

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



Pastor John Henry

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023



Regarding Membership and the Holy Communion:

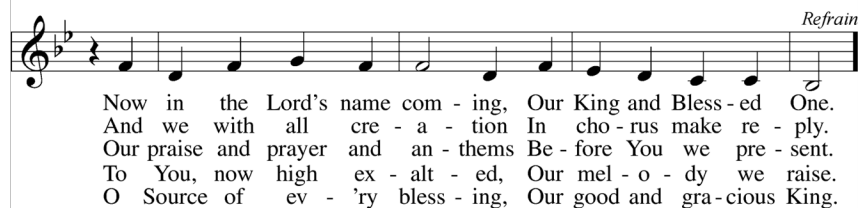
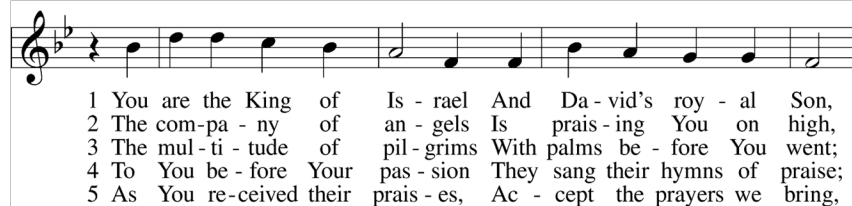
We believe that, in the Holy Communion, the bread is truly Christ's Body and the wine is truly His Blood, given to us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. As we receive this gift individually, we profess that we are truly one body in Christ—that we are united in one faith and teaching (doctrine). 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.***

All rise at the ringing of the bells for the procession.

Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.
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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.

Small Litany

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with your spirit.
- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 12:1–13

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Hymn

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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Second Lesson

Romans 5:12–21

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—
¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12–28

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

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

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *My Song Is Love Unknown*

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Sermon “This is the Story of the World”

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>Lamb of God</i>	550
<i>The Lamb</i>	547
<i>Just as I Am, without One Plea</i>	570

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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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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: Lonny Becker, Alyssa Wiederhoeft, Chris Hillmer
Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen
Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Eli Wallace, Edwin Eytcheson
Seminary Student: Peter Preus
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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.

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

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.

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.

"As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don't lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what He has to offer because of His humble attitude and His devotion to His mission. When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can't help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'" *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Research suggests that many people are unsure of their gifts, skills, and abilities. Come to the **MN South LLL District Convention on Saturday, April 15** at Martin Luther High School, 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop, MN. Our presentation will focus on how the gifts of volunteers have impacted Gospel proclamation through *The Depth of LHM Ministry*. Learn how your gifts can be shared through a video presentation on the most recent research project in the Lutheran Hour Ministries - Barna Partnership *Gifted for More*, a presentation on *Best Practices: Rural & Small Town Ministry*, and hands-on activity with MN South Orphan Grain Train preparing Mercy Meals. Our featured Banquet speaker is Paul Steinhaus, Principal of Martin Luther High School.

Doors open at 9:30am with the convention beginning at 10:00am, everyone is welcome to attend. Registration is free. The cost for the lunch meal is \$10 per person; Banquet is \$20 per person; for both the Lunch and Banquet is \$30 per person. Make checks payable to MN SO LLL District. Early registration is needed for seat and meal counts.

Everyone is a gift, everyone has gifts, everyone is called, and everyone can grow. Register early today! Complete the registration form and mail it to Doyle Benson, MN SO LLL District President, 24198 100th St, Stewart, MN 55385, or by email at doylebenson321@gmail.com. For more information or questions, you can email Doyle or call 320-583-7695. **The deadline for early registration is April 10th.**



Worship with us *Holy Week Schedule*

APRIL	2	PALM SUNDAY Divine Service	8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
	6	MAUNDY THURSDAY Div Service	7:00PM (Z)
	7	GOOD FRIDAY Vespers	7:00PM (SJ)
	9	EASTER Divine Service	6:30A (Z); 8:30A (SJ)

Easter Morning Breakfast following each service

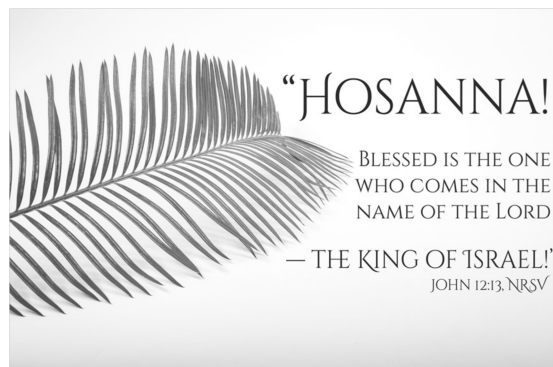


MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL SJL & Zion are full association members

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 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.

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.



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

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

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Hell: No One Has to Go There": Hell is a serious word, meant to be taken seriously. However, hell doesn't have to be one's inevitable destination. (Matthew 26:20-29)

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 4-2	Lee Baarts & Levi Becker	Cedar Bohlsen
4-7	Dereck & Chris Bartz 7P	
Easter 4-9	Larry & Linda Becker 8:30A	Bryce Borkenhagen
Zion 4-2	Mayson & Monica Sands	Caleb Meyer
4-6	Kristen Schoen & Gavin 7P	_____
Easter 4-9	Kurt & Pat Steuber 6:30A	Sam Marroquin-Balderas

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: April 2 - 8, 2023
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon
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Sunday	Palm Sunday	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30 AM
Wednesday	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Elder's Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Maundy Thursday	
	Divine Service	(Z) 7:00 PM
Friday	Good Friday	
	NO Morning Bible Study	
	Good Friday Vespers	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Sunday	EASTER Sunday	
	Divine Worship	(Z) 6:30 AM, (SJ) 8:30 AM
	Easter Breakfast	Following Worship Services
	NO Sunday School/Bible Class	



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 26, 2023
Attendance	97 (HC 51)	Home	\$3,757.20
Missions	\$150.00	Loose Plate	\$50.75
Zion Repairs	\$1,100.00	SJL School	\$50.00
		March 22, 2023	Jt Attend: 57 (HC 49)
		LENT IV Scholarships	\$532.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			March 26, 2023
Attendance	81 (HC 68)	Home	\$3,822.00
Loose Plate	\$16.00	Missions	\$10.00
Online	\$598.98	Tuition	\$900.00
MLHS	\$50.00	March 22, 2023	Jt Attend: 57 (HC 49)
Memorials	\$10.00	LENT IV Scholarships	\$111.00
		LENT III Camp Omega	\$25.00