

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



Pastor John Henry

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2025



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,
as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord.
May God's grace nurture and strengthen you today.*

Opening Hymn *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure* **533**

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** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** ...I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 26:2-3



²Prove me, O LORD, and | try me; *
test my heart | and my mind.
³For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes, *
and I walk in your | faithfulness.

**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

LSB pgs. 152-153

Repeated 4 times:

P ...pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB pg. 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 1:26—2:3

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 36:5–9



⁵*Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the | heavens,*
your faithfulness | to the clouds.*

⁶*Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;*
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, | O LORD.*

⁷*How precious is your steadfast love, | O God!**
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow | of your wings.

⁸*They feast on the abundance | of your house,*
and you give them drink from the river of | your delights.*

⁹*For with you is the foun- | tain of life;*
in your light do | we see light.*

Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB pg. 156

C *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:18–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the ninth chapter.

C *Glory to You, O Lord.*

¹⁸Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” ¹⁹And they answered, “John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.” ²⁰Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

²¹And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²²saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

²³And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. ²⁷But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he

was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise to You, O Christ.*

Sermon Hymn

Thy Strong Word

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory for Epiphany

LSB pg. 537

C *Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!*

The Preface

P *The Lord be with you.*

C *And also with you.*

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. 161*

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
 Hosanna. Hosanna.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.*

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. 163*

- C** *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Communion Hymns

<i>Jerusalem the Golden</i>	672
<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	525
<i>Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star</i>	872

Nunc Dimittis *LSB pg. 165*

- C** *Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
 My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
 A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
 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.*

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 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

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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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: Larry Bremer, David Rode, Lisa Gravlin,
Carole Schultze, Kristine Rode

Serving our Country: Sean McCroskey

Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Tom Koeritz, Myla Roskop,
Bryce Grefe, Jeff Roskop, Webb Quade, Ronald Schultz,
Dennis Hagen, Bonnie Baarts, Carole Lohmann, Ardis Osborn,
Joseph Gonzalez

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Mia Morris, Jeff Moeller

Seminary Student: Timothy Schleusener

Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, Kory Brown, Jesse Peterson,
Lili Bulfer

Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Marsha Peterson, Mike Sandersfeld,
Duane Behrens, Myrna Behrens, Peggy Wille

Homebound: Norma Patsche, Yonsey Karasek, David Hinz

Bulletins are sponsored this week by Linnette Mundfrom and Kurt & Pat Steuber in honor and celebration of the marriage of their children, **Amanda Fehr & Brandon Steuber**, Saturday March 1st. Flowers are also given by Brandon & Amanda. May God 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.

The windows in the parsonage need to be replaced. Donations toward the parsonage windows are welcome at this time and going forward, as the cost will be approximately \$42,000 with up to 50% required up front. Thank you.

TUITON ANGEL EGG FUNDRAISER: Look for eggs in the Narthex at SJL most Sundays. Call/text Lynn Becker 507-230-2700 if want direct from the farm...Thanks!

If you wish to use 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 Joint Strategic Planning Financial Committee is interested in your ideas for fundraisers or ways to increase donations/contributions to help support SJL School. You can talk to one of the committee members, (Alan Wille, Gary Peymann, Isaac Wallace, Bart Johnson, Lynn J Becker, and Jennifer Luhmann) or place your idea in the suggestion box found in the Narthex.

Everyone is invited to open the **2025 LWML prayer service** available at <http://www.LWML.org>. You will be encouraged by scripture readings and prayer. The LWML group from St. Paul-Fairmont invite you to view the replay from their February 6 livestream. To view, click on their website: <http://www.spfairmont.org>. Dear Lord, Grant us Your Holy Spirit that in gentleness, we may love one another as You have loved us, so that all people know You, the eternal lover of humanity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

LWML will be serving the **Lenten meals on March 12th & 19th.** Please see the sign-up sheets on the table at the back of the church at Zion if you are willing to help bring food. The free will offerings collected at the meals will be designated to SJL School.

Large Print Hymnals are available at SJL on the right side of the bulletin boxes, and at ZION on the back table by the communion cards.

Large print bulletins are also available by contacting the office.

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 Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 3:1-5

On Friday, read

Philippians 2:1-11

On Saturday, read

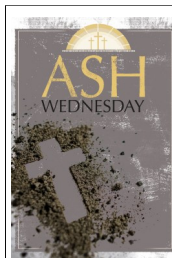
Matthew 4:1-11

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

Hymn: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

St John Lutheran Church of Good Thunder, is having their **Annual All You Can Eat Pancake Supper** on Sunday, March 9th, serving from 4-7pm. The menu will include pancakes, sausage patties, applesauce, and beverages. It is a free-will donation. (Please use the Sherman St. entrance)

Mission offerings for Ash Wednesday go to support Options Pregnancy Center in Fairmont.



