

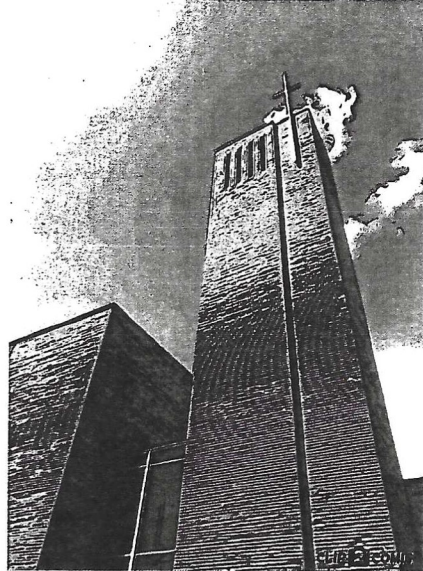
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March 5, 2023

+ **Order of Service** +
March 5, 2023
2nd Sunday in Lent
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184
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Opening Hymn: **Chief of Sinners Though I Be**-LSB 611
School Kids Sing: *The Coloring Song/ I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
Confession and Absolution-LSB 184
Introit, Gloria Patri, and Kyrie-LSB 186
Gloria In Excelsis Omitted During Lent
Collect of the Day-LSB 189
Old Testament Genesis 12:1-9
School Kids Ring: *Shepherd's Hymn After the Storm*
Epistle Romans 4:1-8, 13-17
Holy Gospel John 3:1-17
Creed
Hymn of the Day: **God Loved the World**-LSB 571
Sermon
Offertory
Prayers of the Church
Communion Liturgy-LSB 194
Distribution Hymns
 What Is This Bread-LSB 629
 Not All the Blood of Beasts-LSB 431
 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness-LSB 636
Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy-LSB 199
Closing Hymn: **On My Heart Imprint Your Image**-LSB 422

February 26, 2023
Of Our Time: 112
Communion: 61
Giving:

Introit

Ps. 105:4-7; antiphon Ps. 105:8

He remembers his covenant for-| ever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener-| ations.

Seek the LORD | and his strength;

seek his presence con-| tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,

children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!

He is the | LORD our God;

his judgments are in | all the earth.

He remembers his covenant for-| ever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener-| ations.

IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER:

+ Gladys Belgard, DeLaine Krenz, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Pastor Fretham, Mel Breitbarth, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Marlen Halverson, Gloria Drevlow, Marsha Miller, Carol Ritz. Ron Schultz, Larye Anderson, Engel Dougherty, Shari Voit. +Our Shut-Ins: Jo Rusert, RoseMary Kasten, Janis Olson, June Mausling, Dallas & Wendy Becker, Mary Breitbarth. + Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler.

Old Testament

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. (2) And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (3) I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (4) So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. (5) And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, (6) Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. (7) Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. (8) From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. (9) And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Epistle

Romans 4:1-8; 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? (2) For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. (3) For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” (4) Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. (5) And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, (6) just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: (7) “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; (8) blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” (13) For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. (14) For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. (15) For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. (16) That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, (17) as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel

John 3:1-17

Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? (2) Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. (3) What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? (4) By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged." (5) But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) (6) By no means! For then how could God judge the world? (7) But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? (8) And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just. (9) What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, (10) as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; (11) no one understands; no one seeks for God. (12) All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." (13) "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." (14) "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." (15) "Their feet are swift to shed blood; (16) in their paths are ruin and misery, (17) and the way of peace they have not known."

Cindi Riewe will be out of the office from Feb. 22 – March 13. Allison Slabbert will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings. Please have any bulletin announcements to the office by 8:00 AM on Thursdays.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to bring Easter Lilies in for church in remembrance of your loved ones, please contact Dawn Halverson at 507-432-8248 or drop them off by Saturday, April 8th.

EASTER BREAKFAST will be held on April 9th after the Sunrise Service in the church basement. Everyone is invited to join us in food & fellowship! The Crusaders Youth Group will be hosting the event. Anyone wishing to donate eggs, ham, pastries, muffins, fruit, milk, orange juice, or money for items, please let Jana Chase (260-246-2145) or Jen Wedel (507-399-1964) know or with any questions. Proceeds will go toward the Higher Things Youth Gathering trip in July.

JESUS GIVES living water to those who are spiritually dehydrated (John 4).
March 12th Message: "Thirsting for Life". Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes speaks on WCCO (830): 6.05 AM and KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM.

MARCH DELEGATE Meeting will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop on Sunday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Room. All delegates are encouraged to attend. The 2023-2024 budget will be presented.

THE SPRING RUMMAGE and Bake Sale will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School Thursday, March 30th from 4-8 p.m.; Friday, March 31st, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, April 1st, 8 a.m. to noon. Set up will begin on Saturday, March 25. Volunteer workers are most welcome to set up, operate the sale and help with take down. Donations of spring and summer clothing (in good condition), household items, and furniture will be accepted Saturday-Tuesday. Your help is essential to our success! Come help when you can and leave when you wish! Volunteers can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094CACAA2DA2F94-spring1>. For more information go to www.martinlutherhs.com or call 507-436-5249.

