

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



Pastor John Henry

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 3, 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 continue in the season of Lent.
May we listen for Jesus' voice, rest in his care
and share his love with others.*

Opening Hymn *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* **685**

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 25:15–16



¹⁵My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
¹⁶Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Exodus 8:16–24

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” ¹⁷And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

²⁰Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²¹Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies,

and also the ground on which they stand. ²²But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. ²³Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.””” ²⁴And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 32:1–7



¹*Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,*
whose sin is | covered.*

²*Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,*
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.*

³*For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away*
through my groaning | all day long.*

⁴*For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.*

⁵*I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.*

⁶*Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found,*
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not | reach him.*

⁷*You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from | trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.*

Second Lesson

Romans 1:16–32

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness sup-

press the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

²⁶For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

²⁸And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³²Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out

demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” ²⁸But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

What Is the World to Me

730

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, blessed 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>Not All the Blood of Beasts</i>	431
<i>O Lord, We Praise Thee</i>	617
<i>Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness</i>	563

Post-Communion Hymn for Lent

LSB pg. 632

- C** *O Jesus, blessed 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 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* **922**

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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, 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.

On Thursday, read *Exodus 16:2-21*

On Friday, read *Romans 5:1-11*

On Saturday, read *John 6:1-15*

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

Hymn: 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Larry Bremer, David Rode, Lisa Gravlin, Kristine Rode, Carole Schultze, Heidi Steuber

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

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Mia Morris, Jeff Moeller

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 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.



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, at 9am. 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.

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

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.

Camp Omega is the mission for our Lent III offerings. Established in 1964 and located just north of Waterville, Minnesota, Camp Omega has been serving for nearly 60 years as a Christian retreat facility and summer camp. Rooted in Christ, Camp Omega is dedicated to nurturing the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual growth of people of all ages.



LENT III: March 6th @ Zion Lutheran

SJL School PTL

will be serving supper from **6-6:45PM**
Walking Tacos & Beverages

7:00pm Divine Service

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

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



**MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
SJL & Zion are full association members**

Prayers are requested during the search for a new principal at MLHS. The committee is currently in the interview process with potential candidates. We pray for the committee and for the candidates. We pray that the transition will be a blessing to everyone involved and God's will be done, all to His Glory.

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.

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)

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	3-3 Garrett & Haley Schock	_____
	3-10 Bobbi Sorenson & Christian	_____
ZION	3-3 Kurt & Pat Steuber	Alex Pittman
	3-6 Bob & Viv Traetow 7pm	_____
	3-10 Dylan & Kristeena Thisius	Gavin Schoen



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 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.



Issues, Etc.

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am

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

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Included in Such Company" The more you listen to the life of Jesus, the more you admire Him and the more grateful you are to be included in His company.
(Mark 10:13-45)

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: March 3 - 10, 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
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 III Vespers (Z) 7:00 PM
 NO Elders Mtg
 Choir Practice (Z) 8:00 PM
Thursday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM
Saturday Fine Arts Festival (ML) 8:00 AM
 Tree cutting @ SJL (weather permitting) (SJ) 9:00 AM
Daylight Savings - Spring Forward
Sunday Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
 Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
 NFL (SJ) 7:00 PM



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SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Feb 25, 2024
Attendance	111 (HC 81)	Home	\$3,165.00
Loose Plate	\$80.00	Missions	\$150.00
Bulletins/Broadcast	\$75.00	Lent I KSUM	\$450.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Feb 25, 2024
Attendance	65 (HC 59)	Home	\$7,330.00
Loose Plate	\$205.00	Tuition	\$4,350.00
Online	\$340.00	MLHS	\$175.00
SJLS Misc	\$1,608.79	Rental	\$75.00
Ash Wed/AbleLight	\$40.00	Lent I KSUM	\$265.00