

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**Third Sunday of Easter**

*April 23, 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**

*Shepherd of Tender Youth*

**864**

**Easter Acclamation**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**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** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** ...I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Psalm 133*



*Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\*  
when brothers dwell in | unity!*

*It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of | Aaron,\**

*running down on the collar | of his robes!*

*It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!\**

*For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for-* evermore.

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

*as it was in the be- | ginning,\**

*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

*LSB pgs. 152-153*

*Repeated 4 times:*

**P** ...pray to the Lord.

**C** *Lord, have mercy.*

**P** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C** *Amen.*

*LSB pg. 155*

**C** (Refrain): *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)*

***Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (Refrain)***

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:*

*Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)*

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.*  
(Refrain)

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### First Lesson

*1 Samuel 17:2–11, 32–37, 44–45, 48–50*

<sup>2</sup>And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in line of battle against the Philistines.

<sup>3</sup>And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.

<sup>4</sup>And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup>He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.

<sup>6</sup>And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup>The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him. <sup>8</sup>He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." <sup>10</sup>And the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together." <sup>11</sup>When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

<sup>32</sup>And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup>And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth."

<sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." <sup>37</sup>And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

<sup>44</sup>The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.” <sup>45</sup>Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

<sup>48</sup>When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

<sup>50</sup>So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

### Psalm 23



<sup>1</sup>*The LORD is my | shepherd; \**

***I | shall not want.***

<sup>2</sup>*He makes me lie down in green | pastures. \**

***He leads me beside still | waters.***

<sup>3</sup>*He re- | stores my soul. \**

***He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.***

<sup>4</sup>*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil, for you are | with me; \**

***your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.***

<sup>5</sup>*You prepare a table before me*

*in the presence of my | enemies; \**

***you anoint my head with oil;***

***my cup | overflows.***

<sup>6</sup>*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me*

*all the days | of my life, \**

***and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.***

### Second Lesson

### 1 Peter 2:21–25

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

<sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

<sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia & Verses

*St James only*

**C** *Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.  
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.  
Death has no more dominion over Him.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.  
Living, He lives to God.*

*Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus,  
our Lord.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

#### MLHS Choir

*Alleluia Canon*

*Zion only*

#### Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### Holy Gospel

*John 10:11–18*

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

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

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn     *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*     467

Sermon     "Schadenfreude"

Nicene Creed     *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory     *LSB 159*

**C** *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the  
name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

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. 161*

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

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. 163

- C** *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*  
*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*  
*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

### Communion Hymns

<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	<b>709</b>
<i>I Am Jesus' Little Lamb</i>	<b>740</b>
<i>Salvation unto Us Has Come</i>	<b>555</b>

### Thank the Lord

LSB pg. 164

- C** *Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.*  
*Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.*  
*He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy*  
*with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

### Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### 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

*On What Has Now Been Sown*

**921**

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**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.

**DEADLINE for May newsletter** is Tuesday, April 25th. Please contact the office 436-5289 or send an email to [sjlnorthrop@gmail.com](mailto:sjlnorthrop@gmail.com).

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



**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Katy Gonzalez, Jacob Wolter, Luke Becker,  
Lee Baarts, Betsy Burkey, Nevaeh Mahoney  
*Sick & In Distress:* Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen,  
Marilyn Borkenhagen  
*Homebound:* Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Kayden Glidden, Molly Henry, Caleb Roiger  
*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

**Condolences to the family of Mike Edinger**, father of Jeff & Jennifer, who passed away Monday, April 17th and who was laid to rest after a private family service on Friday. May God continue to be your source of comfort, peace and strength during this difficult time.

**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.



**SJL Altar Guild** will have a short meeting Thursday, April 27th at 6:45pm in the sanctuary.

**ST JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

**Musical & Bake Sale** will be Friday, April 28th at 7pm. If you are not able to make the evening performance, you are invited to the final dress rehearsal on Friday at 1pm. This year's musical is based on the story of The Three Trees. Our preschool students will be opening our evening with a number of songs and the 7th & 8th graders will also be presenting a variety of biblical skits. Don't forget to stop by the bake sale afterwards and take home some amazing treats.



**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



**SJL Volunteers Needed.** Our insurance company will provide a discount if we have a safety committee in place. We are looking for 4-5 individuals to volunteer for this position. The time commitment is minimal and would require a quarterly walkthrough of the building and grounds. We would like to have an informational meeting the beginning of May. Please contact the office if interested (436-5289, 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.



