

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



Pastor John Henry



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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!
God sets a table before us and anoints us
with the oil of gladness; our cup overflows.*

Opening Hymn *I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives* **468**

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 66:1-2



¹*Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;**
²*sing the glory of his name;*
give to him | glorious praise!

Gloria Patri

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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

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

Gloria in Excelsis

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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.*

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

First Lesson

Daniel 3:13–27

¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. ²²Because the king’s order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” ²⁵He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of

the Most High God, come out, and come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 147:7–11



⁷*Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving,*
make melody to our God | on the lyre!*

⁸*He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain | for the earth;*
he makes grass grow | on the hills.*

⁹*He gives to the | beasts their food,*
and to the young ravens | that cry.*

¹⁰*His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,*
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,*

¹¹*but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.*

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:35–49

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel (Sung Responses)

John 14:1–12

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter*

C *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon Hymn *The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done*

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Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers

Offering

Offertory

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- 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.*

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

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- 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

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The Consecration

Pax Domini (Sung)

- P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*
C *Amen.*

Agnus Dei

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- 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

<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>	461
<i>Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won</i>	490
<i>Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia</i>	466

Nunc Dimittis

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C *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.*

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 Day of Resurrection

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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.

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.

May Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday, April 23rd.

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: Katy Gonzalez, Jacob Wolter
Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen,
Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Myla Roskop
Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Lorna Bicknase, Kayden Glidden, Molly Henry
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.

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.



Examination: Sunday April 28th, 6pm at SJL

Confirmation: Sunday May 5th, 8:30am at SJL, 10am at Zion

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for
Public Examination and Confirmation.

SJL: Hailey Simpson

ZION: James Steuber

Thrivent Financial shredding event on Monday & Tuesday, April 29th and 30th at 301 Downtown Plaza; from 9 am to 4 pm, both days. We are happy to provide this service for our community, and ask that you limit your shredding to 2 paper grocery bags or one “bankers box” per person. You can bring your shredding into our office and empty into the containers provided. If you need help please call the office at 235-9877 and we will be happy to help or answer any questions.

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:

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 *Daniel 6:10-13*

On Friday, read *1 Corinthians 15:50-58*

On Saturday, read *John 15:1-12*

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

Hymn: 466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



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 Call Committee has extended a Call to David Stuckwisch of Sierra Lutheran High School in Carson City, NV to be the principal. Please keep David and the MLHS Ministry in your daily prayers as he considers this position.

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.

SJL Annual School Musical "Say What? The Story of the Tower of Babel Leading to Pentecost" will be presented Friday, April 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in our school gym. It will be followed by a bake sale in the fellowship hall (free will donation). Everyone is also invited to attend our final dress rehearsal at 12:45 p.m. on the 26th.

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 



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.

 **Issues, Etc.**

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

April 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

"More Than He Bargained For" Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect. (Acts 3:6)

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	4-21	Larry & Linda Becker	_____
	4-28	Levi Becker & Luke Becker	Hailey Simpson
ZION	4-21	Molly Bargfrede & Kelsey Murphy	James Steuber
	4-28	Daryl & Carol Bartz	Max Wirth

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: April 21-28, 2024
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon
Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604
Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com Website: sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com

Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
Tuesday	May Newsletter Deadline	
	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class/Practice (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	SJL BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	SJ Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
	SJ School Musical & Bake Sale	(SJ) 12:45 & 7:00 PM
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	Confirmation Questioning	(SJ) 6:00 PM

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 or zionfraser.com, or through the [tithely](https://tithely.com) church app.

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			April 14, 2024
Attendance	100 (HC 66)	Home	\$2,608.97
Loose Plate	\$44.25	Missions	\$225.00
Bulletins/Broadcast	\$45.00	SJL School	\$115.00
MLHS	\$500.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			April 14, 2024
Attendance	100 (HC 72)	Home	\$3,190.00
Loose Plate	\$124.00	Missions	\$60.00
Online	\$1,590.00	SJLC Misc	\$78.75
SJL School	\$375.00		