

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



Pastor John Henry



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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 journey through the season of Lent,
seeking to grow in faith, hope and love.*

Opening Hymn *There Is a Time for Everything* 762

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 25:6, 22



⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love, *
for they have been | from of old.

²²Redeem Israel, | O God, *
out of all his | troubles.

**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 *sung; repeated ten times. LSB pg. 204*

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Lesson *Genesis 32:22–32*

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face

to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip on the sinew of the thigh.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 4; antiphon: v. 8



¹*Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was | in distress.*
Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!*

²*O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame? *
How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?*

³*But know that the LORD has set apart the godly | for himself; *
the LORD hears when I | call to him.*

⁴*Be angry, and | do not sin; *
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.*

⁵*Offer right sacri- | fices, *
and put your trust | in the LORD.*

⁶*There are many who say, “Who will show | us some good? *
Lift up the light of your face upon us, | O LORD!”*

⁷*You have put more joy | in my heart *
than they have when their grain and | wine abound.*

⁸*In peace I will both lie | down and sleep; *
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.*

Second Lesson

Romans 3:10–26

¹⁰as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

¹¹no one understands;

no one seeks for God.

¹²All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;

no one does good,

not even one.”

¹³“Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”
¹⁴“Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”
¹⁵“Their feet are swift to shed blood;
¹⁶in their paths are ruin and misery,
¹⁷and the way of peace they have not known.”,
¹⁸“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

What Is the World to Me

730

Sermon

Nicene Creed

inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory for Lent

LSB pg. 422

C *On my heart imprint Your image, blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures, never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!*

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

- 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

Salvation unto Us Has Come **555**
Come, My Soul, with Every Care **779**
What a Friend We Have in Jesus **770**

Post-Communion Hymn for Lent

LSB pg. 632

- C** *O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.*

*Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!*

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

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

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Lutheran Schools in Martin County
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Bulletins and broadcast are sponsored this week by Dave & Kris Rode in memory of Kris's sister, Clarice Sizer, who went home to her Lord on March 8th. Our condolences to the family, may God bring you comfort and peace at this difficult time.

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 \$50,000. Once funds are raised a vote will be necessary to accept the bid. Thank you.

Tuition 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.

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.



LENT II: March 19th @ Zion Lutheran

6:00-6:45pm Supper
LWML will be serving
 Baked Potato Bar,
 Assorted Desserts and Beverages

7:00pm Vespers

Lutheran Bible Translators is the mission for our Lent II offerings. Lutheran Bible Translators work to make God's Word accessible in all languages. Your donation can change lives through the power of God's Word!

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.



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

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

A **special page** will be reserved in the bulletin for anyone wanting to give Easter flowers in memory of a loved one or in recognition of a special event. **Bulletin deadline is no later than, Monday, April 7th;** call the church office (436-5289) or email your information to sjlnorthrop@gmail.com.

GROCERY RECEIPTS FOR ST JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Keep receipts coming in, it's an easy fundraiser!
 Collection boxes are available at each church or in the office.

HY-VEE: \$ 92,000 FAREWAY: \$20,000

HyVee receipts can be grocery, gas, or pharmacy
 All receipts must be from the Fairmont locations, but they DO NOT expire.
Thank you for your ongoing participation.

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 or zionfraser.com, or through the tithe.ly church app.

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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Exodus 8:16-24

On Friday, read

Romans 1:16-32

On Saturday, read

Luke 11:14-28

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

Hymn: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

St James Lutheran School

Preschool & Kindergarten Open House

Tuesday, March 18th
4:30-6:00PM



Preschool Program
3 & 4 year-olds
2 or 3 days per week
Half or full day options

108 S James St
Northrop, MN
507-436-5289
sjlnorthrop.com



All-day
Kindergarten Program





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.

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.

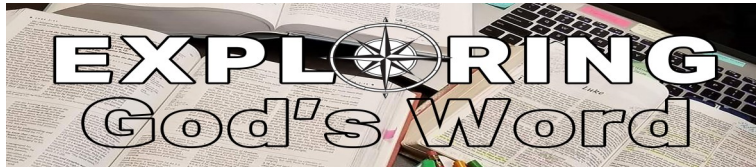
Get your tickets for the "Boots & Bling OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction" at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Saturday, April 5. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for auction preview and appetizers. A catered dinner of Grilled Boneless Pork Chop w/smoked bacon glaze, Sunrise Cashew Salad, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Breadstick and Assorted Cheesecakes will be served at 6:00 p.m. The Live Auction will follow with Land Services Unlimited serving as our gratis auctioneers. Be ready for a spectacular night of fun with lots of games to win prizes. The committee is looking for donations of new items, handmade creations, unique packages, stay and plays, or gift certificates. Notification and pictures are appreciated before March 10th. Go to www.martinlutherhs.com to see pictures of Silent and Live Items. Tickets are \$40 and should be purchased by March 20th. They are available from the church office, MLHS office and website.

The **Spring Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Thursday, March 27, 4-8 pm.; Friday, March 28, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 29, 8 a.m. to noon (\$3 bag sale). Donations will be accepted beginning Saturday, March 22nd. Volunteer help setting up and running the sale is most appreciated. Come when you can, leave when you wish!

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School **Knights4Life** Group is putting together **Personal Care Kits** to be distributed to shelters in our community. They would appreciate donations of travel size toiletries or cash to purchase those items. They are collecting until April 15.



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.



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 are studying the book of Hebrews.

 **Issues, Etc.**

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am

- 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. Michael Zeigler

"Light of the World" Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see. (John 8:12)

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 3-16	Paul & Cindy Wolter	Kimi Hansen
3-23	Dereck & Chris Bartz	Oakley Bohlsen
ZION 3-16	Wayne & Laura Wille	Gavin Schoen
3-19	Dustin & Stephanie Zellmer 7pm	_____
3-23	Chelsey Armbrust Family	Max Wirth
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 16 - 23, 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
	ML Soup/Sandwich Lunch	(ML) 10:30 - 1:00 PM
	ML Delegate Meeting	(ML) 1:00 PM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Pre-School & Kindergarten Open House	(SJ) 4:30 - 6:00 PM
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Lent II Supper	(Z) 6:00 - 6:45PM
	Lent II Vespers	(Z) 7:00 PM
	Joint Choir Practice	(Z) 8:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:30 PM
Friday	Joint Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 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

Ash Wednesday	Jt 92 (69)
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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			March 2, 2025
Attendance	101 (HC 63)	Home	\$3,552.20
Loose Plate	\$124.50	MN South	\$250.00
Windows	\$2,100.00	SJL School	\$205.00
MLHS	\$900.00	Ash Wed –OPC	\$603.00
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$42,670.00			

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			March 2, 2025
Attendance	68 (HC 57)	Home	\$3,091.00
Loose Plate	\$128.00	Missions	\$50.00
Online	\$655.00	Memorials	\$205.00
Zion Windows	\$3,182.00	Ash Wed-OPC	\$442.00
Annual Operating Expense: \$580,000.00			
Average Weekly Need: \$11,154.00			
Giving to date: \$110,040.42 Projected Shortfall: (\$7,789.82)			