



CONFIRMED
IN CHRIST

May 18, 2025

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



Pastor John Henry

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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.*

Opening Hymn

Shepherd of Tender Youth

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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.

Psalm 98



Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia.*

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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.*

LSB pg. 186

C *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

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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.*

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 Students Sing

First Lesson

Daniel 6:10–23

¹⁰When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. ¹¹Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. ¹²Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ¹³Then they answered and said before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.”

¹⁴Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. ¹⁵Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

¹⁶Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” ¹⁷And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” ²¹Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” ²³Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 33:1–3, 18–22



¹Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!*

Praise befits the | upright.

²Give thanks to the LORD | with the lyre;*

make melody to him with the harp of | ten strings!

³Sing to him a | new song;*

play skillfully on the strings, with | loud shouts.

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him, *

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

¹⁹that he may deliver their | soul from death*

and keep them alive in | famine.

²⁰Our soul waits | for the LORD;*

he is our help | and our shield.

²¹For our heart is | glad in him, *

because we trust in his | holy name.

²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us, *

even as we | hope in you.

Second Lesson

I Corinthians 15:50–58

⁵⁰I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand.

Alleluia

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C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

John 15:1–12

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

C *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon Hymn

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sermon

The Rite of Confirmation

LSB pp. 272-274

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

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The Consecration

Pax Domini (Sung)

- P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*
C *Amen.*

Agnus Dei

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- 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>Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness</i>	636
<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>	461
<i>Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands</i>	458

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

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

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Special Voter's Meeting at SJL, Sunday June 1st after church. We need to approve a joint summer worship schedule.

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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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	<i>Ezekiel 36:22-28</i>
On Friday, read	<i>Romans 8:26-30</i>
On Saturday, read	<i>John 16:12-28</i>

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

Hymn: 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

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.

A come-and-go bridal shower will be held for Kristin Noller, bride-to-be of Mason Koeritz, on Saturday, May 24th, from 9-11 a.m. in the SJL Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to join us for refreshments. The couple is registered at Target and Amazon.

Help Needed Mowing at MLHS. SJL is responsible for mowing May 16-31st. Please contact Gary Luhmann (507-236-4239) for dates and times. Thank you!



High School Graduates: Letters have been sent out regarding Recognition Sunday, May 25th. Please contact the office before **May 20th** with information for the bulletin. If you are graduating and did not get a letter, please let the office know. Thank you!

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



Confirmands **SJL:** Kimi Hansen, Christian Drayer
 ZION: Luke Henry, Alex Pittman, Gavin Schoen

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Joni Becker, Raelynn Berube, Roselie Berube,
Riley Henzler, Tyrone Carrigan, Leyton Becker, Hazel Lenz,
Liam Lenz

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

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Daryl Bartz, Huxley Meyerann

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

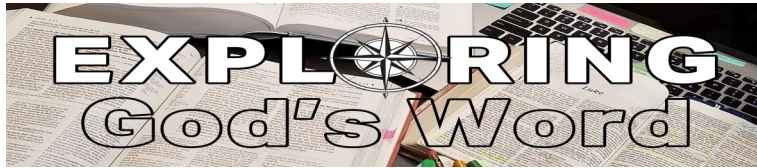
LCMS Heartland Singles Join us June 13-15, at Camp Omega in Waterville, MN, for a weekend of indoor and outdoor recreation, Bible studies, and worship. Form friendships with other Midwestern singles, build each other up in the faith, and potentially meet a spouse. Open to ages 21-41. \$100 per person for two nights of lodging and four meals. Go to lcmsheartlandsingles.com for a schedule and to register.

Pastor Keith Schwietzer: Main Bible Study
Pastor LeRoy LaPlant: Breakfast Session for Men
Miss Christina Harman: Breakout Session for Women
Pastor David Mumme: Worship at Trinity, Waterville



LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE

- **SJL members:** If you are interested in receiving this publication please contact the office. The yearly cost is \$24.97. Current and new recipients can bring your payment to the office.
- **ZION members:** If you DO NOT currently receive this and would like to start **OR** if you DO receive it but are no longer interested, please contact the office.



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 7pm @ Zion.

Friday Morning Bible Study 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

5/18 The Te Duem Laudamus – Pr. Will Weedon.

5/25 Christian Hope – Bryan Wolfmueller.



THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Truth That Takes Us In" Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father's love. (John 15:9)

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 5-18	Dallas Berube & Paul Kosbab	Oakley Bohlsen
5-25	Marilyn & Tyrone Carrigan	Christian Drayer
ZION 5-18	Chuck & Nita Dobson	Max Wirth
5-25	Cairne Eytcheson	Harper Armbrust
SJL Ushers: Lee Baarts, Bryan Simmering, Greg Rabbe, Mike Egeness		
Elders: Kevin (Z), Daryl (SJ) SJL AG: Linda Becker, Dru Egeness		

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:		May 18 - 25, 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	Confirmation Sunday	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
Tuesday	Newsletter Deadline	
	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	8th Grade Graduation	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	SJL Awards Night	(SJ) 6:30 PM
Thursday	SJL Closing Chapel & Picnic	(SJ) 11:00 AM
	Adult Bible Study	(Z) 7:00 PM
	SJL Council Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Friday	NO Joint Morning Bible Study	
Sunday	Graduate Recognition 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			May 11, 2025
Attendance	121(HC 82)	Home	\$4,000.00
Loose Plate	\$169.50	MN South	\$225.00
MLHS	\$500.00	SJL School	\$100.00
SPL Fmt	\$65.00		
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$50,952.00			

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			May 11, 2025
Attendance	109 (HC 93)	Home	\$7,175.00
Loose Plate	\$278.00	Missions	\$50.00
Online	\$2,171.70	Memorials	\$70.00
Tuition Angel	\$455.00	Tuition	\$50.00
SJL School	\$300.00	MLHS	\$300.00
Zion Support	\$1,940.00		
Annual Operating Expense: \$580,000.00			
Average Weekly Need: \$11,154.00			
Giving to date: \$197,549.73 Projected Shortfall: (\$39,337.58)			



St. James Lutheran



CHRISTIAN DRAYER

Born: April 15, 2011 **Baptized:** August 12, 2012

Verse: Romans 6:3

Christian was born in Huron, SD and baptized at First United Methodist Church. Bobbi Sorenson is his mother and he has one brother, Caleb and one sister, Paige. He attends Martin Luther JR/SR High School and plays basketball and shoots trap. He enjoys playing Xbox with friends, swimming and hanging out with friends. His favorite bible verse is John 3:16. He would like to become an police officer or mechanic.

LEAHKIM MARIAH HANSEN

Born: September 6, 2010 **Baptized:** April 11, 2025

Verse: Matthew 6: 25-26

Sponsors: Laura Henry, Monica Pavich

Kimi was born in Nebraska. Her parents are Bruce Hansen & Monica Pavich. She has seven siblings: Hadassah, Lincoln, Ariya, Charlie, Saphira, Martin & Ty. She attends Martin Luther JR/SR High School and plays softball and volleyball. She also enjoys reading. Joshua & Jezabel is her favorite bible story. She would like to live on a farm with horses.





Zion Lutheran



LUKE RAYMOND HENRY

Born: May 27, 2011

Baptized: June 5, 2011

Verse: 2 Timothy 1:7

Sponsors: Katie Henry, Rev. Michael & Jana Holman

Luke was born in Saginaw, MI and baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church, Reese, MI. His parents are Rev. John & Laura Henry, and he has three siblings: John, Silas & Molly. He attends Martin Luther JR/SR High School and plays soccer & basketball. In his free time he enjoys gaming, soccer and reading. Naboth's vineyard and Jezebel is his favorite bible story. He would like to become an entrepreneur.

ALEX JAMES PITTMAN

Born: April 15, 2011

Baptized: June 26, 2011

Verse: Joshua 1:9

Sponsors: Kristen Schoen, Brian Wille,
Tom Garmen, Chelsea Theobald

Alex was born in Fairmont and baptized at Zion Fraser Lutheran Church. His parents are Raymond Pittman & Jennifer Wille, and he has three siblings: Halie, Brooklynn & Linkin. He attends Fairmont JR/SR High School and plays soccer and the violin. He also enjoys riding his bike, scooter, and four-wheeler. His favorite bible story is Noah's Ark. He would like to become a firefighter.

GAVIN JOHN SCHOEN

Born: February 25, 2011

Baptized: March 20, 2011

Verse: 2 Timothy 2:5

Sponsors: Jennifer Wille, Chris & Melissa Schultz

Gavin was born in Fairmont and baptized at Zion Fraser Lutheran Church. His parents are Paul & Kristen Schoen, and he has one sister, Addison. He attends Martin County West High School and plays football & golf. In his free time he enjoys playing video games, farming, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing. The story of the Passover is his favorite bible story. After high school he would like to play college football and become a detective.