

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: April 30 - May 7, 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
	Confirmation Examination	(SJ) 6:00 PM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Ladies Bible Study	(Z) 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Joint Elders Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday	Confirmation Sunday	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			April 23, 2023
Attendance	191 (HC 146)	Home	\$3,260.00
Loose Plate	\$203.50	Missions	\$150.00
MLHS	\$100.00	Zion repairs	\$100.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			April 23, 2023
Attendance	103 (HC 83)	Home	\$3,690.00
Loose Plate	\$144.25	Missions	\$25.00
Online	\$719.99	Tuition	\$750.00
Facility rental	\$75.00	MLHS	\$50.00
Church misc	\$760.00	Transportation	\$243.61

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



Pastor John Henry

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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

On Eagles' Wings

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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 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

Psalm 66:1–2



¹Shout for joy to God, | all the earth; *
²sing the glory of his name;
give to him | glorious praise!

Kyrie

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.

This is the Feast

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

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 30 The Easter Hymn “Long Before The World Is Waking”

Dr. Rev. Paul Grime

May 7 Children and Unsupervised Internet Access - Joy Pullmann

The Happiness to Stay At Home Mothers - Lyman Stone

May 14 The Gifts of Christ’s Ascension - Dr. Thomas Winger

The Feast of the Ascension of the Early Church - Dr. Joel Elowsky

May 21 Jesus: What I wish My Non-Lutheran Family Understood

About - Rev Bryan Wolfmueller

May 28 Worship: What I wish My Non-Lutheran Family Understood

About - Rev Bryan Wolfmueller

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Bridge Builders" Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the "air bridge" that saved a city and the cross-shaped bridge God built to break a spiritual blockade. (1 Peter 2:11-12)

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 4th 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.



Examination: Sunday April 30th, 6pm at SJL

Confirmation: Sunday May 7th, 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 Jadyen Montgomery**

First Lesson

Daniel 3:16-27

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. ²²Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." ²⁵He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them.

Those Serving our Lord

	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 4-30	Lynn Becker & Lincoln	Ashley Burkey
5-7	Larissa Hagen & Chase	Hailey Simpson
Zion 4-30	Dylan & Kristeena Thisius	Kayden Glidden
5-7	Bob & Viv Traetow	James Steuber

Psalm

Psalm 147:1–11



¹Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises | to our God; *
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

²The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem; *
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

³He heals the broken- | hearted *
and binds | up their wounds.

⁴He determines the number | of the stars; *
he gives to all of | them their names.

⁵Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power; *
his understanding is beyond | measure.

⁶The LORD lifts up the | humble; *
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving; *
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

⁸He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain | for the earth; *
he makes grass grow | on the hills.

⁹He gives to the | beasts their food, *
and to the young ravens | that cry.

¹⁰His delight is not in the strength | of the horse, *
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,

¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him, *
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1–8, 20–26

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so

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.

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 or arkencounter.com, or call 319-610-2623.

Courtland Immanuel Lutheran School is holding a **Perennial plant sale, Bake sale and Rummage sale**. 50605 478th St, Courtland, MN. (3 miles east of Courtland on Nicollet Co 25) Friday, June 2nd from 8am-8pm, and Saturday June 3rd from 8am-2pm. \$5 bag sale on Saturday. We appreciate your support for our school.



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 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. All teens are welcome to be blessed by a quality Christian high school education.

Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School would like to extend a sincere **thank you** to all donors, attendees, volunteers, and bidders who helped make the OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction such a successful event. The auction and exit basket, together, raised over \$75,000 total. Thank you for your support of your Lutheran high school. May God bless us all as we work together to prepare students for discipleship until Christ's return.



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

Our Confirmands

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Jayden Garlick, Bryan Simmering
Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen,
 Marilyn Borkenhagen
Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Marvin Talledge, Cairne Eytcheson, Amanda Fehr
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.



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.

also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Alleluia & Verses

LSB 266

☐ 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.

Easter Acclamation

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☐ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-12

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

☐ Glory to You, O Lord.

¹"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not

speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *With High Delight Let Us Unite* 483

Sermon "No Smell of Fire"

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

The Infant Priest Was Holy Born 624

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands 458

I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives 468

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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