

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



Pastor John Henry

Easter Sunday March 31, 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.

Alleluia! As the Risen Jesus greeted Mary, so he greets us. Welcome to Easter worship!

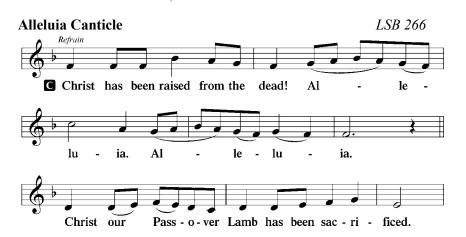
"Ring the Easter Bells"

sung by the choir

Easter Acclamation



Alleluia! Christ is | risen!* **He is risen indeed! Alle- | -luia!**





Entrance Psalm Luke 24



He is risen! Alle- | luia!*

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia! Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,*

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- | luia!

Gloria Patri LSB pg. 186

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie LSB pg. 186

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB pgs. 186-189

P *Glorv be to God on high:*

and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day (Sung)

- **P** *The Lord be with you.*
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson Exodus 14:10–29

¹⁰When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

¹⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

¹⁹Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹But the people of Israel

walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:15-24 Psalm ¹⁵Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the | righteous:* "The right hand of the LORD does | valiantly, ¹⁶the right hand of the | Lord exalts,* the right hand of the LORD does | valiantly!" 17 I shall not die, but \mid I shall live, * and recount the deeds of the LORD. ¹⁸The LORD has disciplined me se- | verely,* but he has not given me o- | ver to death. ¹⁹Open to me the gates of | righteousness,* that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. 20 This is the gate | of the LORD; *
the righteous shall enter | through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me* and have become my sal- | vation. ²²The stone that the builders re- | jected* has become the cornerstone. ²³This is the Lord's | doing;* it is marvelous | in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made; * let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 5:6–8

⁶Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

"There is a Hope Beyond the Grave"

sung by the choir

Alleluia LSB pg. 190

C Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Holy Gospel (Sung Responses)

John 20:1–18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter

G Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ³And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn Awake, My Heart, with Gladness **467**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory

LSB pgs. 192-193

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy
Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Easter Acclamation



Alleluia! Christ is | risen!*

He is risen indeed! Alle- | -luia!

The Preface (Sung)

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** *Lift up your hearts.*
- **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C It good and right so to do.
- **P** It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB pg. 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Consecration

Pax Domini (Sung)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB pg. 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Communion Hymns

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	457
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	633
I Know That My Redeemer Lives	461
The Day of Resurrection	478

Nunc Dimittis LSB pgs. 199-200

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Easter Acclamation



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He is risen indeed! Alle- | -luia!

Thanksgiving & Benediction (Sung)

- **P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.
- **And his mercy endureth forever.**
- **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 thy spirit.
- **P** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- 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, amen, amen.

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: Leanna Mahoney, Lonny Becker,

Alyssa Wiederhoeft

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

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Eli Wallace 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, David Hinz

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>silnorthrop.com</u>** or <u>zionfraser.com</u>. 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.

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETINGS

ZION: Wednesday April 10th, 7:30PM Supper at 6PM **SJL:** Wednesday April 17th 7PM

Become a Church Voter. All adults (age 18+) can be voters and help make decisions for your church. Members from all generations are needed to ensure the future of our congregations continue forward in faith. Contact an elder 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.



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

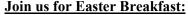
Kinship Radio presents the 15th Annual "A Day for Women" on Saturday, April 13th at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. This year's Special Guest is Ginny Owens. She has spent the past two decades sharing her heart with listeners and readers as a singer/songwriter, author, teacher, and advocate. There 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.

LWML Blue Earth Zone Spring Mission Gathering will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church - Blue Earth on April 16th. Registration (\$5) begins at 5pm with the program starting at 6pm. Gifts from the Heart collections for the Faribault County Food Shelf. Program led by Rev. Dr. Armand Boehme. The topic will be: "The Church and the Millennials, the Spiritual but not Religious, and the New Perspective on Religion in Our Time".

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.

"The disciples and the first century Christians may have felt like they were on the losing side. They had their doubts and fears. Maybe you do, too. They may have lost some earthly things. You may, too. But Jesus takes away the fear and the doubt. You have hope in His resurrection. You have hope even through the trials of life. You have a living hope in your living Lord." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota — A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	3-31	Paul & Cindy Wolter	Hailey Simpson
	4-7	Lee & Julie Baarts	
ZION	3-31	Carter Wille & Tyler Wille 6:30am	Luke Henry
	4-7	Dustin & Stephanie Zellmer	Alex Pittman





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.

