

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



Pastor John Henry
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 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 *The Church's One Foundation* **644**

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

from Psalm 116



Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his saints.
I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

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.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Zion Sunday School Sing

Zion only

First Lesson

Genesis 22:1-14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of

the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 6



¹O LORD, rebuke me not in your | anger,*
nor discipline me | in your wrath.

²Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | languishing,*
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are | troubled.

³My soul also is greatly | troubled.*
But you, O LORD— | how long?

⁴Turn, O LORD, deliv- | er my life;*
save me for the sake of your | steadfast love.

⁵For in death there is no remem- | brance of you;*
in Sheol who will | give you praise?

⁶I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my | bed with tears;*
I drench my couch with my | weeping.

⁷My eye wastes away be- | cause of grief;*
it grows weak because of | all my foes.

⁸Depart from me, all you workers of | evil,*
for the LORD has heard the sound of my | weeping.

⁹The LORD has | heard my plea;*
the LORD ac- | cepts my prayer.

¹⁰All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly | troubled;*
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a | moment.

Second Lesson

Romans 8:31–39

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who

shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 8:42–59

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴²Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it

and was glad.”⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

What Is the World to Me

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Sermon “You Don’t Have to Be Right”

Nicene Creed

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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

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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>Your Table I Approach</i>	628
<i>Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart</i>	708
<i>If God Himself Be for Me</i>	724

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

Jesus, Lead Thou On

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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: Mason Koeritz, Saylor Garlick, Tara Bohlsen,
Arlyn Becker, Leanna Mahoney
Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen
Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: David Hinz
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

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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

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, **TODAY**, 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.



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

Easter Lily - \$18
Kalanchoe - \$18

Cyclamen - \$18
Hydrangea - \$40

A special page will be reserved in the bulletin for anyone who would like to have a plant given in memory of a loved one or a special event you'd like to recognize! **Bulletin deadline is no later than, Monday, April 3rd;** call the church office (436-5289) or email your information to sjlnorthrop@gmail.com

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.

Options Pregnancy Center's Annual Banquet will be held at the Best Western in Fairmont on Thursday 4/13, at 6pm. Henry & Pierce Jernigan will be the guest speakers for the evening. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Complimentary tickets for this Fundraising Dinner are available by calling Options Pregnancy Center at 238-2330 by April 6th. An opportunity to make a financial gift to the ministry of Options Pregnancy Center will be extended during the evening.

"The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation. And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!" *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransfor-life.org*



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

The **Spring Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held 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 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 Minnesota South Orphan Grain Train is hosting a "Mercy Meals" Food Pack during the Lutheran Laymen's League convention at MLHS on Saturday, April 15. Several teams of 16 people are needed throughout the day to do the food pack. Form your groups (or partial groups) now and sign up by contacting Doyle Benson at 320-583-7695 or emailing doylebenenson321@gmail.com. If you would like to make a financial contribution to offset expenses please send to Darlene Fretham, 611 1st Ave. NW; Winnebago, MN 56098. Ministry focused breakout sessions include "The Depth of LHM ministry" by Dr. Phillip Johnson, Assistant to the President Mission Formation MN South LCMS; "Best Practices - Rural and Small Town Ministries"; and "LHM Gifted for More!". A noon meal will be available. The banquet dinner is at 5 p.m. Guest speaker will be Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Principal Paul Steinhaus with music by Jayson Matasovsky. Tickets are \$10 for noon lunch and \$20 for the banquet and should be purchased by April 10. Send registration and payment to Doyle Benson, 24198 100th Street, Stewart, MN 5538

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop National Honor Society is hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, April 24 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please call the school at 507-436-5249 or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter MLHSMN to schedule an appointment.

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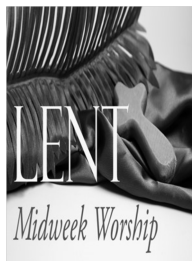
LYF Egg fundraiser continues. Sales will be at SJL after most services or you can call/text Lynn Becker at 230-2700 to arrange a pick up from the farm. 100% of proceeds goes to LYF for expenses and future trips. Please keep returning cartons and just leave in the SJL narthex.

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, Isai-ah 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.*



THANK YOU to everyone who already directed **Thrivent Choice Dollars** in 2022 to Zion Church (\$644), SJL Church (\$201), and SJL School (\$1,857). **Deadline for 2022 Choice Dollars is March 31st.** Contact your Thrivent Representative with questions on how this program works or to get help directing your Choice Dollars.

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 V: March 29th @ Zion Lutheran

Eve Circle

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

Hot Turkey Sandwiches, salads, bars and beverages

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 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 Life and Ministry of St Paul.

ISSUES, ETC. SCHEDULE:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

March 26 - The Holy Week Hymn "The Royal Banner Forward Go"
Rev. Will Weedon

April 2 - The Seven Final Words of Christ - Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller

April 9 - A Historian's Perspective on the Resurrections of Christ -
Dr. Paul Maier

April 16 - The Easter Hymn "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia"
Rev. Will Weedon

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

"Is God Missing in Action?" Not if we see things from God's eternal perspective. (John 11)

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	3-26	Heather Wiederhoeft & Jordan	Ashley Burkey
	4-2	Lee Baarts & Levi Becker	Cedar Bohlsen
Zion	3-26	Cody & Morgan Roberts	John Henry IV
	3-29	Ron Sandersfeld & Dean Maschoff 7P	—————
	4-2	Mayson & Monica Sands	Caleb Meyer

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: **March 26 - April 2, 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
Wednesday **LENT V**
 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
 Choir Practice (Z) 8:00 PM
Thursday **MLHS Rummage Sale Thursday - Saturday**
 Eve Circle (SJ) 7:00 PM
Friday Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday **Palm 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 12, 2023
Attendance	139 (HC 91)	Home	\$2,290.00
Missions	\$150.00	Loose Plate	\$92.00
Zion Repairs	\$200.00		
Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			March 19, 2023
Attendance	104 (HC 63)	Home	\$5,170.00
Missions	\$150.00	Loose Plate	\$95.75
MLHS	\$115.00	March 15, 2023	Jt Attend: 45
SJL School	\$50.00	LENT III Camp Omega	\$600.27
Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			March 19, 2023
Attendance	97 (HC 80)	Home	\$2,785.00
Loose Plate	\$128.00	Missions	\$110.00
Online	\$598.98	Tuition Angel	\$50.00
MLHS	\$125.00	March 15, 2023	Jt Attend: 45
Memorials	\$25.00	LENT II Luth Bible Translators	\$35.00
		LENT III Camp Omega	\$110.00