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

Pastor John Henry

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

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.***

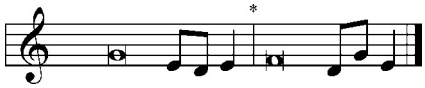
Welcome to worship on this Transfiguration Sunday.
May we always follow God's call to listen to his beloved Son.

Opening Hymn *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure* **533**

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.**

Entrance Psalm *Psalm 26:2–3*



*[2]Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;**
test my heart | and my mind.
*[3]For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,**
and I walk in your | faithfulness.

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.

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.***

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB pg. 154*

P *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.*
C ***Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:***
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with your spirit.**
P Let us pray.
O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

First Lesson *Genesis 1:1—2:3*

[1]In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. [2]The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

[3]And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. [4]And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. [5]God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

[6]And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." [7]And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. [8]And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

[9]And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. [10]God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

[11]And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. [12]The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. [13]And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

[14]And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, [15]and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. [16]And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. [17]And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, [18]to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. [19]And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

[20]And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." [21]So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. [22]And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." [23]And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

[24]And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth

according to their kinds." And it was so. [25]And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

[26]Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

[27]So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

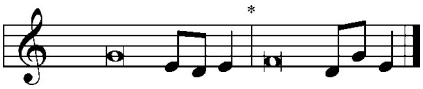
[28]And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." [29]And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. [30]And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. [31]And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

[1]Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. [2]And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. [3]So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 36:5, 9*



*[5]Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the | heavens,**
your faithfulness | to the clouds.

*[9]For with you is the foun- | tain of life;**
in your light do | we see light.

Second Lesson *2 Peter 1:16–21*

[16]For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. [17]For when he received honor and

glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"
[18]we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were
with him on the holy mountain. [19]And we have something more sure,
the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a
lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star
rises in your hearts, [20]knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of
Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. [21]For no prophecy
was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they
were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia & Verse *LSB pg. 156*

C ***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.***

Holy Gospel *Mark 9:2–9*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

[2]After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and
led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured
before them, [3]and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one
on earth could bleach them. [4]And there appeared to them Elijah with
Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. [5]And Peter said to Jesus,
"Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you
and one for Moses and one for Elijah." [6]For he did not know what to
say, for they were terrified. [7]And a cloud overshadowed them, and a
voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."
[8]And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them
but Jesus only.
[9]And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to
tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the
dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn *Jerusalem the Golden* **672**

Sermon

Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory for Epiphany *LSB pg. 537*

C ***Beautiful Savior, King of creation,***
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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.**

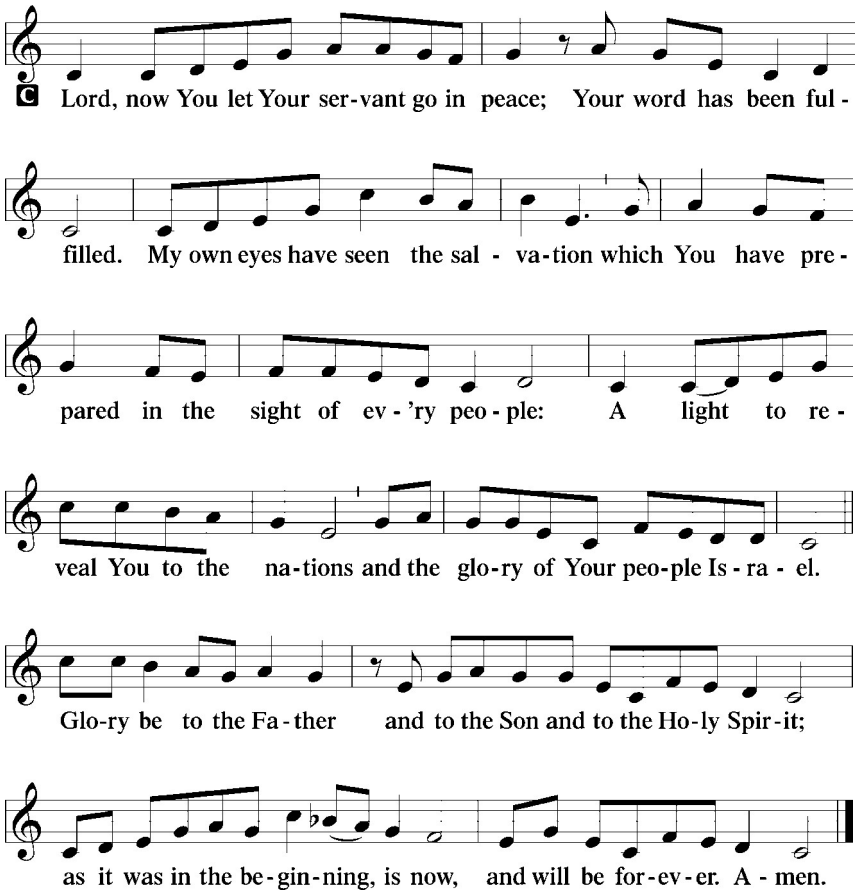
Agnus Dei *LSB pg. 163*

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	**633**
Crown Him with Many Crowns	**525**
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	**670**

Nunc Dimittis *LSB pg. 165*



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 *Alleluia, Song of Gladness* **417**

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A Guide for Daily Devotions

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, use this bulletin for daily devotions. One these days, pray the Collect of the Day each day, and reread the Lessons as follows: Monday, First Lesson; Tuesday, Second Lesson; Wednesday, Gospel Lesson. You may also want to pray or sing one of the hymns from the previous Sunday.

