

Christ Is Risen!

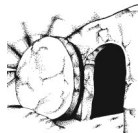
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Alleluia

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

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



Pastor John Henry

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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.***

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Welcome to worship as we rejoice
in our Lord's resurrection, and ours.

Stand.

The Final Stanza of "Were You There?" is sung.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

"Hallelujah, Jesus Has Risen"

sung by the Choir.

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 de-**

served 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

Luke 24:5–6



*He is risen! Alle- | luia!**

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!

*Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,**

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise.

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 with-
out 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 the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

First Lesson

Exodus 14:21–29

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 16:7–11



⁷*I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel; *
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.*

⁸*I have set the LORD always be- | fore me; *
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.*

⁹*Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices; *
my flesh also | dwells secure.*

¹⁰*For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol, *
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.*

¹¹*You make known to me the | path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.*

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 5:6–8

⁶Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

"There Is a Hope Beyond the Grave"

sung by the Choir.

Stand.

Alleluia

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C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter

C *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not

believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon Hymn *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness* **467**

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **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

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today **457**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing **633**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives **461**

The Day of Resurrection **478**

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 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* **465**

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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:

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.

On Thursday, read	<i>Ezekiel 37:1-14</i>
On Friday, read	<i>1 John 5:4-10</i>
On Saturday, read	<i>John 20:19-31</i>

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

Hymn: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Katy Gonzalez, Jake Wolter

Serving our Country: Sean McCroskey

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

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Lorna Bicknase, Kayden Glidden, Molly Henry

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, Joe Nelson

Homebound: Norma Patsche, Yonsey Karasek, David Hinz

Our condolences to the family of Daryl & Sonia Hoewisch. Sonia's father, Ronald Schultz, was lovingly welcomed into the arms of our Risen Savior this past week. May God give you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

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.

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.

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.

Zion Voter's Meeting this Wednesday, April 23rd @ 7pm.

May newsletter deadline Tuesday, April 22nd.

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

SJL Musical “Life of the Party: The story of Mary & Martha”, will be held Friday April 25th, 7pm. All are invited to the show and the bake sale held afterwards.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Willow Creek, are 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.

Thrivent Shredding Event on April 28th and 29th. Hours will be, Monday the 28th from 3 to 6 pm and Tuesday the 29th 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.

Join us for Easter Breakfast:



Zion will be serving fresh waffles, sausage, fruit, juice, milk and coffee. Free will donations will go to St James Lutheran School.

SJL will be serving scrambled eggs with ham or sausage and cheese, applesauce, donuts, juice & coffee. Free will donations for the Higher Things Conference this summer.


Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 4-20	Jamee & Tara Bohlsen	Oakley Bohlsen
4-27	Brian Borkenhagen & Bryce	Christian Drayer
ZION 4-20	Duane & Nancy Letcher 6:30am	Luke Henry
4-27	Matt & Angie Brown	Brooklyn Pittman
SJL Ushers: Dereck Bartz, Nathan Denn, Dan Petrowiak, Josh Howe		
Elders: Lon (Z), Jason (SJ) SJL AG: Sherri Roforth, Cindi Tomlinson		

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: April 20 - April 27, 2025

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

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Sunday	EASTER Sunday		
	Divine Worship	(Z) 6:30 AM, (SJ) 8:30 AM	
	Easter Breakfast	(Z) 7:45 AM, (SJ) 10:00 AM	
Tuesday	Newsletter Deadline		
	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	
	Z Voter's Meeting	(Z) 7:00 PM	
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM	
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM	
Friday	Joint Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM	
	SJL School Musical & Bake Sale	(SJ) 7:00 PM	
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM	
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM	

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.

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			April 13, 2025
Attendance	120 (HC 86)	Home	\$4,095.00
Loose Plate	\$343.50	Missions	\$50.00
Online	\$2,211.70	Tuition	\$2,025.00
Tuition Angel	\$350.00	SJL School	\$1,890.23
SJL Church	\$157.50	Zion Support	\$430.00
Lent IV Scholarships	\$210.00	Memorials	\$4,360.00
Lent V MLHS	\$50.00		
Annual Operating Expense: \$580,000.00			
Average Weekly Need: \$11,154.00			
Giving to date: \$151,435.58 Projected Shortfall: (\$55,023.32)			



The magnificent white lily known as the Easter Lily has long stood as a symbol of purity, hope, innocence and peace. Also called the Bermuda lily, the Trumpet lily, and Jacob's Tears, the Easter lily is a biblical flower commonly associated with the resurrection of Christ.

The Easter lily signifies rebirth and a new beginning. It is said that beautiful white lilies sprang up in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus wept in the last hours before he was betrayed by Judas. Another legend claims that the white lilies grew from the repentant tears shed by Eve upon her departure from Paradise.

The lily is mentioned frequently throughout the bible and serves today as a beautiful reminder of the significance of the Easter season. Easter lilies are a symbol of purity, joy, hope and life.

Easter Lilies & various other spring flowers have been given to glorify our Risen Savior as follows:

At St James:

Keith & Mary Jo Hartmann	In memory of loved ones
Jayden, Colby, Kelynn & Jaxen Garlick	In memory of their dad, Rick Garlick
Tom & Heidi Koeritz	In memory of loved ones
Webb & Dar Quade Family	In memory of all our loved ones
Dale & Jacy Kosbab Family	In memory of Rollo & Gen Kosbab
Greg & Lori Schock	In celebration of our Risen Lord
Jim & Cheryl Becker	In memory of loved ones
Warren & Carole Schultze	In memory of loved ones
Bob Kosbab	In memory of Pat Kosbab
Paul & Cindi Tomlinson	For all our blessings, Glory be to
God	
Paul & Cindy Wolter Family	In honor and memory of our parents
Tom & Jean Schultz	In memory of loved ones
Paul & Sharon Leimer	In memory of loved ones no longer with us and in thanksgiving for family who share their lives with us

At Zion:

Kurt & Pat Steuber	In memory of loved ones
Gary & Connie Peymann	In memory of our grandparents and father Bill Peymann
Dorie Schwieger & Family	In memory of loved ones