**Examination:** Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at SJL  
**Confirmation:** Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am at SJL, 10am at Zion

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for Public Examination and Confirmation.

**SJL: Ashley Burkey, Cedar Bohlsen,  
Bryce Borkenhagen and Joseph Crissinger**

**ZION: Kayden Glidden, Samuel Marroquin-Balderas,  
Caleb Meyer, John Henry IV and Jady Montgomery**

**Creation Museum and Ark Encounter** Bus Trip information is available on the back table at both church. These trips are led by Roger & Ellen Bauer of Waverly, IA. Two bus trips, June 5-9 and December 4-8, are planned for 2023. Both trips are basically the same, however, the December trip also includes an additional Imax show "The Christmas Star" and a Christmas dinner in the cafeteria and the spectacular Christmas lights. Check out the websites for additional information [creationmuseum.org](http://creationmuseum.org) or [arkencounter.com](http://arkencounter.com), or call 319-610-2623.

**CREST Volunteers Needed.** Do you have a few hours to spare a month? Our volunteers donate just that to help the aging population in Martin County! Give us a call now to find out more! You are not bound to any day or time, if we call and you're busy that's ok. 507-235-3833.

**GRIEF SUPPORT.** You are not alone in your grief. Come meet with others who understand. Tuesday, May 16-June 20, 2:30 PM at CREST, 820 Winnebago Ave, Fairmont, MN. Register by Friday, May 12th to CREST 235-3833 or UHD 507-525-1560.

**CREST** will be hosting the **Carlson Pillow Cleaning Service** on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am-3:30pm at the Evangelical Covenant Church, located at 901 Woodland Avenue in Fairmont. Pillows will be fluffed, cleaned, deodorized and sanitized while you wait or you may come back to pick them up later in the day. You will receive new ticking for your pillows and they will be made cleaner than new for little more than the cost of the pillow. Custom made new pillows and down comforters will be available for sale as well. You are asked to bring your pillows in garbage bags. All proceeds from this event will go to benefit the CREST organization. For more information, you can call 235-3833.



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

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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter MLHSMN to schedule an appointment.

**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. For more information visit [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://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, "*The Mission of Jesus....*" In John 17:26 Jesus says: "I made known your name to them, and I will continue to make it known...." In this study you will deepen your understanding of this passionate revelation to a broken world God longs to redeem. Discover how Jesus triumphantly made God's presence known on earth and how he asks you to do the same - bringing God's *shalom* to the chaos of others."

**Tuesday Women's Bible Study** will resume April 25th at Zion, 7pm. Please join us for our study as we begin the book "Grace and a Study of Ephesians: The Church, the Body of Christ". Books will be available at class.

**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 23** The Easter Hymn: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won  
Dr. Rev. Arthur Just

**April 30** The Easter Hymn "Long Before The World Is Waking"  
Dr. Rev. Paul Grime

#### THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

#### Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"The Man Who Will Be King" Anticipation, preparation, and action are the traits that make great leaders--and great followers of Christ, the King of kings. (1 Peter 1:13)

### Those Serving our Lord

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
<b>SJL 4-23</b>	Lonny & Lynn Becker	Hailey Simpson
<b>4-30</b>	Lynn Becker & Lincoln	Ashley Burkey
<b>Zion 4-23</b>	Cairne Eytcheson	John Henry IV
<b>4-30</b>	Dylan & Kristeena Thisius	Kayden Glidden

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:** April 23 - 30, 2023  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon  
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<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30 AM
<b>Monday</b>	Blood Drive	(ML) 12:30-5:30 PM
	LWML Planning Mtg	(SJ) 4:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	May Newsletter Deadline	
	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Ladies Bible Study Resumes	(Z) 7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Practice ( <b>ALL 8th graders</b> )	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Board of Christian Education Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Altar Guild Meeting	(SJ) 6:45 PM
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
	SJLS Musical & Bake Sale	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30 AM
	Confirmation Examination	(SJ) 6:00 PM

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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			April 16, 2023
Attendance	77 (HC 54)	Home	\$2,503.90
Loose Plate	\$25.00	Missions	\$200.00
MLHS	\$700.00	SJL School	\$50.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			April 16, 2023
Attendance	85 (HC 69)	Home	\$2,665.00
Loose Plate	\$109.00	Memorials	\$50.00
Online	\$893.37	Tuition	\$1,800.00
Bulletins	\$100.00	MLHS	\$50.00
Tuition Angel	\$50.00		