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, follow this plan to prepare for the coming Sunday.

Each day, pray:
O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

On Thursday, read *Genesis 3:1-15*

On Friday, read *Philippians 2:1-11*

On Saturday, read *Matthew 4:1-11*

You may also want to pray or sing the Hymn of the Day for the coming Sunday:

Hymn: 713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

Lutheran Schools in Martin County
St James Lutheran School
Martin Luther High School & the Calling Committee
All Schools and places of learning

St James
Baptism Birthdays: Lynn Becker, Joe Leimer, Lincoln Becker
Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Myla Roskop
Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion
Baptism Birthdays: Carter Wille, Marcus Moeller, Matthew Moeller, Nita Dobson, Isaac Wallace
Seminary Student: Peter Preus
Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown, Jesse Peterson, Lili Bulfer
Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger, Marsha Peterson
Homebound: Dale Schwieger, Norma Patsche, Violet Lueth, Yonsey Karasek

SJL Eve Circle would like the names and addresses of our college students for our yearly recognition project. You may give this information to Cindi Tomlinson or to Heather at the church office by Monday, February 19th.

Zion-Fraser LWML is sponsoring a craft/bake sale after church today. The LWML continues to serve the Lord with gladness as we support the mission: "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others."

AbleLight (formerly Bethesda) is our mission for our Ash Wednesday offerings. "At AbleLight, we believe the world shines brighter when people with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential. Join us in our mission to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities live the best life possible."

LYF Egg fundraiser continues. Eggs will be available 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 leave in the SJL narthex.

In search of a group or individuals interested in organizing and serving Easter Breakfast at Zion. Please contact the Church office.

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

Prayers are requested during the search for a new principal at MLHS. The committee is currently in the interview process with potential candidates. We pray for the committee and for the candidates. We pray that the transition will be a blessing to everyone involved and God's will be done, all to His Glory.

The Class of 2026 will be holding a Waffle Feed at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, February 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is a free will donation to help with their Senior Class Trip.

All 5th and 6th Grade Students are invited to Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School for a fun day of brain busting, pizza lunch and a talent show on Friday, February 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To RSVP please call 507-436-5249.

Early bird enrollment discounts are in effect until March 1 for new students enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop. New families are invited to a **Getting to Know U KNIGHT** hosted by the Class of 2027 on Thursday, February 29th at 6:00 p.m. Students will give tours, a light supper will be served, and new families will have a signing opportunity with the MLHS Team. All students are welcome to enroll at MLHS. Interested families may call 507-436-5249 to set up a visit. www.martinlutherhs.com.

ASH Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14th @ Zion Lutheran

Board of Christian Education
will be serving supper from **6-6:45PM**
BBQs, Chips, Bars and Beverages

7:00pm Divine Service

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	**Acolyte**
SJL	**2-11**	Tom & Jean Schultz	———
	2-18	Warren & Carole Schultze	———
ZION	**2-11**	Mayson & Monica Sands	James Steuber
	2-14	Kristen Schoen & Gavin **7pm**	———
	2-18	Dorie Schwieger & Sarah Wirth	Max Wirth

SPIRITUAL 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. The adult Sunday morning Bible class is learning about the apostle Paul's ministry in Philippi and Thessaloniki. These are places we will most likely never visit, and even if we did, would we know what to look for, to understand how God built a foundation for his church? We visit these sites and many others, led by renowned Bible historian Ray Vander Laan, through the video series "That the World May Know" from Focus on the Family. Each lesson gives us a better understanding of God's plan to restore the family he paid such a high price to redeem. The lessons are truly enlightening and don't require any previous lessons to understand. Bring your coffee and join us. We wrap up at 10:30.
- **Friday Morning Bible Study** at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL.

Issues, Etc.

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

Feb 11 The Ash Wednesday Hymn "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" - Dr. Arthur Just

18 Evangelicalism and Culture - Aaron Renn

25 Responding to Listener Email and The Issues, Etc Comment Line
A New Study on the Mental Health of Women Pressured into Abortion - Dr. David Reardon

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"What Is Evangelism?" How do you encourage someone to receive the gift God has for them? That's what evangelism is all about. (Mark 9:7-8)

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Feb 11-18, 2024

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) 9:45 AM**
	Zion LWML Craft/Bake Sale	**(Z) 11:00 AM**
Tuesday	Chapel	**(SJ) 8:40 AM**
Wednesday	**ASH WEDNESDAY**	
	Chapel	**(SJ) 8:40 AM**
	LWML @ Lorna's	**1:30 PM**
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	**(SJ) 4:00 PM**
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	**(SJ) 5:00 PM**
	Lenten Supper	**(Z) 6:00-6:45PM**
	Ash Wednesday Vespers	**(Z) 7:00 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) 9:45 AM**
	NFL	**(SJ) 7:00 PM**

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; sjlnorthop.com or zionfraser.com, or through the tithe.ly church app.

SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			**Feb 4, 2024**
Attendance	76 (HC 54)	Home	$3,202.20
Loose Plate	$45.50	Missions	$250.00
MLHS	$700.00	SJLS	$215.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			**Feb 4, 2024**
Attendance	92 (HC 75)	Home	$8,505.00
Loose Plate	$123.00	Missions	$10.00
Online	$335.00	Accreditation	$100.00
Tuition	$1,400.00	SJLS Misc	$300.00
MLHS	$300.00	Bulletins/Broadcast	$50.00