

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



Pastor John Henry



The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 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.*

The apostle Paul wrote:

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved”

So we call on God's name and rejoice!

Welcome.

Opening Hymn *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* **418**

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 91:15–16



¹⁵When he calls to me, I will answer him;

I will be with him in | trouble; *

I will rescue him and | honor him.

¹⁶With long life I will sat- | isfy him *

and show him my sal- | vation.”

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 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.

C **Amen.**

First Lesson

Genesis 3:1–15

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they

knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 91:1–13; antiphon: v. 1



¹*He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.*

²*I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust."*

³*For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler*
and from the deadly | pestilence.*

⁴*He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find | refuge;*
his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.*

⁵*You will not fear the terror | of the night,*
nor the arrow that | flies by day,*

⁶*nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,*
nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.*

⁷*A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your | right hand,*
but it will not come | near you.*

⁸*You will only look | with your eyes*
and see the recompense of the | wicked.*

⁹*Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
¹⁰no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.*

¹¹*For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.*

¹²*On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.*

¹³*You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.*

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1–11

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,”

and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **656**

Sermon

Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

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 Prayers

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

<i>The Tree of Life</i>	561
<i>O Love, How Deep</i>	544
<i>Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing</i>	421

Post-Communion Hymn for Lent

LSB pg. 632

- C** *O Jesus, blessèd 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

Glory Be to Jesus

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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.

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.

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Heidi Steuber, Bethany Petrowiak, Brianna Petrowiak,
Garrett Schock, Dan Petrowiak

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: Brandon Poppe, Tyler Morris, Kayvry Poppe

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

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.

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.

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)



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.

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, 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.

On Thursday, read *Genesis 32:22-32*

On Friday, read *Romans 3:10-26*

On Saturday, read *Matthew 15:21-28*

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

Hymn: 730 What Is the World to Me



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

KSUM Broadcast is the mission for our Lent I offerings. Tune in Sunday mornings at 10:30 to hear a sermon from one of our local LCMS pastors on KSUM - AM 1370 or FM 97.1.



LENT I: March 12th @ Zion Lutheran

6:00-6:45pm Supper

LWML will be serving

Taco Bar,

Assorted Desserts and Beverages

7:00pm Vespers



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 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.

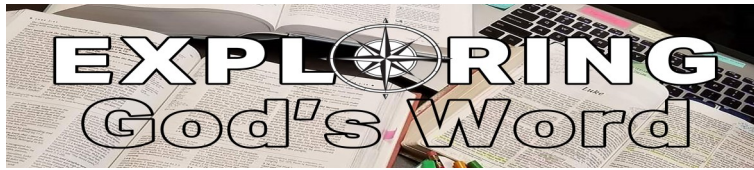
A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Sunday, March 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is a free will donation and proceeds will provide Student Tuition Aid to MLHS families.

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.

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!

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



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

- 3/9 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. Michael Zeigler

"Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies" Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o' beans? Hear how Christ's death and resurrection gives us life with God that can't be measured. (John 12:24)

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 3-9	Heather Wiederhoeft	Alex Egeness
3-16	Paul & Cindy Wolter	Kimi Hansen
ZION 3-9	Lee & Julie Baarts	Brooklynn Pittman
3-12	Jennifer Wille & Kristen Schoen 7pm	
3-16	Wayne & Laura Wille	Gavin Schoen
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 9 - 16, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - Noon

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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
Monday	LWML Zone Mtg @ SPL Fmt	5:30 PM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	LWML - Denise	(Z) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Lent I Supper	(Z) 6:00 - 6:45PM
	Lent I Vespers	(Z) 7:00 PM
	Zion Trustees Meeting	(Z) 8:00 PM
	Joint Choir Practice	(Z) 8:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	NO Adult Bible Class	
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
	Soup/Sandwich Lunch	(ML) 10:30 - 1:00 PM
	ML Delegate Meeting	(ML) 1:00 PM

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			March 2, 2025
Attendance	87 (HC 46)	Home	\$1,690.00
Loose Plate	\$71.00	MN South	\$100.00
Windows	\$2,000.00	SJL School	\$125.00
Lueth Memorial	Windows \$10,000.00		
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$40,570.00			

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			March 2, 2025
Attendance	90 (HC 68)	Home	\$8,176.00
Loose Plate	\$134.50	Missions	\$15.00
Online	\$745.00	MLHS	\$300.00
SJLC Misc	\$400.00	Memorials	\$60.00
Tuition Angel	\$50.00	Tuition	\$1,100.00
Annual Operating Expense: \$580,000.00			
Average Weekly Need: \$11,154.00			
Giving to date: \$106,166.42 Projected Shortfall: (\$)			