerusalem the Golden

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Lutheran Schools in Martin County
St James Lutheran School, Martin Luther High School
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St James

Baptism Birthdays: Lance Becker, Jonah Luhmann, Kambria Rode,
Magen Borkenhagen, Taylor Crissinger
Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen
Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Greg Wallace, Rhett Morris, Julie Becker
Seminary Student: Peter Preus
Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown,
Jesse Peterson
Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger
Homebound: Dale Schwieger, Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche

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 with your request.

Offering Envelopes for 2023....Please pick them up and throw away any unused ones from 2022. Also, if anyone from either congregation gives exclusively online or does not want a box of envelopes in the future, please contact the office.

Donations for Zion Church and Parsonage Repairs are still welcomed. Nearly \$12,000 has been donated towards Zion church and parsonage repairs! Your generosity has helped offset the costs of recently completed work. We are still anticipating to incur a couple of larger expenses in the near future, such as repairs to the bell tower to fix leaks and updating the parsonage windows. Please consider donating to keep our facilities in good condition. Designate donations to "Zion Repairs".
Thank you! - Zion Trustees

Bulletins are available for viewing online (sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com) under the church tab, or you can have it emailed to you, just contact the office with your preferred email address.



Deadline for March Newsletter is Tuesday February 21st.
Thank you!