

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**Second Sunday of Easter**

*April 27, 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.*

*After Christ's resurrection, the disciples demonstrate  
many responses: not only faith and joy  
but also doubt and confusion.*

*Welcome to worship —  
no matter where you are on your faith journey.*

**Opening Hymn**     *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*     **487**

**Easter Acclamation**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**Invocation, Confession, & Absolution**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

- 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 deserved 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** ...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

*1 Peter 2*



*Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia, \**  
*long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] 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.*

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

### First Lesson

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 126*



<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of | Zion,\*  
**we were like | those who dream.**

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with | laughter,\*  
**and our tongue with | shouts of joy;**  
 then they said among the nations,  
 “The LORD has done great | things for them.”\*

<sup>3</sup>**The LORD has done great things for us; | we are glad.**

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, | O LORD,\*  
**like streams in the | Negeb!**

<sup>5</sup>Those who | sow in tears\*  
**shall reap with | shouts of joy!**

<sup>6</sup>He who goes out weeping,  
 bearing the seed for | sowing,\*  
**shall come home with shouts of joy,**  
**bringing his | sheaves with him.**

## Second Lesson

*1 John 5:4–10*

<sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand.*

## Alleluia

*LSB pg. 190*

**C** *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19–31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter

**G** *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

**G** *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**Sermon Hymn**     *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

**708**

## Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Sermon

**Nicene Creed**

*inside the back cover of the hymnal*

## The Prayers

## 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 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

LSB pg. 198

- 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>Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying</i>	<b>597</b>
<i>On Eagles' Wings</i>	<b>727</b>
<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	<b>709</b>

### 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.*

### Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Closing Hymn      *Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*      **548**

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



**St James**

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Webb Quade, Dennis Hagen, Bonnie Baarts, Larry Becker,  
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**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.

**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.

**SJL is looking for an individual(s) to assist in preparing the display slides for our worship services. The process is not difficult or time consuming. Please contact Annette Bremer with questions or to volunteer 507-236-0632**

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Willow Creek, is having a Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser**, Sunday, April 27 with serving from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to pay for a new furnace. The menu includes: Chili, Hamburger Vegetable Soup, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, and Vegetable Beef Soup. We will also be serving hot ham and cheese sandwiches and grilled cheese sandwiches, bars and a beverage. The cost is a free will donation. We will also be selling \$10 raffle tickets to win a hand crocheted afghan. All are invited to attend.



### **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:**

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**On Thursday, read**

*1 Samuel 17:31-50*

**On Friday, read**

*1 Peter 2:21-25*

**On Saturday, read**

*John 10:1-18*

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

**Hymn: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**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!

**Thrivent Shredding Event** on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Hours will be, Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 pm and Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am to Noon. This will be at the Fairmont Office at 301 Downtown Plaza. If you need help carrying your shredding in, call our office when you get here, 507-235-9877, and we will come out to help. Please limit your papers to be shredded to 2 paper grocery bags or 1 bankers box. Also, no envelopes or junk mail. This limits the space we have for important papers to be shredded.

**Adult Bible class** will resume on May 1st, 7pm at Zion-Fraser. We will continue "A Year of Devotions on the Life of Jesus: Come, Follow Me", page 355, Jesus' Resurrection. You are invited to join this group study on Thursday or be enriched by individual study. \*\*\*Note: You can make your book suggestions for a future group study by putting it in the suggestion box on the table in the narthax.



**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](http://www.martinlutherhs.com). Principal David Stuckwisch is available any time to answer any questions. Call 507-436-5249.

**The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Europe Group will be working for tips at the Pizza Ranch** in Fairmont on Wednesday, April 30 from 5-9 p.m.

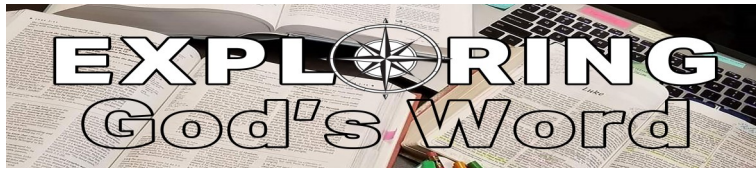
**Mother's Day Brunch at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School** on Sunday, May 10 sponsored by the Europe Group. They will be serving assorted Egg Bakes, Fruit Salad, Donuts by Kiehl's Bakery and Beverages. Cost is a free will donation.

**Everyone is invited to Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop for "Just a Normal Concert"** on Saturday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. The talents of young musicians in Elementary Band and High School Band & Choir will be featured under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Refreshments will be served. Admission is a free will offering.



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			April 13, 2025
Attendance	112 (HC 69)	Home	\$3,450.00
Loose Plate	\$78.00	MN South	\$50.00
Windows	\$100.00	SJL School	\$140.00
Lent V MLHS	\$894.00		
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$50,952.00			

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			April 20, 2025
Attendance	142 (HC 90)	Home	\$5,980.00
MLHS	\$50.00	MN South	\$200.00
Windows	\$300.00	M Thurs-Missions	\$716.00
G Fri-SPLs	\$595.00	Easter Bft-SJL	\$735.00
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$51,252.00			



### 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 resume this week, 7pm @ Zion.

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**

4/27 What Is Your Favorite Easter Hymn and Why?



#### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY**

**Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am**

**Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

**"Through Locked Doors"** When Jesus shows up, it's no longer "us vs. them," because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus. (John 20:19)

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
<b>SJL 4-27</b>	Brian Borkenhagen & Bryce	Christian Drayer
<b>5-4</b>	Donovan Bremer & Larry Graplar	Alex Egeness
<b>ZION 4-27</b>	Matt & Angie Brown	Brooklyn Pittman
<b>5-4</b>	Tony & Gini Brummond	Gavin Schoen
<b>SJL Ushers:</b> Dereck Bartz, Nathan Denn, Dan Petrowiak, Josh Howe		
<b>Elders:</b> Lon (Z), Jason (SJ) <b>SJL AG:</b> Sherri Roforth, Cindi Tomlinson		

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: April 27 - May 4, 2025**

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

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<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	<b>(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM</b>
	Sunday School/Bible Class	<b>(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chapel	<b>(SJ) 8:40 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chapel	<b>(SJ) 8:40 AM</b>
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	<b>(SJ) 4:00 PM</b>
	Confirmation Practice (ALL 8th graders)	<b>(SJ) 5:00 PM</b>
	BOCE Meeting	<b>(SJ) 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	<b>(SJ) 8:40 AM</b>
	Adult Bible Study	<b>(Z) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Joint Morning Bible Study	<b>(SJ) 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	<b>(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM</b>
	Sunday School/Bible Class	<b>(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM</b>
	NFL	<b>(SJ) 7:00 PM</b>

<b>Holy Week Joint Attendance</b>	
M Thursday	65 (HC 57)
G Friday	92

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<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – St James</b>			<b>April 20, 2025</b>
Attendance	218 (HC 183)	Home	\$6,849.00
Loose Plate	\$577.00	Tuition	\$6,000.00
Online	\$670.00	Transportation	\$90.93
Tuition Angel	\$50.00	Memorials	\$165.00
Lent V MLHS	\$140.00	M Thurs-Missions	\$180.00
G Fri-SPLs	\$505.00		
<b>Annual Operating Expense: \$580,000.00</b>			
<b>Average Weekly Need: \$11,154.00</b>			
Giving to date: \$165,622.51		Projected Shortfall: (\$41,726.84)	