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



Pastor John Henry The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 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 as we gather in Jesus' name as one family in God's embrace. Amen.

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	425
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Holy Baptism of Freyr Foster & Vali Johnsrud (SJ Only) LSB pp. 268-271

## Invocation, Confession & Absolution Zion only

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

- 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.

Psalm 43:1





<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,\* from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

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 P

ie sung; repeated ten times. LSB pg. 204 ...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.

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.

**C** Amen.

#### **First Lesson**

#### Genesis 22:1–14

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

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



<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,\* from the deceitful and unjust man de- liver me! <sup>2</sup>For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you re- jected me?\* Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the | enemy? <sup>3</sup>Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;\* let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling! <sup>4</sup>Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\* and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

 <sup>5</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?\*
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God. Psalm 43

## Second Lesson

#### *Romans* 8:31–39

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

#### Holy Gospel

### John 8:42-59

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

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup>Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup>You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup>But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. <sup>46</sup>Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my

Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon HymnMy Song Is Love Unknown430

Sermon

Nicene Creed inside the back cover of the hymnal

**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.
- **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.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and saying:

# Sanctus

LSB pg. 208

C 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

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**

Christ, the Life of All the Living	420
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	438
Lord Jesus, Think on Me	610

## **Post-Communion Hymn for Lent**

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**

- 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.
- **C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn Je.

## Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

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LSB pg. 632

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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 and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

On Thursday, read	Exodus 12:1-13
On Friday, read	Romans 5:12-21
On Saturday, read	John 12:12-19

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

Hymn: 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

**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.



**Today at SJL we celebrate the baptism of Freyr Foster & Vali Johnsrud**. Freyr is a 2nd grader at SJL, and Vali is his brother. Their parents are David Johnsrud & Elexis Foster. We welcome you into God's family and pray for continued blessings for your 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.

**Deadline for April newsletter is Tuesday, March 26th.** Call or email the office: 436-5289, sjlnorthrop@gmail.com.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers 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: Freyr Foster, Vali Johnsrud, Jim Becker, Nathan Denn, Tylin Luhmann, Brayden Luhmann, Diana Mosloski, Kevin Roforth, Brian Borkenhagen, Tanner Howe Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Myla Roskop Homebound: Carl Luhmann <u>Zion</u> Baptism Birthdays: Zachary Brummond, Gavin Schoen 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



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

A special page will be reserved in the bulletin for anyone wanting to give Easter flowers in memory of a loved one or in recognition of a special event. Bulletin deadline is no later than, Monday, March 25th; call the church office (436-5289) or email your information to sjlnorthrop@gmail.com.

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.

"God loves everybody. God loves people that are big and small. God loves people that are every age. God loves people no matter where we live. All people are special to God. The Bible says, 'For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand' (Ephesians 2:10). God has good things for each of us." Timothy, a sixth grader from southern Minnesota, who has Down syndrome – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



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. We will be serving scrambled eggs with ham and cheese, fruit salad, assorted muffins/coffee cake, juice, milk and coffee. 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.

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

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.

> **THANK YOU to the amazing helpers** who showed up to help with the dead trees at SJL last weekend. Seven trees were dropped, chopped and removed in less than six hours.

**THANK YOU to LB Pork, Lynn & Lonny Becker** for the donation of two trees to the east of the school and two by the ballfield, plus all the help planting them.

Mission offerings for Lent V (March 20th) go to support Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School.

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 4<sup>th</sup>**, **2024**, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit <u>https://www.fpu.com/DC6BCA</u> 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

A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held today, 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. Set-up starts 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 www.martinlutherhs.com. Thank you!

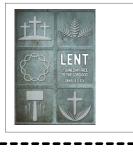
**The OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction** celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop will be held on Saturday, April 20th. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for social hour, hors d'oeuvres, and auction preview. Hundreds of new and handmade items, gift certificates, services and interesting baskets will be on the Silent and Live Auction. Pictures are available at <u>www.martinlutherhs.com</u>. Guests can play several games to win great prizes. Everyone is invited to wear red in recognition of the Ruby Anniversary of MLHS. In addition to appetizers, a catered dinner of bacon wrapped chicken breast, garlic mashed potatoes, cashew lettuce salad, honey glazed carrots, roll & butter and Michelle's cupcakes will be served at 6:00 p.m. Then the fun of the Live Auction begins. Donations are appreciated by April 1st. Purchase tickets early as we've been known to sell out. They are \$30/person and can be purchased from area churches, MLHS office or at <u>www.martinlutherhs.com</u>. Call 507-436-5249 for more information.

Those Serving our Lord				
		Greeters		Acolyte
SJL	3-17	Paul & Cindi Tomlinson		
	3-24	Kirk & Kay Vogt		
ZION	3-17	Isaac & Tania Wallace		James Steuber
	3-20	Alan & Peggy Wille 7	pm	
	3-24	Curt & Denise Wille		Max Wirth



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



## LENT V: March 20th @ Zion Lutheran

**Eve Circle** will be serving supper from **6-6:45PM** Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Salads, Chips, Bars & Beverages

# 7:00pm Divine Service

 Jundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am
March 17 A Historian's Perspective on Events of Holy Week - Dr. Paul Maier
A New Pew Study on Parents' Priorities for Their Children - Dr. Brad Wilcox, Good Friday: What My Non-Lutheran Family Understood. Pastor Bryan Wolfmuller
What is Your Favorite Easter Hymn and why? Pastor Will Weedon
WITHERAN BUILTHERAN WULLERAN BUILTHERAN BUILTHERAN HOURT TODAY:
Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am Guest Speaker: <u>Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe</u>
The Strangest Request'' God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way. (Genesis 22:1-14)

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:March 10 - 17, 2024				
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon				
<u> </u>	Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone	: 219-713-1604		
Email: sjln	orthrop@gmail.com Website: sjlnorthr	cop.com or zionfraser.com		
Sunday	•	) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM		
	•	Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM		
	ML Soup & Sandwich Luncheon	(ML) 10:30-1:00 PM		
	ML Delegate Mtg	(ML) 1:00 PM		
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM		
	PTL	(SJ) 7:00 PM		
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM		
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grad	des) (SJ) 4:00 PM		
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM		
	Lenten Supper	(Z) 6:00-6:45 PM		
	Lent V Annunciation Divine Servi	ce (Z) 7:00 PM		
	Choir Practice	(Z) 8:00 PM		
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM		
	SJL Council Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM		
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM		
Sunday	Palm Sunday			
	·	) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM		
	•	Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM		

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			March 3, 2024
Attendance	92 (HC 63)	Home	\$2,051.17
Loose Plate	\$47.00	Missions	\$250.00
Lent II Luth Bible Tr	\$338.00		

<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion</b>			March 10, 2024
Attendance	80 (HC 51)	Home	\$2,598.90
Loose Plate	\$8.00	Missions	\$150.00
Lent III Camp Omega	\$611.00	SJL School	\$175.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			March 10, 2024
Attendance	71 (HC 63)	Home	\$3,945.00
Loose Plate	\$103.00	Missions	\$60.00
Online	\$383.47	Tuition	\$5,950.00
Bulletins/Broadcast	\$45.00	Memorials	\$10
Tuition Angel	\$200.00	SJLC Misc	\$75.00
Lent III Camp Omega	\$170.00		