

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



Pastor John Henry

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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.*

*Like a loving father welcoming a prodigal child home
and inviting the other to join the feast,
God welcomes us all.
Let us celebrate such amazing grace.*

Opening Hymn

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

440

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.

Psalm 91:15



¹⁵*When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in | trouble; *
I will rescue him and | honor him.*

*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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Zion Sunday School sings

First Lesson

Exodus 16:2–21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD

who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 51:1–11



¹*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your | steadfast love;**
**according to your abundant mercy
blot out my trans- | gressions.**

²*Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!*

³*For I know my trans- | gressions, **
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

⁴*Against you, you only, have I sinned*
*and done what is evil | in your sight, **
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your | judgment.

⁵*Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity, **
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

⁶*Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being, **
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

⁷*Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; **
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

⁸*Let me hear joy and | gladness; **
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.

⁹*Hide your face | from my sins, **
and blot out all my in- | iquities.

¹⁰*Create in me a clean heart, | O God, **
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

¹¹*Cast me not away from your | presence, **
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

Second Lesson

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel*John 6:1–15***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.****Sermon Hymn** *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness***563****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, blessed 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

<i>Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain</i>	435
<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i>	436
<i>My Song Is Love Unknown</i>	430

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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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Special Zion Voters Meeting TODAY (3/30) after church.

We need to accept a bid for the parsonage windows and their installation. Voters please plan to stay for this short, but important, meeting. Thank you to everyone who has financially donated towards this project.

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!

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: Arlyn Becker, Leanna Mahoney, Lonny Becker,
Alyssa Wiederhoeft

Serving our Country: Sean McCroskey

Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Tom Koeritz, Myla Roskop,
Webb Quade, Ronald Schultz, Dennis Hagen, Bonnie Baarts,
Larry Becker

Homebound: Carl Luhmann, Ardis Osborn

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Eli Wallace

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

Homebound: Norma Patsche, Yonsey Karasek, David Hinz

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.

That's My Pan fundraiser for SJL School. Contact a student, teacher or the office to place an order. You can also view items and order online at thatsmypan.biz/SJL_Northrop_MN.

Parenting Workshop Sundays: March 30, April 6, & 13, 4:30pm at Dell Church, 47500 97th St., Frost MN. Todd Dube, a certified family and marriage counselor, will be leading our sessions and will be available as a resource to those interested. Limited childcare available. Please reserve your spot by calling 507-526-5000. \$20 per couple for all three sessions which includes a meal each night.

LWML Zone Spring Mission Rally, Tuesday, April 8th at St John's Lutheran, 317 S Main St, Sherburn. Light supper starts at 5 with the rally beginning at 6pm. Dr Jeffrey E Burkart will speak on "Five Women Hymn Writers—Everything you wanted to know about hymns, but were afraid to ask." Gifts from the Heart to benefit Healing Hearts Housing in Sherburn.

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.

Genesis Classical Academy will be holding their **Spring Fling** on Saturday, April 5th, at the Winnebago Elementary School gym located at 132 1st Ave SE, Winnebago. Dinner includes tiki-style pork on a bun, with sides, dessert and beverage, served from 5-6:45pm. Dinner is \$15 per adult and \$7 per child 12 and under. The even also includes a silent and live auction, raffle and entertainment. Tickets available in advance at Genesis Classical Academy or at the door. Genesis Classical Academy is a nondenominational Christian classical school serving students Preschool - 12th grade.

LWML Save the Date for the annual LWML Mn South District retreat at Camp Omega on September 12-13th. Topic by Rebecca Curtis, author of "Ladylike: Living Biblically".

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.



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

Easter Lily - \$18
Calendiva - \$18

Cyclamen - \$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.

Lent IV, April 2nd, offerings will go towards the scholarship funds at each congregation.

	<p>LENT IV: April 2nd @ Zion Lutheran</p>
	<p>6:00-6:45pm Supper BOCE will be serving BBQs, Chips, Potato Salad, Desserts and Beverages</p>
	<p>7:00pm Vesper Service</p>



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

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. Go to www.martinlutherhs.com to see pictures of Silent and Live Items. **Tickets are \$40 and still available through Monday 3/31 from the MLHS office.**

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.

A Guide for Daily Devotions

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, use this bulletin for daily devotions. One 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:

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

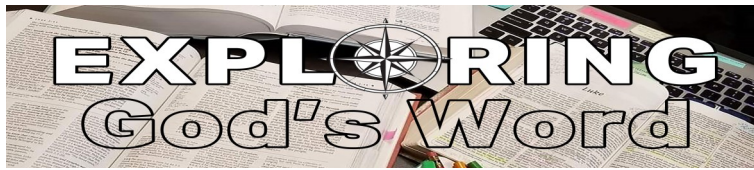
On Thursday, read *Genesis 22:1-14*

On Friday, read *Romans 8:31-39*

On Saturday, read *John 8:42-59*

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

Hymn: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown



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. "Being a follower of Jesus does not mean staying away from evil. It means confronting it— face to face - just like Jesus". Bring your coffee and join us as we "learn how controlling evil can be loudly proclaiming the name of Jesus or quietly caring for someone in need."

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

3/30 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

"The Difference Between Anger and Contempt" God gets angry at sin, but behind that anger, God is love. We believe this only because of Jesus. (John 11:35)

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 3-30	Warren & Carole Schultze	Christian Drayer
4-6	Lonny & Lynn Becker	Alex Egeness
ZION 3-30	Darren & Caitlin Balcom	Harper Armbrust
4-2	Sarah Wirth & Molly Bargfrede 7pm	_____
4-6	Daryl & Carol Bartz	Luke Henry
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 30 - April 6, 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
	Special Zion Voter's Meeting	(Z) 11:00 AM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Lent IV Supper	(Z) 6:00 - 6:45PM
	Lent IV Vespers	(Z) 7:00 PM
	Joint Choir Practice	(Z) 8:00 PM
	Elder's Meeting	(Z) 8:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	Joint Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Saturday	Oh What a Knight Dinner Auction	(ML) 4:30 PM
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			March 23, 2025
Attendance	127 (HC 78)	Home	\$4,059.00
Loose Plate	\$121.00	MN South	\$170.00
Windows	\$1,400.00	SJL School	\$100.00
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$50,152.00			
Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			March 23, 2025
Attendance	89 (HC 63)	Home	\$4,087.00
Loose Plate	\$51.00	Bulletins	\$35.00
Online	\$755.00	Memorials	\$25.00
SJLS	\$1,440.00	Transportation	\$111.51
Lent II– LBT	\$50.00	MLHS	\$50.00
Annual Operating Expense: \$580,000.00			
Average Weekly Need: \$11,154.00			
Giving to date: \$122,190.13 Projected Shortfall: (\$50,509.44)			