

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



Pastor John Henry
First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 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 *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* **418**

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 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 sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.”

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 3:1–21

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.

¹⁵I 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 142:1–2, 5, 7



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

²*I pour out my complaint be- | fore him,**
I tell my trouble be- | fore him.

*⁵I cry to you, | O LORD;**
I say, “You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the | living.”

*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.***

Philippians 2:1–11

¹So 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. ⁸And 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, ¹¹and 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.

Matthew 4:1–11

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

C 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.

Sermon Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **656**

Sermon “Life: Not as Advertised”

Nicene 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

- P** For (...) let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

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

Post-Communion Hymn for Lent

LSB. pg. 632

- C** *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.**
- 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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus


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Lutheran Schools in Martin County
St James Lutheran School, Martin Luther High School
All Schools and places of learning

St James
Baptism Birthdays: Sandy Grefe
Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen
Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion
Baptism Birthdays: Tyler Wille, Nicole Nelson
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

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



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SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING after services on March 5th. This meeting will be to elect our congregational representatives to vote in the upcoming election for Synod President and VP.

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.

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.

RESCHEDULED!! Open House for 3 and 4 year old Preschool and Kindergarten will be held on **Tuesday, February 28th 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.**

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.



Easter Flowers available through Dee's Floral & Designs 235-9856. Last day to order is March 27th.

Easter Lily - \$18

Cyclamen - \$18

Kalanchoe - \$18

Hydrangea - \$40



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.

Everyone is invited to a **Soup and Sandwich Lunch** at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop on Sunday, March 19th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Serving: Homemade Chicken Noodle, Sausage Tortellini, and Cheesy Potato Soups; Beef Stew with homemade dumplings; Egg Salad and Cheese Spread on Crimp Bread; Bars; Cupcakes; Greg's Heavenly Homemade Ice Cream. Cost is a free-will donation that will go toward the Student Tuition Aid Fund.

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.

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!

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.

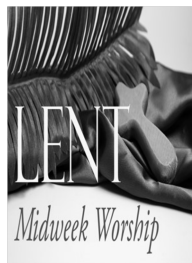
2023 Summer Planning Meeting for students and parents will be Sunday February 26th, 6pm at SJL.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of LYF's largest annual fundraiser. Thank you also to parents, families, and friends who always help to make these events successful! Because of all of you, 400 pizzas were built between 8am and 2pm.

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.

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

Our Lenten Journey continues 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.



LENT I: March 1st @ Zion Lutheran

LWML

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

Hot Sandwiches (Pork & Turkey), Salad, Relish, Chips, Bars and Beverages

Free-will donations for SJL School

7:00pm Divine Service

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. SCHEDULE:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

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

March 5 - The Danger of Cynicism - Rev. John Koopman

March 12 - Your Unanswered Bible Questions - Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller

March 19 - Apparent Contradictions in the Events of Holy Week -

Dr. Rev Peter Scaer

March 26 - The Holy Week Hymn "The Royal Banner Forward Go" -

Rev. Will Weedon

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

"It Begins with Who I Am" The desert is a place of testing. The desert places of our lives are like that, too. (Matthew 4:1-11)

| Those Serving our Lord | | |
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| | Greeters | Acolyte |
| SJL 2-26 | Rick & Jody Uttech | Cedar Bohlsen |
| 3-5 | Kirk & Kay Vogt | Bryce Borkenhagen |
| Zion 2-26 | Luke & Nicole Nelson | Caleb Meyer |
| 3-1 | Evan & Ashlee Oberdieck 7pm | _____ |
| 3-5 | Lon & Marilyn Oelke | Jadyn Montgomery |

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Feb 26 - March 5, 2023

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon

Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604

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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 |
| | Waffle Breakfast | (ML) 10:00-1:00 PM |
| | LYF | (SJ) 6:00 PM |
| Tuesday | Chapel | (SJ) 8:40 AM |
| | Preschool/Kindergarten Open House | (SJ) 4:00-6:00 PM |
| Wednesday | LENT I | |
| | Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) | (SJ) 4:00 PM |
| | Confirmation Class (8th grade) | (SJ) 5:00 PM |
| | Lenten Supper | (Z) 6:00-6:45PM |
| | Lenten Vespers | (Z) 7:00 PM |
| | Joint Elder's Meeting | (Z) 8:00 PM |
| | Choir Practice Begins | (Z) 8:00 PM |
| Thursday | Chapel | (SJ) 8:40 AM |
| 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 |

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 19, 2023 |
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| Attendance | 91 (HC 58) | Home | \$2,080.00 |
| Missions | \$150.00 | Loose Plate | \$75.00 |
| MLHS | \$65.00 | Zion Repairs | \$200.00 |
| SJL School | \$100.00 | Bulletins | \$20.00 |

| Reflecting our Stewardship – St James | | | Feb. 19, 2023 |
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| Attendance | 75 (HC 62) | Home | \$4,350.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$132.00 | Missions | \$620.00 |
| Online | \$546.37 | Memorials | \$20.00 |
| Tuition Angel | \$50.00 | Transportation | \$114.03 |
| Tuition | \$825.00 | MLHS | \$125.00 |