

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



Pastor John Henry
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 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 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* **575**

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.

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ^{12a}“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsive Psalm

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil | in your sight,*
**so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your | judgment.**

- ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.
- ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.
- ⁹Hide your face | from my sins,*
and blot out all my in- | iquities.
- ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
- ¹¹Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
- ¹⁵O Lord, open | my lips,*
and my mouth will de- | clare your praise.
- ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit,*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

Second Lesson

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 6:1–15

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" ¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* **563**

Sermon "What Wealth Has Come to Me"

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

<i>O Love, How Deep</i>	544
<i>If Your Beloved Son, O God</i>	568
<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	702

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

Lord of Our Life

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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: Brayden Luhmann, Tylin Luhmann, Tanner Howe,
Keven Roforth, Diana Mosloski, Brian Borkenhagen,

Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Gavin Schoen, Braxtyn Roberts, Cody Roberts

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

Bulletins at Zion this week are sponsored by Kurt & Pat Steuber in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary on the 22nd. May God continue to bless your marriage.

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.

Condolences to the family of Winnifred Luhmann who passed away this week at the age of 98 years. She is the aunt of Gary and Carl Luhmann.

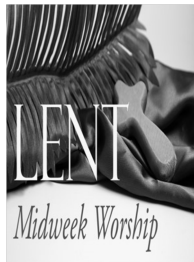
Jim Lange (SJLS alumni and former church member) went to live with our Lord February 12th. Cards for the family can be sent to 715 W. 6th St, Litchfield, MN 55355.



Come & Go Bridal Shower for Kayla Cremer, fiancé of Zachary Brummond, will be held at SJL on Saturday, April 1st, 10am - noon. The couple is registered at Walmart and Amazon. All the ladies of both congregations are invited to celebrate with Kayla.

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

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 IV: March 22nd @ Zion Lutheran

Board of Christian Education

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

BBQs, Chips, Bars and Beverages

7:00pm Divine Service

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.



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

Easter Lily - \$18

Cyclamen - \$18

Kalanchoe - \$18

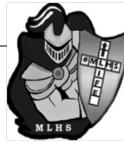
Hydrangea - \$40

You are invited to attend the Installation Service of The Rev. Michael Holmen as Pastor of St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, 211 Budd Street, Fairmont, MN, at 3pm, Sunday March 26th. Following the Vespers Service there will be an open house reception of cake, coffee, and lemonade in the Church Basement welcoming Rev. Holmen and his family.

Kinship Radio presents it's 14th Annual "A Day for Women" on Saturday, May 6th at Hosana Lutheran Church in Mankato. The year's Special Guest is Angela Thomas-Pharr, author of Redeemed: Grace to live every day better than before.. She is a gifted teacher and story-teller speaking to thousands each year. Angela teaches and transparently shares life experiences that draw her and others into a deeper passion for knowing God. We are also welcoming back Kirsten King 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, March 27th at 8AM.

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.

"When we ignore the baby in the womb and focus instead on what is now being labeled as the rights of the mother and women's health care, we are turning our backs on God. Never has God authorized killing and called it a right. Never has God condoned promoting abortion and called it health care. His love for life is written throughout Scripture. What are we doing when we ignore His sacred Word?" *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



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/508094CACAA2DA2F94-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.

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 currently studying the mission of St Paul.

ISSUES, ETC. SCHEDULE:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

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

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Bad Karma vs. Good Creator" When bad things happen, is it "bad karma" or an opportunity for our Good Creator to be doing a greater work?
(John 9:3)

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	3-19	Richard & Betty Wiederhoeft	Hailey Simpson
	3-26	Heather Wiederhoeft & Jordan	Ashley Burkey
Zion	3-19	Kristi Prafke & Mitchell	Kayden Glidden
	3-22	Brandon & Marissa Poppe 7pm	—————
	3-26	Cody & Morgan Roberts	John Henry IV

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: March 19 - 26, 2023		
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon		
Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604		
Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com Website: sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com		
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
	NFL	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Tuesday	April Newsletter Deadline	
	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	PTL	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Wednesday	LENT IV	
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmand & Parents Meeting (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Lenten Supper	(Z) 6:00-6:45PM
	Lenten Divine Service (Annunciation)	(Z) 7:00 PM
	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

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		March 8, 2023	Jt Attend: 43
Attendance	108 (HC 75)	LENT II Luth Bible Translators	\$480.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			March 12, 2023
Attendance	77 (HC 61)	Home	\$3,385.00
Loose Plate	\$89.00	Missions	\$660.00
Online	\$1,728.31	Tuition Angel	\$200.00
Tuition	\$1,577.50	March 8, 2023	Jt Attend: 43
Memorials	\$10.00	LENT II Luth Bible Translators	\$392.00