

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



Pastor John Henry

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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.

No matter our circumstances, "[our] help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2, NRSV).

We gather to worship our loving Creator.

Opening Hymn *O Christ, You Walked the Road* **424**

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 25:6, 22



⁶*Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love, *
for they have been | from of old.*

²²*Redeem Israel, | O God, *
out of all his | troubles.*

***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*

P *...let us pray to the Lord:*

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 God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 32:22–32

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹The sun rose upon him as

he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 38:1-3, 15-16, 21-22



¹*O LORD, rebuke me not in your | anger,*
nor discipline me | in your wrath!*

²*For your arrows have sunk | into me,*
and your hand has come | down on me.*

³*There is no soundness in my flesh
because of your indig- | nation; *
there is no health in my bones
because | of my sin.*

¹⁵*But for you, O LORD, | do I wait; *
it is you, O Lord my God, who will | answer.*

¹⁶*For I said, "Only let them not rejoice | over me, *
who boast against me when my | foot slips!"*

²¹*Do not forsake me, | O LORD! *
O my God, be not | far from me!*

²²*Make haste to | help me, *
O Lord, my sal- | vation!*

Second Lesson

Romans 3:10-26

¹⁰as it is written:

"None is righteous, no, not one;

¹¹no one understands;

no one seeks for God.

¹²All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;

no one does good,

not even one."

¹³"Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive."

"The venom of asps is under their lips."

¹⁴"Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

¹⁵"Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶in their paths are ruin and misery,

¹⁷and the way of peace they have not known.”,
¹⁸“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing* **421**

Sermon

Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

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

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

- C** *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

Come, My Soul, with Every Care 779
What a Friend We Have in Jesus 770
What Is the World to Me 730

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 Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

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A Guide for Daily Devotions

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, use this bulletin for daily devotions. On 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 God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 *Exodus 8:16-24*

On Friday, read *Romans 1:16-32*

On Saturday, read *Luke 11:14-28*

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

Hymn: 730 What Is the World to Me

Bulletins are emailed weekly. If you are not on the list and would like to be, please contact the office. **Bulletins can also be found on the website sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com.** Contact the office if you have questions.

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.

Bulletins and Broadcast are sponsored this week by Doug & Lorna Bicknase in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on February 23rd. They have also placed flowers at Zion. May God continue to richly bless your marriage.

Zion LWML will have a short meeting after church TODAY regarding mission offerings.



Easter Flowers available through Dee's Floral & Designs
235-9856. Last day to order is **March 18th.**

Easter Lily - \$18 Cyclamen - \$18
Calendiva - \$18 Hydrangea - \$40

SJL tree removal help needed on March 9th. In need of manpower & equipment to cut down the dead trees. **Free fire wood available** for you to haul away. Please contact Gary Luhmann (236-4239) if you have questions.

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.

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 us as we prepare for the Easter celebration.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the SJLS Accreditation expense. SJL School has been recommended for accreditation.

Kinship Radio presents the 15th Annual "A Day for Women" on Saturday, April 13th at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. This year's Special Guest is Ginny Owens. She has spent the past two decades sharing her heart with listeners and readers as a singer/songwriter, author, teacher, and advocate. There will be music, ministry, lunch, and mini-sessions. Space is limited so call 800-810-5559 or go online to KinshipRadio.org to register beginning Monday, March 18th at 8AM.

"Our Heavenly Father remains active and almighty, especially in the difficult circumstances that life issues involve. In joining Himself to us with His incarnation, wisdom, power, atonement, and resurrection, Jesus makes every human life blessed—and a blessing! He lovingly and ably handles decisions about welfare and affliction, life and death, so that we don't have to do it on our own." *Pastor Michael Salemink – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



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.

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.

Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop KNIGHTS4 Life group are collecting personal care items to help those who currently have no place to call home. They would like travel size items such as soap, shampoo conditioner, small packets of tissues, disinfectant wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks etc. They would appreciate donations of gallon-size zip-lock bags for package or cash donations. Collection ends Friday, March 15. Thank you.

The Region IV Lutheran Elementary Schools Fine Arts and Science Festival will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop on Saturday, March 9th. Students from seven schools are participating. Individual performances begin about 8:00 a.m. Large group music performances will be held following judging completion. Guests are welcome to join in celebrating the God-given talents of our students in Art, Music, Science, Creative Writing and Speech. Concessions will be available. The event is free and open to the public.

A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, March 17th. Serving will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Soups are: Chicken Noodle, Cheesy Potato, Chicken Griller and Chili. Egg Salad and Cheese Spread will be served on Crimp Bread from Kiehl's Bakery in Lakefield. Desserts are: Cupcakes, Bars and Greg's Homemade Ice Cream. Cost is a free-will donation to benefit Student Tuition Aid. Matching funds are provided by Thrivent Action Team dollars. Carry-out orders available.

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Association Delegate Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Room. The 2024-2025 budget will be up for approval. All delegates, pastors and interested parties are welcome to attend.

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.



Lutheran Bible Translators is the mission for our Lent II offerings. *Lutheran Bible Translators* works to make God's Word accessible in all languages. Your donation can change lives through the power of God's Word!



LENT II: February 28th @ Zion Lutheran

Zion LWML
will be serving supper from **6-6:45PM**
Hotdishes, Lettuce salad, Bars, & Beverages

7:00pm Divine Service

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	2-25	Bryan Simmering & Judi Polzin	Hailey Simpson
	3-3	Garrett & Haley Schock	_____
ZION	2-25	Cesar Silveira & Maria Herrera	Luke Henry
	2-28	Brandon Steuber & James 7pm	_____
	3-3	Kurt & Pat Steuber	Alex Pittman




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 AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am

- Feb 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
- March 3** The Hymn "Lord Thee I Love With All My Heart" Pastor Paul McCain
- 10** The Word of God in the Home Pastor Joshua Hayes
Responding to Listeners Email and The Issues Etc. Comment Line.
- 17** A Historian's Perspective on Events of Holy Week - Dr. Paul Maier
- 24** A New Pew Study on Parents' Priorities for Their Children - Dr. Brad Wilcox, Good Friday: What My Non-Lutheran Family Understood.
Pastor Bryan Wolfmuller
- 31** What is Your Favorite Easter Hymn and why? Pastor Will Weedon



THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

"When Winning Is Losing" In Christ, losing is winning and winning is losing. Dr. John Nunes explains what that means. (Mark 8:35-37)

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Feb 25 - March 3, 2024
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon
Office phone: 436-5289 **Pastor phone:** 219-713-1604
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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
	MLHS Waffle Feed	(ML) 10:00AM - 1:00 PM
Tuesday	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 II Vespers	(Z) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
	Eve Circle	(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



Wednesday Feb. 14, 2024	
Jt Attendance	54



SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Feb 18, 2024
Attendance	111 (HC 82)	Home	\$4,135.00
Loose Plate	\$218.50	Missions	\$150.00
SJLS	\$50.00	MLHS	\$120.00
Ash Wed/AbleLight	\$750.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Feb 18, 2024
Attendance	81 (HC 59)	Home	\$4,490.00
Loose Plate	\$255.00	Missions	\$445.00
Online	\$373.97	Tuition Angel	\$50.00
SJLS Misc	\$265.00	SJLC Misc	\$3,300.00
Transportation	\$284.82	Accreditation	\$100.00
Ash Wed/AbleLight	\$643.00		