Options Pregnancy Center's Annual Banquet will be held at the Best Western in Fairmont on Thursday, April 11th at 6pm. Complimentary tickets for this Fundraising Dinner are available by calling Options Pregnancy Center at 238-2330. An opportunity to make a financial gift to the ministry of Options Pregnancy Center will be extended during the evening. Bill Arnold will be our guest speaker for the evening. Reservations are required and seating is limited.

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.

Relay for Life Benefit Breakfast Sunday, April 21st, 9am-noon at the Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall. Serving pancakes, sausages, milk, juice & coffee. Free will donations to benefit the 32nd annual Relay for Life of Martin County scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2024.





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 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

"Eucatastrophe" The top three best-selling books all present visions of hope, but how they hope to achieve it is a much different story. (Mark 16:6-7)



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 takedown. 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.

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: March 31 - April 7, 2024
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon

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Sunday Easter Sunday

Divine Worship
Easter Breakfast

(Z) 6:30 AM, (SJ) 8:30 AM

(Z) 8:00 AM, (SJ) 10:00 AM

Tuesday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM Wednesday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM

Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)
Confirmation Parent Mtg (8th grade)
SJ) 4:00 PM
(SJ) 5:00 PM
Jt Elders Meeting
(SJ) 7:00 PM
Ay
Chapel
(SJ) 8:40 AM

ThursdayChapel(SJ) 8:40 AMFridayMorning Bible Study(SJ) 8:00 AM

Saturday MLHS Rummage Sale set up begins

Sunday Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM

Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM

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>silnorthop.com</u> or <u>zionfraser.com</u>, or through the tithe.ly church app.

Wednesday March. 20, 2024			
Jt Attendance	52 (HC 46)		



SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			March 24, 2024
Attendance	86 (HC 60)	Home	\$3,935.00
Loose Plate	\$59.00	Missions	\$150.00
Lent V MLHS	\$1,085.00	SJLS	\$50.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			March 24, 2024
Attendance	80 (HC 66)	Home	\$2,095.00
Loose Plate	\$111.72	Missions	\$15.00
Online	\$368.83	Tuition	\$4,500.00
MLHS	\$50.00	Memorials	\$10.00
Transportation	\$123.90	SJLC Misc	\$157.50
Scholarship Fund	\$25.00	SJLS Misc	\$1,608.79
Lent V MLHS	\$185.00		



The magnificent white lily known as the Easter Lily has long stood as a symbol of purity, hope, innocence and peace. Also called the Bermuda lily, the Trumpet lily, and Jacob's Tears, the Easter lily is a biblical flower commonly associated with the resurrection of Christ.

The Easter lily signifies rebirth and a new beginning. It is said that beautiful white lilies sprang up in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus wept in the last hours before he was betrayed by Judas. Another legend claims that the white lilies grew from the repentant tears shed by Eve upon her departure from Paradise.

The lily is mentioned frequently throughout the bible and serves today as a beautiful reminder of the significance of the Easter season. Easter lilies are a symbol of purity, joy, hope and life.

Easter Lilies & various other spring flowers have been given to glorify our Risen Savior as follows:

At St James:

Keith & Mary Jo Hartmann
Jayden, Colby, Kelynn & Jaxen Garlick
Tom & Heidi Koeritz
Webb & Dar Quade Family
Nathan & Elizabeth Denn Family
Larry & Linda Becker
Jim & Cheryl Becker
Bob Kosbab
Paul & Cindi Tomlinson
Gary & Sandra Luhmann Family

Paul & Sharon Leimer

In memory of loved ones
In memory of their dad, Rick
In memory of loved ones
In memory of all our loved ones
In memory of Nate's mother, Laura
In memory of loved ones
In memory of loved ones
In memory of Pat Kosbab
Grateful for all our blessings
In memory of Whitney, Carl & Phyllis, and Milton Hanson
In memory of loved ones and thanksgiving for family members who are still with us today

At Zion:

Kurt & Pat Steuber
Gary & Connie Peymann

Dorie Schwieger Family

In memory of loved ones
To the Glory of God in remembrance
of our grandparents
To the Glory of God and in
loving memory of Bob and
other family members