

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: July 18—July 25, 2021**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Thursday-Friday 8:00AM–Noon**

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<b>Sunday</b>	Joint Adult Bible Study	(SJ) 8:30 AM
	Divine Worship Joint Service	(SJ) 9:30 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	NO Divine Worship (Spoken)	
	SJL Quarterly Voters' Meeting	(SJ) 7:30 PM
<b>Friday</b>	NO Morning Bible Study	
<b>Sunday</b>	Joint Adult Bible Study	(SJ) 8:30 AM
	Divine Worship Joint Service	(SJ) 9:30 AM

“You, too, are one of the people Jesus came to rescue. You are one that He loves enough to suffer and even die for. His intention is to give you life—everlasting life—just as He has risen from the dead and will never die again. He is your king, and He wants you in God’s kingdom.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Those Serving our Lord		
Greeters		
<b>SJL</b>	<b>7-18</b>	Lois Lenz & Myla Roskop
	<b>7-25</b>	Carole Lohmann
<b>Zion</b>	<b>7-18</b>	Paul & Kristen Schoen
	<b>7-25</b>	Caleb & Braden Roiger

Wednesday, July 7, 2021	
Attendance	Jt 6 (HC 5)



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			July 11, 2021
Joint Attendance	157 (Z-HC 50)	Home	\$1,833.00
Loose Plate	\$45.00	Missions	\$140.00
MLHS	\$665.00	Bulletins/Broadcast	\$35.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			July 11, 2021
Joint Attendance	157 (SJ-HC 61)	Home	\$4,030.00
Online	\$800.56	Missions	\$640.00
Loose Plate	\$62.00	Memorials	\$30.00
SJLS Misc	\$200.00	MLHS	\$300.00

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



*Pastor John Henry*



**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

*July 18, 2021*

**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** *Lift High the Cross* **837**

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution** *LSB pg. 203*

**Entrance Psalm** *Psalms 145:16*

You open your hand;  
 you satisfy the desire of every living thing.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB pg. 204*

**Prayer of the Day** *LSB pg. 205*

**P** Let us pray.  
 Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsive Reading

*Psalms 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 restores 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 forever.**

**Ruby’s Pantry Food Distribution** on Saturday, July 24th from 10-11:30am at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280<sup>th</sup> Avenue in rural East Chain. This will be conducted with a drive-thru procedure so you will not have to get out of your car. You are also asked to clean out the trunk of your vehicle before you come. There are no income or residency guidelines for this program. Ruby’s Pantry is funded by the \$20 cash donation per share for operational costs. Please bring two large boxes or laundry baskets to receive an abundance of food. If you would like more information on Ruby’s Pantry, please call 507-236-4653.

## **St James Lutheran School Family**



## **PTL Sponsored School Pool Party**

Wednesday July 28th, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Truman pool. Come spend the evening with your school family. Free swimming for SJL Families.

**SJL School Registration Night** is Monday, August 2nd, 5-7PM.

**MLHS Launch Day & Registration** on Thurs, Aug. 12th Noon-8PM.

## **Be A CREST Volunteer & Make A Difference**

Do you have a few minutes to spare? Looking for something interesting to do? Consider becoming a volunteer with CREST! It’s an awesome opportunity to meet seniors and caregivers, plus brighten their lives and make new friends. Your time will make a difference in their lives and enhance yours as well.

CREST volunteers talk on the phone a lot as they give people who are homebound a new voice to hear and share with. It’s comforting to know that someone cares about them and is checking in with them. Many of our seniors are limited in their ability to be out and about. A call from you will make their lives less lonely and help those four walls to widen.

CREST volunteers drive seniors to medical appointments, the bank, the library, grocery shopping, hair appointments, and even to lunch. Most trips are local, but some trips for medical appointments might be to Rochester, Sioux Falls, Mankato or the Twin Cities. For these trips gas cards are provided to help with expenses. The need for your time continues to grow. Imagine the joy you will bring and even the relief that help is available. Then imagine how it will make you feel to have made it happen!

Contact CREST at 507-235-3833 or email us at [crest@crestvolunteers.org](mailto:crest@crestvolunteers.org) today!

**ZION members.....**sharpen your mower blades and expect a phone call to help with mowing at MLHS. Zion is responsible for July 27-Aug 9th.



**SJL School is looking for a lunch assistant for the '21-'22 school year.** Duties would include assisting with meal prep, serving, and clean-up from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday when school is in session. This is a paid position and would be great for someone that is looking for a little pocket money, delicious

lunches, a wonderful cook to work with, and children's smiles! Days off for appointments, vacations, etc., would not be an issue. Contact Heidi Koeritz at 507-848-6091 or [koeritz.heidi@gmail.com](mailto:koeritz.heidi@gmail.com) for more detailed information.

**NEEDED: Sunday School Superintendent at SJL.** Please contact Annette Bremer if interested 236-0632.

**Options Pregnancy Center Picnic** Sunday July 25th 11-2PM at Sylvia Park in Fairmont. Hot Dogs, Burgers, Chips, Watermelon, Drinks, Children's Activities.

**Grocery Receipts for SJLS.** Receipts should ONLY be from the Fairmont HyVee or Fareway stores. Thank you for saving your receipts! **Each \$150,000 in receipts gets us a \$1,000 check.**

HyVee \$20,000      Fareway \$55,000

**Receipts from HyVee can be grocery, gas or pharmacy**



The word of the LORD came to me...  
Jeremiah 23:6, NRSV

**Bible and Lutheran Confessions Sale:** Find the right Bible for you or a loved one at the lowest prices of the year from Concordia Publishing House. Order forms available on the table at the back of church or in the office, or you may sign up on the poster in the office. Please make checks payable to St James Lutheran Church and include with your order. Deadline to return orders to the office is Thursday July 29th so the group order can be placed Friday, July 30th!

### MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

**Summer Camps** at Martin Luther High School: **All Skills Volleyball Camps** led by Coach Paul Steinhaus for boys and girls in grades 5-9 will be held July 27-29. More info and online registration online payment can be found at [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com).

### Second Reading

*Ephesians 2:11-22*

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 6:30-44*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he an-

