

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: **March 12 - 19, 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
	NFL	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Monday	LWML Board Mtg SPL Fairmont	5:30 PM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	LENT III	
	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
	NO SJL Council Meeting	
	Choir Practice	(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
	Soup/Sandwich Luncheon	(ML) 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
	MLHS Delegate Meeting	(ML) 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			March 5, 2023
Attendance	108 (HC 75)	Home	\$2,140.00
Missions	\$250.00	Loose Plate	\$73.50
SJL School	\$150.00	Zion Repairs	\$200.00
Bulletins	\$10.00	March 1, 2023	Jt Attend: 45
		LENT II KSUM	\$345.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			March 5, 2023
Attendance	101 (HC 79)	Home	\$3,307.00
Loose Plate	\$152.00	Missions	\$10.00
Online	\$886.30	MLHS	\$300.00
Tuition	\$1,375.00	Bulletins	\$100.00
Memorials	\$45.00	March 1, 2023	Jt Attend: 45
Transportation	\$136.00	Ash Wed: Bethesda	\$5.00
SJL School	\$300.00	LENT II KSUM	\$235.00

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



Pastor John Henry

Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 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

Were You There

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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.

Holy Baptism: Kailer Matthew Poppe *LSB pgs. 268-271 Zion only*

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 25:15–16



¹⁵My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

¹⁶Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

The Litany & the Prayer of the Day

LSB pgs. 288-289

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

The Litany.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 8:16–24

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” ¹⁷And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

²⁰Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me.”’ ²¹Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ²²But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there,

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 using the Focus on the Family video series “That the World May Know”, the current study is 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

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. John Nunes

“Thirsting for Life” Jesus gives living water to those who are spiritually dehydrated. (John 4)

Those Serving our Lord

	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 3-12	Paul & Cindy Wolter	Joseph Crissinger
3-19	Richard & Betty Wiederhoeft	Hailey Simpson
Zion 3-12		James Steuber
3-15	Chuck & Wanda Patsche 7pm	————
3-19	Kristi Prafke & Mitchell	Kayden Glidden



MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL SJL & Zion are full association members

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 Meeting** will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop on Sunday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Room. All delegates are encouraged to attend. The 2023-2024 budget will be presented.

The **Spring Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School Thursday, March 30th from 4-8 p.m.; Friday, March 31st, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, April 1st, 8 a.m. to noon. Set up will begin on Saturday, March 25. Volunteer workers are most welcome to set up, operate the sale and help with take down. Donations of spring and summer clothing (in good condition), household items, and furniture will be accepted Saturday-Tuesday. Your help is essential to our success! Come help when you can and leave when you wish! Volunteers can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094CACA2DA2F94-spring1>. For more information go to www.martinlutherhs.com or call 507-436-5249.

Tickets are on sale for the **OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction** that will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop on Saturday, April 22nd. Auction preview and social hour will begin at 4:30 p.m. Valet parking service will be available. A dinner of bacon wrapped chicken breast will be served at 6:00 p.m. The Live Auction will follow with many fine items, experiences, and services on the docket. Tickets are \$30 each and must be purchased by April 15th and are available at area churches, the ML school office and online at www.martinlutherhs.com. Hundreds of new items, gift certificates, theme baskets and handmade items will be up for bids. Donations are welcome. Pictures and notification of donations are appreciated now with delivery of items to MLHS from April 1 until April 10. Call 507-436-5249.

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.

that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.
²³Thus I will put a division between my people and your people.
Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”””” ²⁴And the LORD did so.
There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and
into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the
land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm*

Psalm 32



¹*Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,*
whose sin is | covered.*

²*Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,*
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.*

³*For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away*
through my groaning | all day long.*

⁴*For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.*

⁵*I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.*

⁶*Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;*
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not | reach him.*

⁷*You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from | trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.*

⁸*I will instruct you and teach you in the way | you should go;*
I will counsel you with my eye up- | on you.*

⁹*Be not like a horse or a mule, without under- | standing,*
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay | near you.*

¹⁰*Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,*
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.*

¹¹*Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O | righteous,*
and shout for joy, all you up- | right in heart!*

Second Lesson

Romans 1:16–32

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

²⁶For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

²⁸And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

²⁹They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³²Though they know God’s decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



On behalf of Valyn Jerome, I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to all of you that have reached out with kind words, support, and beautiful gifts. My family and I appreciate all of that and more during this trying and challenging time. We know that we have the support of our families with us but it is beyond comforting to know we also have our church friends and family standing beside us during this new, unexpected journey. Lots of love and thanks to you all!

-Valyn Jerome Schuder-Boyd and Alexandra,
Jason, Jackie and Amanda Schuder

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**.

All You Can Eat Pancakes at St John Lutheran Church of Good Thunder. Today, Sunday March 12th, serving from 4-7pm. The menu will include pancakes, sausage patties, applesauce, and beverages. Free will donations accepted. (Please use the Sherman Street entrance)

Easter Choir Practice 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.

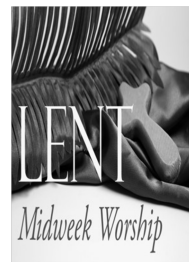
Easter Lily - \$18

Cyclamen - \$18

Kalanchoe - \$18

Hydrangea - \$40

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 III: March 15th @ Zion Lutheran

NFL

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

Variety of Soups, dessert and beverages

7:00pm Divine Service

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



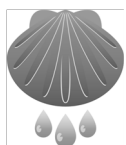
St James

Baptism Birthdays: Bethany Petrowiak, Brianna Petrowiak,
Garrett Schock, Dan Petrowiak, Jim Becker
Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen
Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Kailer Poppe, Tyler Morris, Kayvry Poppe,
Zachary Brummond, Laura Henry
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.



Today at Zion we celebrate as Kailer Matthew Poppe, son of Brandon & Marissa, is baptized into the family of God. His sponsors are Bryan & Cheyenne Poppe, Cody & Morgan Roberts. May God continue to bless Kailer and his family.

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.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.
G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" ²⁸But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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

Sermon Hymn *O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe*

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Sermon **"Life: Single-Minded"**

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

- Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain* 435
Go to Dark Gethsemane 436
Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed 560

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

What Wondrous Love Is This

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