

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*May 15, 2022*



**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**

*Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*

**811**

**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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** ... in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Psalm 98:1*



*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

*LSB pgs. 152-153*

**C** *Lord, have mercy.*

**C** Amen.

*LSB pg. 155*

*We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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.**

**First Lesson***Daniel 6:10–23*

<sup>10</sup>When 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. <sup>11</sup>Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. <sup>12</sup>Then 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.” <sup>13</sup>Then 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.”

<sup>14</sup>Then 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. <sup>15</sup>Then 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.”

<sup>16</sup>Then 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!” <sup>17</sup>And 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. <sup>18</sup>Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

<sup>19</sup>Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup>As 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?” <sup>21</sup>Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup>My 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.” <sup>23</sup>Then 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.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 146*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup>**When his breath departs he returns to the earth;**

**on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth,**

**the sea, and all that is in them,**

who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

**The LORD sets the prisoners free;**

<sup>8</sup>**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD will reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

## Second Lesson

*1 Corinthians 15:12–25*

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia & Verses

LSB 266

**C** *Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.*

*Raised from the dead, He will never die again.*

*Death has no more dominion over Him.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.*

*Living, He lives to God.*

*Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

#### Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### Holy Gospel

John 15:1–12

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

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

<sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every 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. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide 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. <sup>5</sup>I 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. <sup>6</sup>If 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. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Sermon Hymn:** *He's Risen, He's Risen* **480**

**Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed** *inside the back cover of the hymnal.*

**The Prayers**

**Offering**

**Offertory** *LSB 159*

**C** *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

**The Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB pg. 161

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

**The Lord's Prayer**     *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

## The Consecration

### Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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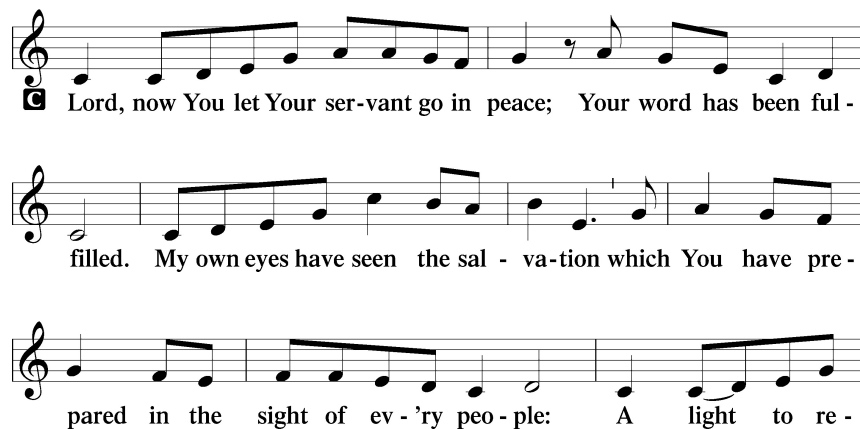
**C** *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

## Communion Hymns

<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	537
<i>If God Himself Be for Me</i>	724
<i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i>	761

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



#### Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### Thanksgiving & Benediction

- 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 your spirit.  
**P** Let us bless 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.

#### Closing Hymn

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Adam McNea, Kelynn Garlick, Trenna Morgan,  
Joni Becker, Riley Henzler, Tyrone Carrigan

*Serving our Country:* Adam Quade

*Sick & In Distress:* Mitchell Wagner, Chris Enevold, Marianne Hagen,  
Myla Roskop, Rochelle Franzen, Audrey Gable

*Homebound:* Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Asher Wallace, Daryl Bartz

*Seminary Student:* Peter Preus

*Serving our Country:* Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown,  
Jesse Peterson

*Sick & In Distress:* Greg Wallace, Duane Behrens, Lynn Schwieger

*Homebound:* Dale Schwieger, Arlene Darmer, Bill Peymann,  
Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche

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**Condolences to Bryan Simmering** at the death of his father, Eugene Simmering, last Sunday. May God bring you comfort and strength.

**2022 High School Graduates** should have received a letter regarding our Graduate Recognition Sunday on **May 22nd**. If you have not gotten one, please contact the office. Also, please remember to submit information on your high school and any future plans **by May 16th**. (436-5289 or [sjl\\_office@frontiernet.net](mailto:sjl_office@frontiernet.net))



- **LYF Kickball Tournament** scheduled for TODAY, Sunday 5/15, **will be postponed**. Date/time **TBA**
- **SJL Eve Circle** reminder that May's monthly meeting has changed to Thursday, May 19th @ 7pm.
- **NFL May meeting has been cancelled.**



**SJL Special Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday, May 22 @ 6:30PM.** On the agenda is information regarding the possibility of moving 7th & 8th grades to MLHS.

