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



Pastor John Henry The Fourth Sunday in Lent



March 10, 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 "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). May you sense that divine love through this time of worship.

Opening Hymn

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

440

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.

Isaiah 66:10



 10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be \mid glad for her,* all you who | love her; rejoice with her | in joy,* all vou who mourn | over her:

Glorv 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 P

sung; repeated ten times. LSB pg. 204 ...let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! С

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

С And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

> Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 16:2–21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against

the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling." ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.""

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.'" ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

P This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

Psalm



 ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
 according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.
 ²Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,* and cleanse me | from my sin! Psalm 51:1–12

³For I know my trans- gressions,* and my sin is ever be- | fore me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,* so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,* and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me. ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,* and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;* wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and | gladness;* let the bones that you have bro- ken rejoice. ⁹Hide your face | from my sins,* and blot out all my in- | iquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit with- | in me. ¹¹Cast me not away from your | presence,* and take not your Holy Spirit | from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,* and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Second Lesson

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 6:1–15

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn	Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness	563

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers

Offering

Offertory for Lent LSB pg. 422
 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.
- С And with your spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- С We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise. С
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB pg. 208

С 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

- The peace of the Lord be with you always. P
- С 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

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Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain	435
Go to Dark Gethsemane	436
My Song Is Love Unknown	430

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.
- С And with your spirit.
- P Let us bless the Lord.
- С 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.
- С Amen.

Closing Hymn In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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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:

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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 Genesis 22:1-14 **On Friday, read** Romans 8:31-39 On Saturday, read John 8:42-59 You may also want to pray or sing the Hymn of the Day for the coming Sunday:

Hymn: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

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

<u>St James</u>

Baptism Birthdays: Brianna Petrowiak, Bethany Petrowiak, Garrett Schock, Dan Petrowiak

In Our Thoughts

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

<u>Zion</u>

Baptism Birthdays: Kailor, Poppe, Tyler Morris, Kayvry Poppe
Seminary Student: Peter Preus
Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, 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

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** <u>sjlnorthrop.com</u> or <u>zionfraser.com</u>. Contact the office if you have questions.

Bulletins & Broadcast sponsors this week are Web & Dar Quade in memory of Dar's sister, Karen Malecha, who passed away on February 9th. Her funeral was held this past week. May God bless and comfort her family.

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.



Codergour Easter Flowers available through Dee's Floral & Designs Easter 235-9856. Last day to order is March 18th. Flowers Easter Lily - \$18 Cyclamen - \$18 Calendiva - \$18 Hydrangea - \$40

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.



Your help is requested with the Easter Breakfast at Zion. A sign up sheet for muffins, coffee cake, milk or juice is on the back table. Thank you!

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.

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.

St John Lutheran Church of Good Thunder is having their **Annual All You Can Eat Pancake Supper** on Sunday, March 10, serving from 4-7pm. The menu will include pancakes, sausage patties, applesauce, and beverages. It is a free-will donation. (Please use the Sherman St entrance)

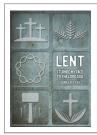
Save the date for the 30th Biennial MN South LWML Convention to be held in Mankato, June 20-22nd. Additional details available at *mnslwml.org/2024 district convention*.



LYF has extra mozzarella cheese for sale, \$13 for a 5# bag. Contact Larissa Hagen or the church office to get a bag.

CREST Volunteers Needed: Partner with CREST to work together to make an impact on the lives of our aging population and caregivers. The number of seniors that register to access CREST services continues to climb. Unfortunately, our volunteer numbers aren't increasing at the same rate. Contact CREST at (507) 235-3833 or email <u>crestfair-mont@hotmail.com</u>.

Lent IV, March 13th, offerings will go towards the scholarship funds at each congregation.



LENT IV: March 13th @ Zion Lutheran

NFL will be serving supper from **6-6:45PM** Hot Ham Sandwiches, Salads, Applesauce, Bars & Beverages

7:00pm Divine Service



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.

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.

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.

The Spring Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on April 11-12-13 at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop. Set-up will be on Saturday, April 6. Volunteer help is most appreciated for set-up and sorting pre-sale, operation during the sale, and with take-down. Come when you can and enjoy the fun! Donations of spring and summer clothing in good condition, shoes, furniture, household items, books, toys, miscellaneous items and baked goods are welcome from Saturday until Tuesday prior to the opening of the sale. Hours are Thursday at 4 p.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. For more information go to <u>www.martinlutherhs.com</u>. Thank you!

Those Serving our Lord				
	Greeters		Acolyte	
SJL	3-10	Bobbi Sorenson & Christian		
	3-17	Paul & Cindi Tomlinson		
ZION	3-10	Dylan & Kristeena Thisius	Gavin Schoen	
	3-13	Brad & Deb Wallace 7pm		
	3-17	Isaac & Tania Wallace	James Steuber	

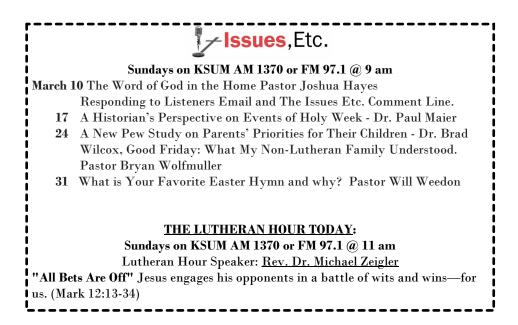


Adult Bible Study Opportunities

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 going to Greece! Join us as we explore Athens, Corinth and the island of Delos. Paul shares Christ's Gospel with a people seeking truth and enlightenment in the teachings of great thinkers like Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle. How will this culture react to real truth? Let's find out together. Bring your coffee and explore Greece with us.

Friday Morning Bible Study at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL.



THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:March 3 - 10, 2024					
CHURCH (CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon				
	Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604				
Email: sjln	Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com Website: sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com				
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM			
Sunday	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM			
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Monday	LWML Delegate Mt				
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM			
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Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM			
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	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 IV Vespers	(Z) 7:00 PM			
	Zion Trustees Mtg	(Z) 8:00 PM			
	Choir Practice	(Z) 8:00 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			
	ML Soup & Sandwi	ch Luncheon (ML) 10:30-1:00 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.

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Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			March 3, 2024
Attendance	96 (HC 78)	Home	\$2,715.00
Loose Plate	\$140.00	Missions	\$235.00
Online	\$340.00	Tuition	\$410.00
SJLS Misc	\$300.00	MLHS	\$300.00
Lent II/Luth Bible Tr	\$155.00		