

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*April 28, 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.*

**Opening Hymn**     *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*     740 *St. James Only*

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution**     *St. James Only*

**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.

**Sunday School Sing**     *Alive Alive*     *Zion Only*  
*(No applause please)*

**The Holy Baptism of Gabriel Silveira Herrera**     *Zion Only, See Insert*

**The Rite of Confirmation for**     *Zion Only*  
**Ricardo Herrera & Valeria Herrera**

**Entrance Psalm**

*Psalm 66:1-2*



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

**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, 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.

**C** *Amen.*

**Easter Acclamation**  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**First Lesson**

*Daniel 6:10–23*

<sup>10</sup>When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. <sup>11</sup>Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. <sup>12</sup>Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” <sup>13</sup>Then they answered and said before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.”

<sup>14</sup>Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. <sup>15</sup>Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” <sup>17</sup>And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. <sup>18</sup>Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

<sup>19</sup>Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup>As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” <sup>21</sup>Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup>My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” <sup>23</sup>Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 66:1–8



<sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to God, | all the earth; \*

<sup>2</sup>sing the glory of his name;  
give to him | glorious praise!

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!\*

**So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.**

<sup>4</sup>All the earth worships you  
and sings prais- | es to you; \*

**they sing praises | to your name.”**

<sup>5</sup>Come and see what | God has done: \*

**he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.**

<sup>6</sup>He turned the sea into | dry land; \*

**they passed through the riv- | er on foot.**

There did we rejoice in him,

<sup>7</sup>who rules by his might forever,  
whose eyes keep watch on the | nations—\*

**let not the rebellious ex- | alt themselves.**

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O | peoples; \*

**let the sound of his | praise be heard,**

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:50–58

<sup>50</sup>I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup>“O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**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 15:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter

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

<sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

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

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

**Sermon Hymn**

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

**466**

**Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**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.*

**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

<i>Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won</i>	490
<i>Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord</i>	497
<i>Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest</i>	498

### 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 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--Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

**C** *The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*

*With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.  
And you will say in that day:  
"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,  
make known His deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that His name is exalted."*

*The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*

*Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.  
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your  
midst is the Holy One of Israel.*


*The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become  
my salvation.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become  
my salvation.*

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Lutheran Schools in Martin County St James Lutheran School Martin Luther High School & the Calling Committee All Schools and places of learning	
<b><u>St James</u></b> <i>Baptism Birthdays:</i> Luke Becker, Lee Baarts, Elizabeth Burkey, Nevaeh Mahoney, Jayden Garlick, Bryan Simmering <i>Sick &amp; In Distress:</i> Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Myla Roskop <i>Homebound:</i> Carl Luhmann	
<b><u>Zion</u></b> <i>Baptism Birthdays:</i> Caleb Roiger, Marvin Talledge, Cairne Eytcheson <i>Seminary Student:</i> Peter Preus <i>Serving our Country:</i> Ben Peymann, Kory Brown, Jesse Peterson, Lili Bulfer <i>Sick &amp; In Distress:</i> Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger, Marsha Peterson <i>Homebound:</i> Dale Schwieger, Norma Patsche, Violet Lueth, Yonsey Karasek, David Hinz	



**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.





**Examination:** Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at SJL

**Confirmation:** Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**Today at Zion** we welcome Gabriel Silveira Herrera into the family of God through Holy Baptism and celebrate with Ricky & Valeria Herrera who will be Confirmed in Christ. Their parents are Cesar Silveira & Carolina Herrera. Gabriel's sponsors are Juan Aussin, Juan Marroquin & Veronica Balderas. May God continue to bless your family.

**Ascension Day** Jesus ascended into heaven to the right hand of God the Father forty days after Easter. The Church Calendar mirrors this. The Church celebrates Jesus' ascension forty days after Easter. This year that day falls on Thursday, May 9th. You are cordially invited to attend a service at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairmont, on that day. The service will be at 6:30 pm, Thursday, May 9th.

**Thrivent Financial shredding event** on Mon. & Tues., April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Bridal Shower** for Mercedes Moeller, bride-to-be of Tyler Moulton will be held at 2pm on Saturday May 4th at Zion. Please join us in celebrating Mercedes and Tyler.

**If you wish to reserve the fellowship hall at Zion**, please: 1. Contact one of the elders for permission, and 2. Contact Heather in the office to make sure the day and time you want are free. Both of these steps need to be done to complete a reservation. Thank you.

**The windows in the parsonage need to be replaced**, and the Zion trustees will present bids at the July Voters' Meeting. Hopefully, this can be finished before winter weather. Donations toward the parsonage windows are welcome at this time and going forward, as the cost will be significant. Thank you.



**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.

**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).

**Thank you** to all the volunteers, donors and shoppers who helped with the Spring Rummage and Bake Sale. Your tremendous effort made it a huge success. You are sincerely appreciated. Another heartfelt thank you goes out to the donors and bidders who attended the OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction. That event was also a tremendous blessing because of generous supporters like you. A special thank you goes out to Auctioneer Alley/Land Services Unlimited for their continued support. We would also like to recognize Dawn Halverson who has stepped down as chairman of the committee, her devotion to this event has been fantastic.

**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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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**     *Ezekiel 36:22-28*

**On Friday, read**     *Romans 8:26-30*

**On Saturday, read**   *John 16:12-28*

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

**Hymn 490**



# 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**

- April 28** Answering Arguments Against Christianity: Jesus Didn't Physically Rise from The Dead - Rev. John Warwick Montgomery
- May 5** Evening Hymn: "Christ, Mighty Savior" - Pastor Will Weedon
- 12** The Ascension of Jesus - Rev. Dr. Arthur Just
- 19** The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel Part 1 - Pastor Will Weedon
- 26** The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel Part 2 - 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

**"We Can't Stop Talking"** Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation. (Acts 4:20)

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
<b>SJL</b>	<b>4-28</b>	Levi Becker & Luke Becker	Hailey Simpson
	<b>5-5</b>	Lonny & Lynn Becker	_____
<b>ZION</b>	<b>4-28</b>	Daryl & Carol Bartz	Max Wirth
	<b>5-5</b>	Lee & Julie Baarts	Luke Henry

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:** April 28-May 5, 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

<b>Sunday</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Jt Elders Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Confirmation Sunday</b>	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM

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SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			April 21, 2024
Attendance	90 (HC 67)	Home	\$4,095.00
Loose Plate	\$33.00	Missions	\$225.00
MLHS	\$115.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			April 21, 2024
Attendance	90 (HC 74)	Home	\$2,810.00
Loose Plate	\$110.00	Missions	\$10.00
Online	\$368.83	SJLC Misc	\$23.31
Tuition	\$1,195.00	MLHS	\$125.00
Tuition Angel	\$50.00	Transportation	\$107.10