At the last SJL Voter's Meeting, the decision was made to replace one of the heaters in the gym. The 30+ year old heater is no longer working and will be replaced with a 95% efficient model. Anyone interested in helping with this expense, please earmark your donation as "Gym Heater". Thank you ~SJL Trustees

**Vintage Zion Sunday School Records** are still available for the taking. They are located on the table in the Narthex. Records date up to the 80's. Help yourself!

**St James Lutheran is scheduled for mowing at MLHS, May 22-June 4th.** Please talk to the trustees if you are able to help.

#### **MARTIN LUTHER**

**2022-2023 school year enrollment is now open for students in grades 9-12 at Martin Luther High School.** Students can learn in a place where Christ is the focus and excellence is the standard. MLHS offers a complete high school education in a safe, family-like environment where every student is valued. Interested students and parents are invited to come see what a difference Jesus in the classroom--everyday makes in the lives of teens. All students are welcome at MLHS. Call 507-436-5249 [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com).

**2022 Commencement Services** at Martin Luther High School will be held Sunday, May 29th, 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **LYF**

**LYF Higher Things Egg Fundraiser:** Free-will donation for farm fresh brown eggs from Lincoln Becker. They will be available Sundays after church in the Narthex @ SJL. Please return empty cartons if possible. If anyone else has a surplus of eggs and would like to contribute to the fundraiser contact Lynn Becker @ 230-2700. Thank you for your generous support to help the youth get to Montana in July.



### Graduate Open House Invites

- ✝ **Alyssa Wiederhoeft** - Please join us as we celebrate Alyssa's graduation from MLHS at an Open House in her honor on Saturday, May 28th, 1-4 pm in the SJL Fellowship Hall.
- ✝ **Zachary Jenks** - All are welcome to join us as we celebrate Zac's Graduation from MLHS on Sunday, May 29th after commencement (approximately 3:30pm) in the Fellowship Hall at SJL.



### SJL SCHOOL

Everyone is invited to attend!

- ✝ May 24th: 8th Grade Graduation 7pm
- ✝ May 25th: Awards Night 6:45pm
- ✝ May 26th: End of Year Chapel 11am

**St John's Lutheran Church of Willow Creek** is in need of a church office secretary. If you have any questions about the position, please contact Pastor John Bennett at (507) 327-7383. Information about this position can be found at <http://stjohnswillowcreek.org/secretary.html>

**Memorial Day Service** will be held at St James Lutheran Cemetery, 8:30AM, Monday, May 30th. Everyone is welcome to the special time of remembrance. In case of rain it will be held at SJL Church.


"Christians are called to proclaim the truth, and that truth is clear: All life is valuable. Each member of the human race is vital. All lives are indispensable because of Christ." *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
<b>SJL</b>	<b>5-15</b>	Jim & Betsy Burkey & Ashley	Camrin King
	<b>5-22</b>	Craig & Marilyn Carrigan	Jackson Luhmann
<b>Zion</b>	<b>5-15</b>	Mayson & Monica Sands	Kane Sharp
	<b>5-22</b>	Ron & Mike Sandersfeld	James Steuber

<b>THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:</b>		<b>May 15 - 22, 2022</b>
<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:</b>		<b>Monday-Friday 8:30AM–1:00PM</b>
<b>Office phone:</b> 436-5289		<b>Email:</b> sjl_office@frontiernet.net
		<b>Website:</b> sjlnorthrop.com
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45AM
<b>Monday</b>	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	PTL Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Confirmation Class for 6th & 7th grades	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	NO 8th Grade Confirmation Class	
	SJL Council Meeting	(SJ) 7:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
	Individual Prayer & Absolution	(SJ) 9:15-9:45 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Graduate Recognition Sunday</b>	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	SJL Special Voter's Meeting	(SJ) 6:30 PM

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 So now I bring  
 the first of the  
 fruit of the ground  
 that you, O Lord,  
 have given me.

<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion</b>			<b>May 8, 2022</b>
Attendance	105 (HC 75)		

<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – St James</b>			<b>May 8, 2022</b>
Attendance	98 (HC 85)	Home	\$3,045.00
Online	\$465.56	Missions	\$660.00
Loose Plate	\$147.00	Tuition	\$250.00
Hall Rental	\$100.00	MLHS	\$125.00