ENROLLMENT for the 2023-2024 school year is now open at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop. Interested families are invited to visit the school at any time. Call 507-436-5249 to set up a time. The Vision of Martin Luther JR/SR High School is: Partnered with families and congregations, Empowered by the Gospel, Academically Accredited, Christ-Centered and Cross-Curricular, Engaged in Excellence. Early enrollment discounts apply until March 15th. For more information visit www.martinlutherhs.com. All teens are welcome to be blessed by a quality Christian high school education.

A VENDER & CRAFT SHOW on Saturday, March 18th will be held at St. John's UCC (301 N. Main, Fairmont, MN 56031) from 9am-1:30pm. Over 30 vendors will be in attendance and a breakfast/lunch will be served for a free-will offering. All proceeds benefit the Martin County Fire Department.

EVERYONE is invited to a **Soup and Sandwich Lunch** at Martin Luther JR/SR High School in Northrop on Sunday, March 19th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Serving homemade soups: Chicken Noodle, Sausage Tortellini, Cheesy Potato, Beef Stew with homemade dumplings; Egg Salad or Cheese Spread on Crimp Bread, Bars, Cupcakes and Greg's Heavenly Homemade Ice Cream. Cost is a free-will donation that will go toward the Student Tuition Aid Fund.

YOU CAN GIVE to Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Ministry while you shop! Use Hy-Vee Cards or give them as gifts! Available in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. Purchase Kwik Trip cards through MLHS. MLHS earns 5% on each Gas and Gift Card. Available in \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$500 increments. Give them as gifts also! They can be used at Kwik Trip and Kwik Star. Special Kwik Trip Grocery Only cards are available in \$100 and \$200, which provides 15% to MLHS on in-store grocery purchases ONLY. ****Items not eligible to be purchased with Grocery Only include: fuel, tobacco, alcohol, gift cards, lottery/lotto, and stamps.* Both Hy-Vee & Kwik Trip cards can be purchased from Chris Geistfeld.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THRIVENT FINANCIAL WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO DIRECT CHOICE DOLLARS®? Choice Dollars charitable grant funds can make a world of difference to Martin Luther High School. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members recommend where they feel Thrivent should distribute a portion of its charitable grant funds. Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice".

TICKETS are on sale for the **OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction** that will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop on Saturday, April 22nd. Auction preview and social hour will begin at 4:30 p.m. Valet parking service will be available. A dinner of bacon wrapped chicken breast will be served at 6:00 p.m. The Live Auction will follow with many fine items, experiences, and services on the docket. Tickets are \$30 each and must be purchased by April 15th and are available at area churches, the ML school office and online at www.martinlutherhs.com. Hundreds of new items, gift certificates, theme baskets and handmade items will be up for bids. Donations are welcome. Pictures and notification of donations are appreciated now with delivery of items to MLHS from April 1 until April 10. Call 507-436-5249.

THE REGION IV Lutheran Elementary Schools Fine Arts and Science Festival will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop on Saturday, March 11th. Students from seven schools are participating. Viewing of art and science entries and individual performances begin at 8:00 a.m. Large group music performances begin following judging completion which is expected to be around noon. A combined concert featuring "The Coloring Song" will be the grand finale. Guests are welcome to join in celebrating the God-given talents of our students in Art, Music, Science, Creative Writing and Speech. Concessions will be available. The event is free and open to the public.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sun.	Mar. 5	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
		10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
			Lutheran Schools Week-School Open House After Church
Tues.	Mar. 7	10:00	Women's Bible Study
Wed.	Mar. 8	10:00	Chapel
		4:30	After School Confirmation
		7:00	Lenten Service
Sat.	Mar. 11		Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour
Sun.	Mar. 12	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
		10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Mon.	Mar. 13	7:00	Trustee Mtg.
		7:00	PTL Mtg.
Tues.	Mar. 14	10:00	Women's Bible Study
		7:00	Board of Education Mtg.
		7:30	Elders Mtg.

Organist:


Ushers:

3/5/23	Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz, Gerald Urban, Ken Urban
3/8/23	Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glen Kubly
3/12/23	Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cade Hotzler
3/15/23	Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban

Our Visitors

We welcome you to the Divine Service. May the Lord Jesus bless you through His Word preached, spoken, sung and given in the Sacraments. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and therefore it is without error. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Further, we believe that Jesus Christ atoned for all the world's sins and that we are saved alone by God's undeserved love. Scripture teaches that God declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. For Christ's sake He justifies those who believe in Jesus and trust in God's forgiveness in the blood of The Crucified One.

Holy Communion

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Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves. Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. **We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.**