ASH WEDNESDAY: March 5th @ St James Lutheran

6:00-6:45pm Supper

Eve Circle will be serving

Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Assorted salads,
Chips, Dessert and Beverages

7:00pm Divine Service



MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
SJL & Zion are full association members

Enrollment for students in grades 7-12 for 2025-2026 at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is open. All students are welcome to enroll no matter what religion they are. www.martinlutherhs.com. Principal David Stuckwisch is available any time to answer any questions. Call 507-436-5249.

The Region IV Lutheran Elementary Schools Fine Arts and Science Festival will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Saturday, March 8th. Students from seven schools are participating. Individual performances begin about 8:00 a.m. Large group music performances will be held following judging completion. Guests are welcome to join in celebrating the God-given talents of our students in Art, Music, Science, Creative Writing and Speech. Concessions will be available. The event is free and open to the public.

A Spectacular Science Show will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Tuesday, March 11. Several scientists from South Dakota State University and MLHS Science Teacher Nate Watt will conduct amazing experiments for everyone to enjoy. Presentations are 9:00-10:30 a.m. for grades 1-6 and 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. for grades 7-12. The public is welcome. The event is free.

A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Sunday, March 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is a free will donation and proceeds will provide Student Tuition Aid to MLHS families.

The Spring MLHS Association **Delegate Meeting** will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Sunday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Room. The 2025-2026 Budget will be presented for approval.



Easter Flowers available through Dee's Floral & Designs
235-9856. Last day to order is **April 7th.**

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| Easter Lily - \$18 | Cyclamen - \$18 |
| Calendiva - \$18 | Hydrangea - \$40 |

Choir practice for Easter services will be held Wednesdays, after Lenten worship at Zion. All voices are welcome to join us as we prepare for the Easter celebration.



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, Sanctuary. Bring your coffee and join us as we “discover how the events of Jesus’ day impacted his life, ministry and communication. Then let them impact yours.”

Thursday Adult Bible Class will not meet in March and April.

Friday Morning Bible Study at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL. We will be studying the book of Hebrews.

 **Issues, Etc.**

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am

- 3/2 Looking Forward to Ash Wednesday - Pastor David Petersen
- 3/9 The Bible and Gender Ideology - Dr. Mark Rockenbach
- 3/16 Hymn “God Loved The World So That He Gave” - Pastor Will Weedon
- 3/23 Handel’s Messiah On The Passion of Christ - Dr. Joseph Herl
- 3/30 The Deconstruction of Christianity Movement - Alisa Childers & Tim Barnett



THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

"It's Best to Be with Jesus" Life was not meant to be a do-it-yourself project. We need God's help, His strength, His gifts.

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 3-2	Rick & Jody Uttech	Cristian Drayer
3-5	Kirk & Kay Vogt	7P
3-9	Heather Wiederhoeft	Alex Egeness
ZION 3-2	Carter Wille & Tyler Wille	Alex Pittman
3-9	Lee & Julie Baarts	Brooklynn Pittman
SJL Ushers: Lynn Becker, Levi Becker, Al Egeness, Jacob Mortenson		
Elders: Doug (Z), Larry (SJ) SJL AG: Kay Vogt, Sandra Luhmann		

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:		Mar 2 - 9, 2025
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon - Fri 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/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Ash Wednesday Supper	(SJ) 6:00 - 6:45PM
	Ash Wednesday Divine Service	(SJ) 7:00 PM
	Joint Elders Meeting	(SJ) 8:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	NO Adult Bible Class	
Friday	Joint Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Saturday	Fine Arts Festival	(ML) 8:00 AM
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	NFL	(SJ) 7:00 PM

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Feb 23, 2025
Attendance	101 (HC 66)	Home	\$2,970.00
Loose Plate	\$133.50	MN South	\$50.00
Windows	\$1,250.00	SJL School	\$200.00
Bulletins	\$20.00	MLHS	\$65.00
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$38,570.00			

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Feb 23, 2025
Attendance	89 (HC 67)	Home	\$4,722.00
Loose Plate	\$134.10	Missions	\$240.00
Online	\$955.00	MLHS	\$175.00
SJLC Misc	\$1,891.76	SJLS Misc	\$2,424.93
Transportation	\$121.38	Tuition	\$7,350.00
Tuition Angel	\$139.00	Bulletins	\$20.00
Annual Operating Expense: \$580,000.00			
Average Weekly Need: \$11,154.00			
Giving to date: \$95,610.92 Projected Shortfall: (\$)			