

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day**



*May 12, 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!  
Today we acknowledge mothers  
and special mother-figures in our lives.  
We thank God for you!*

**Opening Hymn**      *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*      **493**

**Easter Acclamation**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Pentecost Acclamation**

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful!
- C** Kindle in us the fire of your love!

**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 27*



*Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.\**

*Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.*

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

*as it was in the be- | ginning,\**

*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

**Kyrie (spoken)**

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**We Praise You**

*LSB pg. 941*

*We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,*

*The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.*

*To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,*

*The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:*

*“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;*

*Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”*

*The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;*

*The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.*

*The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,*

*Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:*

*“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,*

*And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”*

*You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,  
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—  
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.*

*You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.  
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,  
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**First Lesson**

*Jeremiah 31:31–34*

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm**

*Psalm 110:1-4*



<sup>1</sup>The LORD says to my Lord:  
“Sit at my | right hand,\*  
**until I make your enemies your | footstool.”**

<sup>2</sup>The LORD sends forth from Zion  
your mighty | scepter.\*  
**Rule in the midst of your | enemies!**

<sup>3</sup>Your people will offer themselves freely  
on the day of your power,  
in holy | garments,\*  
**from the womb of the morning,  
the dew of your youth | will be yours.**

<sup>4</sup>The LORD has sworn  
and will not | change his mind,\*  
**“You are a priest forever  
after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”**

**Second Lesson**

*Hebrews 10:11-25*

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, declares the Lord:  
I will put my laws on their hearts,  
and write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold

fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia & Verse

*LSB pg. 205*

**C** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

#### Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### Holy Gospel

*John 15:26—16:11*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>1</sup>“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup>They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. <sup>3</sup>And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Pentecost Acclamation**

**P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful!

**C** **Kindle in us the fire of your love!**

**Sermon Hymn** *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* **458**

**Sermon**

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

**The Prayers**

**Offering**

**Offertory** *LSB pg. 261*

**C** **(Refrain):** *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.” (Refrain)*

*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. (Refrain)*

*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. (Refrain)*

**The Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

LSB pg. 208

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*inside the back cover of the hymnal*

**The Consecration**

**Pax Domini**

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

**Agnus Dei**

LSB pg. 210

- C** *O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.*

**Communion Hymns**

<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	<b>525</b>
<i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i>	<b>670</b>
<i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>	<b>633</b>

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB. 211

- C** *O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.*

*All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.*

**Pentecost Acclamation**

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful!  
**C** Kindle in us the fire of your love!

### Thanksgiving & Benediction

**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 your spirit.

**P** Let us bless 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.

**Closing Hymn**     *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*     **465**

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Lutheran Schools in Martin County  
St James Lutheran School, Martin Luther High School  
All Schools and places of learning

#### St James

*Baptism Birthdays:* Lois Lenz, Betty Wiederhoeft, Mariah Garlick

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

*Homebound:* Carl Luhmann

#### Zion

*Baptism Birthdays:* Asher 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



**At Zion we welcome Alysha Meyerann, Addison, Huxley & Kestyn.** Alysha is the fiance of David Nelson and they will be married in June. Please invite them to our activities and make them feel welcome.



**Bulletins** at SJL are sponsored today by Diana Mosloski in honor of her granddaughter, Marah Engel's birthday on May 16th. God's blessings to you Marah in the year ahead.

**Today's broadcast** is sponsored Al & Dru Egeness in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary on the 14th. May God continue to bless your marriage.

**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.

### 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.



**High School Graduates:** Letters have been sent out regarding Recognition Sunday, May 19th. Please contact the office before **May 15th** with information for the bulletin. If you are graduating and did not get a letter, please let the office know. Thank you!

**You are invited** to Bethany & Brianna Petrowiak's graduation open house on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8pm at their house: 2018 220<sup>th</sup> Street, Truman.

