

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



*Pastor John Henry*



**Third Sunday of Easter**

*May 4, 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.*

*Welcome to worship, friends!*

*As Jesus met Saul (later called Paul) in a powerful light and voice on the road to Damascus, so he meets us here.*

*It might be less dramatic, but it's no less real.*

**Opening Hymn**     *I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives*     **468**

**The Holy Baptism of Berkley Mae Brandt & Cason Wade Sowell**     *Zion*

**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

*Psalm 33:5-6*



*The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*  
 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. 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:  
 and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*  
**C** *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, 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.

**C** *Amen.*

### First Lesson

*1 Samuel 17:32–37, 40–50*

<sup>32</sup>And David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” <sup>33</sup>And Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth.” <sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.” <sup>37</sup>And David said, “The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you!”

<sup>40</sup>Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd’s pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

<sup>41</sup>And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup>And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup>And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

<sup>44</sup>The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.” <sup>45</sup>Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup>and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give you into our hand.”

<sup>48</sup>When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

<sup>50</sup>So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 23*



<sup>1</sup>*The LORD is my | shepherd; \**

***I | shall not want.***

<sup>2</sup>*He makes me lie down in green | pastures. \**

***He leads me beside still | waters.***

<sup>3</sup>*He re- | stores my soul. \**

***He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.***

<sup>4</sup>*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil, for you are | with me; \**

***your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.***

<sup>5</sup>*You prepare a table before me*

*in the presence of my | enemies; \**

***you anoint my head with oil;***

***my cup | overflows.***

<sup>6</sup>*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me*

*all the days | of my life, \**

***and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.***

### Second Lesson

*1 Peter 2:21–25*

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

<sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**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 10:11–16*  
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter  
**C** *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

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

**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**

<i>I Am Jesus' Little Lamb</i>	<b>740</b>
<i>With High Delight Let Us Unite</i>	<b>483</b>
<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	<b>770</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     *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*     710

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## Today at Zion

### We welcome to the family of God through Holy Baptism



- **Berkley Mae Brandt.** Her parents are Bryan Brandt and Taylor Ask. Larissa Sowell & Levi Bulfer are her sponsors and Ethan Ask & Krista Smith are witnesses.
- **Cason Wade Sowell.** His parents are Bryan & Larissa Sowell. Bryan Brant is his sponsor. Journey Kellam, Eric Sowell, and Kristina Perez are witnesses.

**May God continue to bless your families!**

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



**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Joseph Gonzalez, Wyatt Luhmann

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

*Homebound:* Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Berkley Brandt, Cason Sowell, Amanda Steuber

*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

**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.

**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.**

**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!

**Thursday night Adult Bible class** has resumed, held at 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 book suggestions for a future group study by putting it in the suggestion box on the table in the narthax.



### 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, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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**

*Daniel 3:13-27*

**On Friday, read**

*1 Corinthians 15:12-22*

**On Saturday, read**

*John 14:1-12*

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

**Hymn: 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**



**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.**

**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 [lcmshheartlandsingles.com](http://lcmshheartlandsingles.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





## **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.

**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.



**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!

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



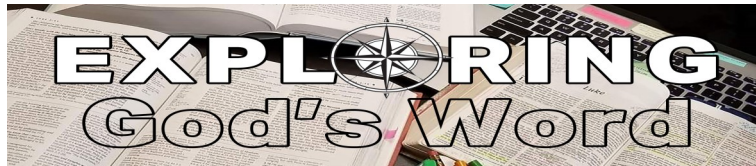
**Examination:** Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at SJL

**Confirmation:** Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am at SJL, 10am at Zion

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for Public Examination and Confirmation.

***SJL: Christian Drayer & LeahKim Hansen***

***ZION: Luke Henry, Alex Pittman, Gavin Schoen***



### 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**

- 5/4 The Easter Hymn, "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"- Dr. Arthur Just  
 5/11 The Hymn, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"- Dr. Arthur Just  
 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**

**Guest Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

"An Old Place, A New Beginning" God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, "I knew I would find you here." (John 21:1-19)


Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
<b>SJL 5-4</b>	Donovan Bremer & Larry Graplar	Alex Egeness
<b>5-11</b>	Larry & Annette Bremer	Kimi Hansen
<b>ZION 5-4</b>	Tony & Gini Brummond	Gavin Schoen
<b>5-11</b>	Zach & Kayla Brummond	Alex Pittman
<b>SJL Ushers:</b> Lee Baarts, Bryan Simmering, Greg Rabbe, Mike Egeness		
<b>Elders:</b> Kevin (Z), Daryl (SJ) <b>SJL AG:</b> Sherri Roforth, Cindi Tomlinson		

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: May 4 - 11, 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  
**Tuesday** Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM  
**Wednesday** Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM  
 Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM  
 Confirmation Practice (ALL 8th graders) (SJ) 5:00 PM  
 Joint Elders Meeting (SJ) 7:00 PM  
**Thursday** Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM  
 Adult Bible Study (Z) 7:00 PM  
**Friday** Joint Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM  
**Sunday** **Mother's Day**  
 Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM  
 Sunday School/Bible Class (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM  
 Mother's Day Brunch (ML) 10:00-1:00 PM  
 Confirmation Questioning (SJ) 6:00 PM

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			April 27, 2025
Attendance	100 (HC 69)	Home	\$3,167.20
Loose Plate	\$81.00	MN South	\$225.00
MLHS	\$65.00	SJL School	\$900.00
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$50,952.00			

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			April 27, 2025
Attendance	75 (HC 55)	Home	\$4,595.00
Loose Plate	\$250.00	Tuition	\$4,300.00
Online	\$645.00	Missions	\$125.00
Tuition Angel	\$69.00	Memorials	\$45.00
MLHS	\$50.00	Zion Support	\$6,789.52
	\$505.00		
<b>Annual Operating Expense: \$580,000.00</b>			
<b>Average Weekly Need: \$11,154.00</b>			
Giving to date: \$182,202.03 Projected Shortfall: (\$22,676.14)			