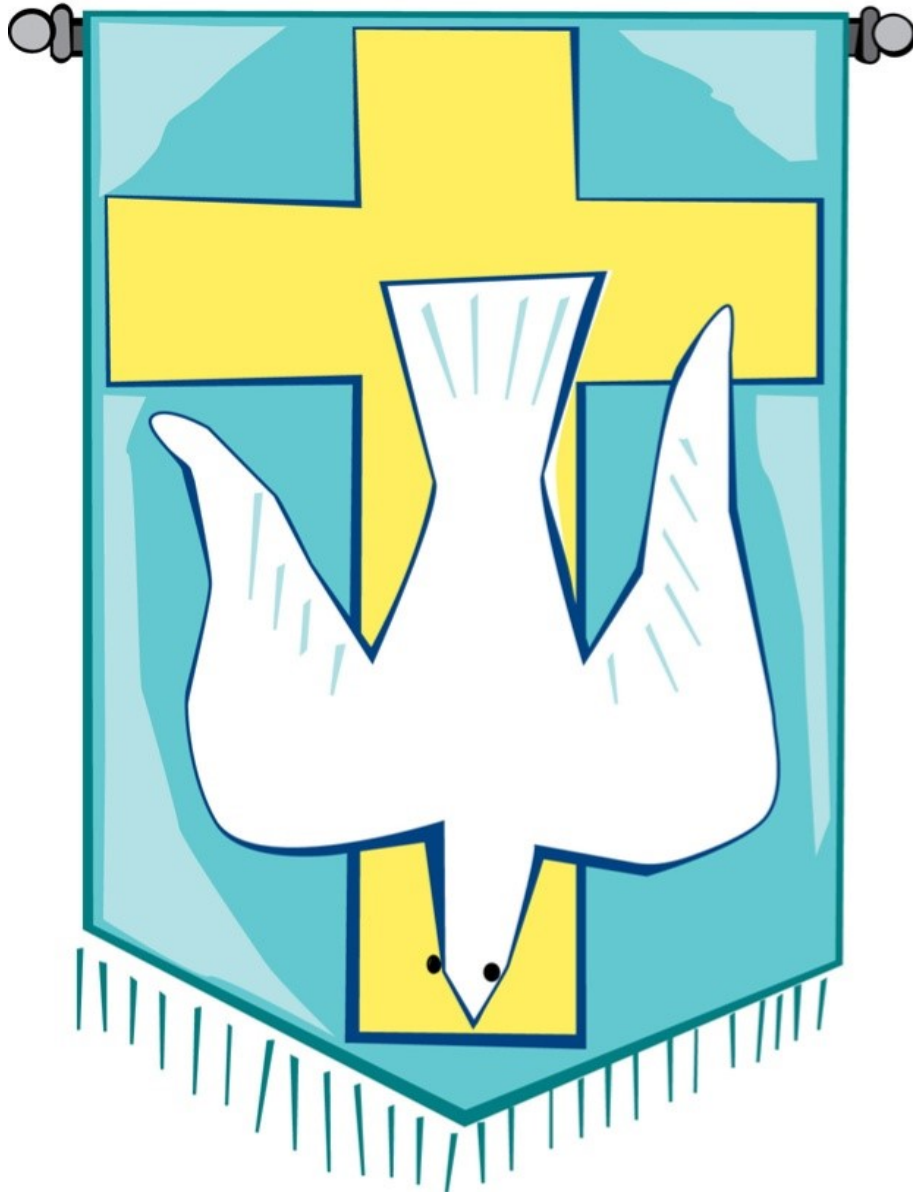


# Confirmation Sunday



May 5, 2024

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



Pastor John Henry



**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Celebration of Confirmation**

May 5, 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**    *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*    655

**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**

*from Isaiah 48*



*With a voice of singing, declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.\**

*The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! 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 without 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, 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.

**C** *Amen.*

**Easter Acclamation**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**First Lesson**

*Ezekiel 36:22-28*

<sup>22</sup>“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup>And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, de-

clares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. <sup>28</sup>You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Responsive Psalm**

*Psalm 147:7–11*



<sup>7</sup>*Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving; \*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!*

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

<sup>9</sup>*He gives to the | beasts their food, \*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.*

<sup>10</sup>*His delight is not in the strength | of the horse, \*  
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,*

<sup>11</sup>*but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him, \*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.*

**Second Lesson**

*Romans 8:26–30*

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup>And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**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 16:12–28***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter**C** *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>16</sup>“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. <sup>23</sup>In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** *Praise be to thee, O Christ.***Sermon Hymn***Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won***490****Easter Acclamation****P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Sermon

### The Rite of Confirmation

LSB pp. 272-274

SJ: Hailey Simpson      Z: James Steuber

## 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 Prayers

#### 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 Come, O Savior, to Thy Table* 618  
*Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* 458  
*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* 493

**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**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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**Flowers at Zion** have been placed by Kurt & Pat Steuber in honor of the confirmation of their grandson, James Steuber.