**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.



Deb Wallace will be stepping down as Zion Sunday School Superintendent at the end of the school year. We are so grateful to Deb for her many years of dedicated service in this office! We'll be looking for a new leader for our Sunday School to start next year. If you are interested, or if you know someone who would be great, please let the Zion elders know. Thank you Deb, and thank you to all our teachers, parents, and students.



## MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

### SJL & Zion are full association members

We are excited to announce that David Stuckwisch has accepted our Call to be the MLHS Principal for the upcoming school year. Thank you so much for your words of support and prayers. We especially thank the pastors and churches for their constant prayers and encouragement. Please keep David and his family in your prayers as they make the move to Minnesota. Even though it is bitter-sweet, we thank Principal Paul Steinhaus for his dedicated service the past 13 years. May God bless his steps as he will be moving to Wisconsin at the end of June. Well done good and faithful servant! Everyone is invited to a **Farewell Open House** for Principal Paul Steinhaus and his family on Sunday, May 26th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop. Please join us in wishing them the best as they move back to Wisconsin.

**Lisa Kube, Guidance Director, at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School has received a Call to Trinity Lutheran School in St Francis, MN for the 2024-2025 school year.** Please keep her in your prayers as she contemplates her decision. May God bless and guide her.

Friends and family are cordially invited to the **Thirty-ninth Baccalaureate & Commencement Service for the Class of 2024** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, May 26th at 2:00 p.m. in the Lutheran Activity Center.

### A Guide for Daily Devotions

*On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, use this bulletin for daily devotions. On 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, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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**

*Genesis 11:1-9*

**On Friday, read**

*Acts 2*

**On Saturday, read**

*John 3:1-8*

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

***Hymn: 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest***

The LWML of Zion-Fraser is supporting the Orphan Grain Train now through June 15. Please see the poster in the newsletter for details.

At each convention, LWML members and groups share God’s blessings with others through Gifts from the Heart (GFTH). Orphan Grain Train has been chosen as the recipient of GFTH for the 2024 LWML Minnesota South District Convention. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, and other items of need to people in 71 countries worldwide.

The following is the list of GFTH items to collect for Orphan Grain Train.:

- New or gently used, clean shoes – all sizes, child through adult.
- New or gently used, clean socks – all sizes, child through adult.
- Quilts, blankets, or comforters – any size.
- Cash donations to pay for shipping. The average cost to ship a box of donated goods is \$11; the average cost to sponsor a full shipping container overseas is \$9,000.

\*It is very important that the donated items are either new or clean, gently used items.

Thank you for your support of the 2024 Gifts from the Heart recipients and sharing the love of Christ!




**Wishing all our Mothers and Mothers-to-be a blessed day.**

Her children rise up and call her blessed. Proverbs 31:28a

<b>Those Serving our Lord</b>			
		<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
<b>SJL</b>	<b>5-12</b>	Jamee & Tara Bohlsen	_____
	<b>5-19</b>	Brian Borkenhagen & Bryce	
<b>ZION</b>	<b>5-12</b>	Kevin & Lori Behrens	Alex Pittman
	<b>5-19</b>	Duane & Myrna Behrens	Gavin Schoen

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: May 12-19, 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** **Mother's Day**   
 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


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

**Wednesday** Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM  
 SJL Council Meeting (SJ) 7:00 PM

**Thursday** Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM  
 SJL Mowing at MLHS 5/16-5/31

**Friday** Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM

**Sunday** **Pentecost & Graduate Recognition**  
 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			May 5, 2024
Attendance	107 (HC 76)	Home	\$2,955.00
Loose Plate	\$92.00	Missions	\$325.00
SJL School	\$50.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			May 5, 2024
Attendance	108 (HC 82)	Home	\$2,505.00
Loose Plate	\$239.00	Missions	\$10.00
Online	\$340.00	SJLS Misc	\$300.00
Tuition	\$2,625.00	Bulletins	\$65.00
MLHS	\$350.00	SJLC Misc	\$1,000.00