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



Pastor John Henry The First Sunday in Lent February 18, 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. During the season of Lent, may we look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:2), and grow in love toward God and one another.

Opening Hymn	Glorv Be to Jesus	433
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Invocation, Confession & Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

 \blacksquare 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.

 \mathbf{P} ... in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm 91:15–16



¹⁵When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;* I will rescue him and | honor him.
¹⁶With long life I will sat- | isfy him* and show him my sal- | vation."

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

sung; repeated ten times. LSB pg. 204

C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with your spirit.

P Let us 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.

C Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put ennity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head,

and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.

Your desire shall be for your husband,

and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust,

and to dust you shall return."

²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Psalm 142



with my voice I plead for mercy | to the LORD. ²I pour out my complaint be- | fore him; * *I tell my trouble be- fore him.* ³When my spirit faints within me, vou know my way!* In the path where I walk they have hidden a | trap for me. ⁴Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me;* no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul. ⁵I cry to you, | O Lord;* I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." ⁶Attend to my cry, for I am brought | verv low!* Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me! ⁷Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks | to your name!* The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully | with me.

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1–11

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:*1*–*11*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.""

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers

Offering

Offertory for Lent

LSB pg. 422

C On my heart imprint Your image, blessèd 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. 208

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

• O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Communion Hymns

The Tree of Life	561
O Love, How Deep	544
Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing	421

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 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days 418

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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 32:22-32
On Friday, read	Romans 3:10-26
On Saturday, read	Matthew 15:21-28

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

Hymn: 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



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

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.

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.

March Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday, February 20th.

In Our Thoughts 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: Larry Becker, Lance Becker, Jonah Luhmann, Magen Borkenhagen, Kambria Rode, Taylor Crissinger

Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Myla Roskop *Homebound:* Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Greg Wallace, Myla Murphy, Rhett Morris 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

Thrivent Choice Dollars lets eligible clients choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its funding each year. Deadline is March 31st. In 2023 Zion received \$42, SJL Church \$365, & SJL School \$883.



Choir practice for Easter services will be held Wednesdays, after Lenten worship at Zion. All voices are welcome to join Bus as we prepare for the Easter celebration.

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end-starting today. Join our Financial Peace University class at St Paul Lutheran Church (211 Budd St, Fairmont) starting on Thursday, April 4th, 2024, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit https://www.fpu.com/DC6BCA to sign up!

Amy Anders (848-0615) and Pam Carlson (236-5347) will be leading this nine week class. If you have any questions please contact one of us. Depending on need, there may be childcare available. Please let us know by 3/1/24.



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.

KSUM Broadcast is the mission for our Lent I offerings. Tune in Sunday mornings at 10:30 to hear a sermon from one of our local LCMS pastors on KSUM - AM 1370 or FM 97.1.



LENT I: February 21st @ Zion Lutheran

Zion LWML

will be serving supper from **6-6:45PM Pulled Pork**, Salads, Potato Chips, Beverages

7:00pm Divine Service

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	2-18	Warren & Carole Schultze	
	2-25	Bryan Simmering & Judi Polzin	Hailey Simpson
ZION	2-18	Dorie Schwieger & Sarah Wirth	Max Wirth
	2-21	Lynn Schwieger & Braden 7pm	
	2-25	Cesar Silveira & Maria Herrera	Luke Henry

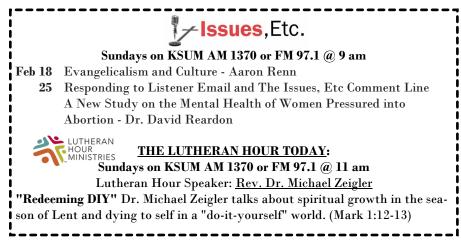


Adult Bible Study Opportunities

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.





THIS	WEEK WITH OUR LO	DRD: Feb 18-25, 2024	
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mond		Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon	
	Office phone: 436-5289	Pastor phone: 219-713-1604	
Email: s	jlnorthrop@gmail.com We	bsite: sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com	
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	
Tuesday	Newsletter Deadline	Newsletter Deadline	
	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM	
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM	
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM	
	Confirmation Class (8th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM	
	Lenten Supper	(Z) 6:00-6:45PM	
	Lent I Vespers	(Z) 7:00 PM	
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM	
	SJL Council Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM	
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	
	MLHS Waffle Feed	(ML) 10:00AM - 1:00 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; <u>sjlnorthop.com</u> or <u>zionfraser.com</u>, or through the tithe.ly church app.



SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Feb 11, 2024
Attendance	90 (HC 56)	Home	\$4,007.87
Loose Plate	\$38.00	Missions	\$150.00
SJLS	\$50.00		
Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Feb 11, 2024
Attendance	97 (HC 79)	Home	\$3,090.00
Loose Plate	\$111.00	Missions	\$50.00
Online	\$1,595.00	Tuition Angel	\$200.00
Tuition	\$800.00	SJLC Misc	\$78.75
Rental	\$75.00	Kitchen Fund	\$200.00