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



**Our Confirmands:** Hailey Simpson (SJ) & James Steuber (Z)

**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Joseph Gonzalez, Wyatt Luhmann, Albert Egeness  
*Sick & In Distress:* Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen,  
Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Myla Roskop  
*Homebound:* Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Amanda Fehr, Kayla Brummond, Marissa Poppe  
*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

**Bulletins and Broadcast** are sponsored this week by the families of Tom Leimer, Katie Lewis and Joe Leimer in celebration of their parents, **Paul & Sharon Leimer's** 45th wedding anniversary today. 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.



**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.

**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.



**You are invited to a shower** for Baby Moeller (Parents: Marcus & Alisa Moeller), at First Lutheran Church, 61 Apple St E, Trimont, on Saturday May 11th from 9:30-11:30am. Please RSVP to Kelci 507-720-4037.



**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!

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!

#### **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 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.

**On Thursday, read**        *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

**On Friday, read**        *Hebrews 10:11-25*

**On Saturday, read**     *John 15:26-16:11*

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

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



**St. James Lutheran**

***HAILEY JANE SIMPSON***

**Born:** August 28, 2010      **Baptized:** December 26, 2010

**Verse:** Romans 10:9

**Sponsors:** Nicole Hector, Neil Osborn, Matt Osborn

**Hailey** was born in Fairmont and baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Her parents are Josh & Joni Howe. She has one sister, Casey and two brothers, Tanner & Hudson. She attends Martin Luther JR/SR High School and plays volleyball and basketball. She enjoys singing, playing piano, drawing, and doing macrame. Her favorite bible story is The call of Moses. She would like to become an OB/GYN or Entrepreneur.



**Zion Lutheran**

***JAMES ANDREW STEUBER***

**Born:** August 26, 2009      **Baptized:** September 27, 2009

**Verse:** John 6:68

**Sponsors:** Curt Holland & Matthew Starkey

**James** was born in Fairmont and baptized at Zion Lutheran Church, Fairmont. His parents are Brandon Steuber & Courtney Steuber, and he has one sister, Lily; and one brother, Brian. He attends Fairmont Jr/Sr High School and plays football. In his free time he enjoys fishing, farming, and a variety of sports. The Birth of Jesus is his favorite bible story. He would like to be a farmer.

<b>Those Serving our Lord</b>		
	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
<b>SJL</b>	<b>5-5</b> Lonny & Lynn Becker	_____
	<b>5-12</b> Jamee & Tara Bohlsen	
<b>ZION</b>	<b>5-5</b> Lee & Julie Baarts	Luke Henry
	<b>5-12</b> Kevin & Lori Behrens	Alex Pittman

<b>THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:</b>		<b>May 5-12, 2024</b>
<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:</b>		<b>Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon</b>
<b>Office phone:</b> 436-5289		<b>Pastor phone:</b> 219-713-1604
<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:sjlnorthrop@gmail.com">sjlnorthrop@gmail.com</a>		<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://sjlnorthrop.com">sjlnorthrop.com</a> or <a href="http://zionfraser.com">zionfraser.com</a>
<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
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	LWML @ Pizza Ranch	5:30 PM
	Z Trustees Meeting	(Z) 7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Ascension Day Service @ SPL Fairmont	6:30 PM
<b>Friday</b>	NO Morning Bible Study	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mother's Day</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

*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 [tithely](https://tithely.com) church app.*

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			April 28, 2024
Attendance	121 (HC 77)	Home	\$4,512.20
Loose Plate	\$75.25	Missions	\$150.00
MLHS	\$115.00	SPL	\$65.00
SJL School	\$50.00	Zion Repairs	\$100.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			April 28, 2024
Attendance	111 (HC 75)	Home	\$6,895.00
Loose Plate	\$278.00	Missions	\$275.00
Online	\$368.83	SJLS Misc	\$1,608.79
Tuition	\$6,825.00	Bulletins	\$150.00
Memorials	\$10.00		