

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**Third Sunday of Easter**

*April 14, 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  
in the name of the God of life, the risen Jesus,  
and the Holy Spirit who empowers our discipleship. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn**      *Shepherd of Tender Youth*      **864**

**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.

### Easter Acclamation



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

### Entrance Psalm

*Psalm 33:1*

*The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\**  
*By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.*

### Gloria Patri

*LSB pg. 186*

**C** *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 with-  
out end. Amen.*

### Kyrie

*LSB pg. 186*

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

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB pgs. 186-189*

**P** *Glory be to God on high:*

**C** *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.*

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

### First Lesson

*1 Samuel 17:33–36, 40–50*

<sup>33</sup>And Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth.” <sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.”

<sup>40</sup>Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd’s pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

<sup>41</sup>And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup>And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup>And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup>The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.” <sup>45</sup>Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup>and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give you into our hand.”

<sup>48</sup>When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

<sup>50</sup>So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

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<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my | shepherd; \*

**I | shall not want.**

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green | pastures. \*

**He leads me beside still | waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He re- | stores my soul. \*

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.**

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are | with me; \*

**your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my | enemies; \*

**you anoint my head with oil;**

**my cup | overflows.**

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days | of my life, \*

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.**

Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:21–25

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

<sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

<sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB pg. 190

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel (Sung Responses)

John 10:7–18

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

**C** *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he

will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**Sermon Hymn**      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*      **709**

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**      *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

**The Prayers**

**Offering**

**Offertory**      *LSB pgs. 192-193*

**C** *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.*  
**C** *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*

- C** *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, 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*

- C** *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**

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*   **636**  
*I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*           **740**  
*With High Delight Let Us Unite*   **483**

### **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB pgs. 199-200*

- C** *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to  
Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-  
pared 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 with-  
out 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.*  
**C** *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.*  
**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, amen, amen.*

**Closing Hymn**     *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*     **710**

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**Bulletins and Broadcasts** for the month of April are sponsored by Gary & Sandra Luhmann in recognition of Autism Awareness Month and in Glory to God for their many blessings.

**Bob & Vivian Tractow** are celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary today, April 14th. In Glory to God for all the blessings over the years they are sponsoring today's bulletins and broadcast. Congratulations!

### QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

**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.

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:* Josh Howe, Peyton Luhmann, Webb Quade,  
Albert Egeness, Anders Egeness, Cindy Wolter  
*Sick & In Distress:* Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen,  
Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Myla Roskop  
*Homebound:* Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Kelsey Murphy, Brandon Poppe, Patty Fitzgerald,  
Sophia Brown  
*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

**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.
- **Extra mozzarella cheese** from the pizza fundraiser available for \$13/5# bag. Contact Larissa Hagen or the church office to get a bag.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE**

- **SJL members:** If you are interested in receiving this publication please contact the office. The yearly cost is \$24.97. Current and new recipients can bring your payment to the office.
- **ZION members:** If you DO NOT currently receive this and would like to start **OR** if you DO receive it but are no longer interested, please contact the office.



**FOUND AT SJL:** Two loose jewelry stones (found on different days). If you have lost yours, please contact the office or Sandra Luhmann.

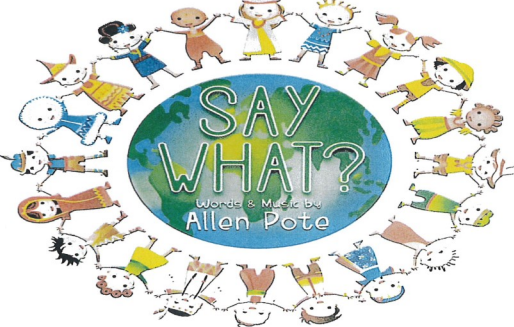
**LWML Blue Earth Zone Spring Mission Gathering** will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church - Blue Earth on April 16th. Registration (\$5) begins at 5pm with the program starting at 6pm. Gifts from the Heart collections for the Faribault County Food Shelf. Program led by Rev. Dr. Armand Boehme. The topic will 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](http://mnslwml.org/2024_district_convention).



**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.

**May Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday, April 23rd.**

**ST JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
ANNUAL MUSICAL AND BAKE SALE  
Friday, April 26th, 7:00 PM**



**The Story of the Tower of Babel  
Leading to Pentecost**

 **Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall  
following the musical** 



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

**Prayers are requested during the search for a new principal at MLHS.** 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 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](http://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. Tickets are still available for \$30/person and can be purchased from area churches, MLHS office or at [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://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](http://www.martinlutherhs.com).



Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
<b>SJL</b> 4-14	Dereck & Chris Bartz	_____
4-21	Larry & Linda Becker	_____
<b>ZION</b> 4-14	Darren & Caitlin Balcom	Gavin Schoen
4-21	Molly Bargfrede & Kelsey Murphy	James Steuber



# 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.

"So, what can we do? We must keep doing what we have always done. We must continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We must be sure our own church members, families, friends, and co-workers understand the value that God places on all human life." *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



### Issues, Etc.

**Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am**

- April 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**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez

**"Breathe In, Breathe Out"** The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ. (Acts 2:42-47)

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: April 14-21, 2024**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon**  
**Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604**  
**Email: [sjlnorthrop@gmail.com](mailto:sjlnorthrop@gmail.com) Website: [sjlnorthrop.com](http://sjlnorthrop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com)**

<b>Sunday</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	LWML Zone Spring Rally @ SPL Blue Earth	5:00 PM
	PTL Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	SJL Voter's Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
<b>Saturday</b>	Oh! What a Knight Dinner Auction	(ML) 4:30 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	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; [sjlnorthrop.com](http://sjlnorthrop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com), or through the [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) church app.*

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			April 7, 2024
Attendance	70 (HC 50)	Home	\$2,628.90
Loose Plate	\$61.00	Missions	\$175.00
SJL School	\$50.00	Kitchen	\$300.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			April 7, 2024
Attendance	84 (HC 59)	Home	\$3,900.00
Loose Plate	\$239.00	Missions	\$100.00
Online	\$368.83	Tuition	\$1,000.00
Tuition Angel	\$200.00	Martin Luther	\$300.00
SJL School	\$300.00		