

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



Pastor John Henry

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 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 this second Sunday of Easter.
We are all twin selves, like Thomas, who was called the Twin.
Each of us is both doubter and believer,
and Jesus blesses us with peace.*

Opening Hymn *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* 487

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

1 Peter 2



*Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,**
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] 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.*

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 33:1–3, 18–22



¹Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!*

Praise befits the | upright.

²Give thanks to the LORD | with the lyre;*

make melody to him with the harp of | ten strings!

³Sing to him a | new song;*

play skillfully on the strings, with | loud shouts.

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him, *

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

¹⁹that he may deliver their | soul from death*

and keep them alive in | famine.

²⁰Our soul waits | for the LORD; *

he is our help | and our shield.

²¹For our heart is | glad in him, *

because we trust in his | holy name.

²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us, *

even as we | hope in you.

Second Lesson

1 John 5:4–10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify:

⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

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 20:19–31

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

C *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon Hymn *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* **708**

Sermon

Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory *LSB pgs. 192-193*

G *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

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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>Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying</i>	597
<i>On Eagles' Wings</i>	727
<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	709

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.*

Easter Acclamation



*Alleluia! Christ is | risen!**
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 *Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

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Today we welcome Pastor Alexander Goodwin from Immanuel, Fairmont, who is with us while Pastor Henry and family are out of town. We thank him for being with us.



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.

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: Chris Hillmer, Amelia Mortenson,
Victoria Mortenson, Elena Gonzalez, Jack Kosbab
Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen,
Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Myla Roskop
Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Edwin Eytcheson, Dan Fitzgerald, Denise Wille
Brent Oberdieck, John Henry IV, Esme Eytcheson
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

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	4-7	Lee & Julie Baarts	_____
	4-14	Dereck & Chris Bartz	_____
ZION	4-7	Dustin & Stephanie Zellmer	Alex Pittman
	4-14	Darren & Caitlin Balcom	Gavin Schoen



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 take-down. 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.



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 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

"Raise the Flag" Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world. (Acts 1:1-11)

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:		April 7-14, 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	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	LWML	(Z) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Zion Voter's Supper	(Z) 6:00 PM
	Zion Voter's Meeting	(Z) 7:30 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	MLHS Rummage Sale begins	
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
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

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			
Maundy Thurs	Jt Attend: 66 (HC30)	Good Friday	Jt Attend: 96
General Missions	\$863.00	Home	\$530.00
Easter Sunday	March 31, 2024	Attendance	111 (HC 79)
Home	\$4,227.20	Missions	\$150.00
Loose Plate	\$515.00	SJL School	\$150.00
Easter Bfst -Trees	\$581.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			
Maundy Thurs	Jt Attend: 66 (HC30)	Good Friday	Jt Attend: 96
General Missions	\$1,630.00	Home	\$220.00
Easter Sunday	March 31, 2024	Attendance	219 (HC 157)
Home	\$7,155.00	Missions	\$10.00
Loose Plate	\$579.00	Online	\$378.83