

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



Pastor John Henry

Palm Sunday

March 24, 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 this Palm Sunday.
As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, the city of his death but also his
resurrection, may we experience the wonder of his love.*

Opening Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* 442

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 22:19



¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be | far off! *
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

**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 five 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.

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.

C **Amen.**

First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-13

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the

morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 130:5–8



⁵*I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,*
and in his | word I hope;*

⁶*my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the | morning,*
more than watchmen for the | morning.*

⁷*O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.*

⁸*And he will redeem | Israel*
from all his in- | iquities.*

Second Lesson

Romans 5:12–21

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—
¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12-19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*

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The Passion of Our Lord According to St. Matthew

P Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. When it

was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another,

C “Is it I, Lord?”

P He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” Judas, who would betray him, answered,

C “Is it I, Rabbi?”

P He said to him, “You have said so.” Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.” And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter answered him,

C “**Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.**”

P Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him,

C “**Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!**” **And all the disciples said the same.**

P Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time,

saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand." While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

C **"The one I will kiss is the man; seize him."**

P And he came up to Jesus at once and said,

C **"Greetings, Rabbi!"**

P And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled. Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

C **"This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'"**

P And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?" They answered,

C **"He deserves death."**

- P** Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying,
- C** **“Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”**
- P** Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said,
- C** **“You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”**
- P** But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,
- C** **“This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”**
- P** And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,
- C** **“Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.”**
- P** Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said,
- C** **“What is that to us? See to it yourself.”**
- P** And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,
- C** **“It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.”**
- P** So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.” Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,
- C** **“Are you the King of the Jews?”**
- P** Jesus said, “You have said so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the feast the governor was

accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

C **"Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream."**

P Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said,

C **"Barabbas."**

P Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said,

C **"Let him be crucified!"**

P And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

C **"Let him be crucified!"**

P So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered,

C **"His blood be on us and on our children!"**

P Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

C **"Hail, King of the Jews!"**

P And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read,

C **"This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."**

- P** Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,
- C** **“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”**
- P** And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,
- C** **“This man is calling Elijah.”**
- P** And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,
- C** **“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”**
- P** And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,
- C** **“Truly this was the Son of God!”**
- P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Apostles' Creed

inside the back cover of the hymnal

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

<i>The Lamb</i>	547
<i>Lamb of God</i>	550
<i>Just as I Am, without One Plea</i>	570

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

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

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Bulletins and Broadcast are sponsored this week by Jeff & Leslie Crissinger as they celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on the 27th. May God continue to bless you marriage.

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.

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.

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.

Save the Date: Blue Earth Zone Mission Gathering: at St. Paul Lutheran Church - Blue Earth, MN. April 16, 5pm registration, 6pm program; \$5 registration and Gifts from the Heart to the Faribault County Food Shelf, Program led by Rev. Dr. Armand Boehme, Topic: The Church and the Millennials, the Spiritual but not Religious, and the New Perspective on Religion in Our Time”.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- March 24 PALM SUNDAY Divine Service 8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY Div Service 7:00PM (Z)
 29 GOOD FRIDAY Vespers 7:00PM (SJ)
 31 EASTER Divine Service 6:30A (Z); 8:30A (SJ)
 Easter Morning Breakfast following each service

Join us for Easter Breakfast:



Zion will be serving scrambled eggs with ham and cheese, fruit salad, assorted muffins/coffee cake, juice, milk and coffee. Free will donations will go towards the expense of replacing the trees at the church.

SJL will be serving scrambled eggs with ham or sausage and cheese, applesauce, donuts, juice & coffee.

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.

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	3-24 Kirk & Kay Vogt	————
	3-29 Richard & Betty Wiederhoeft 7pm	————
	3-31 Paul & Cindy Wolter	Hailey Simpson
ZION	3-24 Curt & Denise Wille	Max Wirth
	3-28 Wayne & Laura Wille 7pm	————
	3-31 Carter Wille & Tyler Wille 6:30am	Luke Henry



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 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 www.martinlutherhs.com. 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 www.martinlutherhs.com. Call 507-436-5249 for more information.

The National Honor Society of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School will be holding a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, April 22 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Call 507-436-5249 to schedule an appointment.

Summer Camps for elementary students will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop. The Art Camp runs the week of June 10. A Science Rocket Camp will be held the week of June 17. Registrations are due June 1st and can be done at www.martinlutherhs.com.



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. 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.



Issues, Etc.

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am

March 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

April 7 The Easter Hymn: "O Sons and Daughters of The King" Pastor Will Weedon

14 The Resurrection of The Body - Rev Dr. Jeff Gibbs

21 Your Unanswered Bible Questions - Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier

28 Answering Arguments Against Christianity: Jesus Didn't Physically Rise from The Dead - Rev. John Warwick Montgomery



THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Repurposed Joy and Junk" There are artists who can take old junk and turn it into something new and beautiful. Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how Jesus repurposes both the junk and the joy in our lives. (Mark 14:1-11)

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: March 24 - 31, 2024
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon
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Sunday	Palm Sunday	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
Wednesday	NO Confirmation Class	
	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Maundy Thursday	
	Divine Service	(Z) 7:00 PM
Friday	Good Friday	
	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
	Vespers	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Sunday	Easter Sunday	
	Divine Worship	(Z) 6:30 AM, (SJ) 8:30 AM
	Easter Breakfast	(Z) 8:00 AM, (SJ) 10:00 AM

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Wednesday March. 13, 2024	
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SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			March 17, 2024
Attendance	86 (HC 61)	Home	\$2,790.00
Loose Plate	\$18.25	Missions	\$250.00
Lent IV Scholarships	\$530.00	MLHS	\$1,075.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			March 17, 2024
Attendance	127 (HC 80)	Home	\$4,255.00
Loose Plate	\$471.25	Missions	\$150.00
Online	\$1,920.67	Tuition	\$175.00
Bulletins/Broadcast	\$45.00	MLHS	\$125.00
Tuition Angel	\$50.00	SJLC Misc	\$315.00
Lent IV Scholarships	\$210.00		