

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



Pastor John Henry

Graduate Recognition Sunday
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 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.*

Processional Hymn

Christ Be My Leader

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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 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.

Entrance Psalm

Isaiah 48:20



*[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.**

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

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.

Kyrie

LSB pgs. 152-153

Repeated 4 times:

P ...pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

This is the Feast

LSB pg. 155

C (Refrain): *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (Refrain)

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us 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.

C Amen.

First Lesson

Ezekiel 36:22–28

²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 67

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
²that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
³**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**
⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
⁵**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**
⁶The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
⁷**God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

Second Lesson

Romans 8:26–30

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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 16:12–28

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?” ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ²³In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

In God, My Faithful God

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

inside the back cover of the hymnal

Presentation and Blessing of the Graduates

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

LSB pg. 163

- 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.*

Distribution Hymns

<i>Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior</i>	619
<i>Lord Jesus, Think on Me</i>	610
<i>The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want</i>	710

Thank the Lord

LSB pg. 164

- C** *Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

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.

Recessional Hymn *Lord of All Hopefulness* **738**

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- **Kevin & Lori Behrens** in Glory to God and celebration of their 13th wedding anniversary on the 22nd.
- **Web & Dar Quade** in honor of the graduation of grandson, Tyler Quade, son of Adam & Kelli Quade.

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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Our Graduates

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Leyton Becker, Hazel Lenz, Liam Lenz,
Eileen Grefe

Serving our Country: Adam Quade

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

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Spenser Hilgendorf

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



- **NFL May meeting has been cancelled.**
- **SJL Special Voter's Meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 22 has been reschedule to Wednesday, June 1st @ 7pm.** On the agenda is information regarding the possibility of moving 7th & 8th grades to MLHS.

Donations for the SJL Gym Heater Replacement are welcomed. 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

Donations for Zion Kitchen Remodel are welcomed. Please make checks out to Zion Lutheran and designate to Kitchen Remodel. We have reached \$44,798 towards our goal of \$45,000.



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



Deadline for June Newsletter is Tuesday May 24th.

Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, May 31st at 7pm at Zion, and continue weekly on Tuesday evenings. The topic for May 31st will be "Balancing Life's Challenges". Materials will be provided but you are invited to bring your favorite Bible. All ladies are invited to attend.

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!

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.



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.

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.



Prayer for the Graduates



This is a special day in the life of the graduates. As they embark on the next chapter in their lives we pray that the same hand that has kept them thus far will continue to be in their lives.

May Your hand of protection be about them, and may Your Word continue to be a light unto their path. Help them to make wise decisions and to always keep You first in everything that they do.
Amen



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.
- ✚ **Zackary 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



Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 5-22	Craig & Marilyn Carrigan	Jackson Luhmann
5-26	Dru & Britany Egeness	
5-29	Mike & Samantha Egeness	Cedar Bohlsen
Zion 5-22	Ron & Mike Sandersfeld	James Steuber
5-29	Kristen Schoen	Kayden Glidden



St James Lutheran

JACOB CRISSINGER graduates from Fairmont Jr/Sr High School on June 5th. He plans to further his education and pursue a degree in the Medical Field or Exercise Science.

RILEY HENZLER graduates from Fairmont Jr/Sr High School on June 5th. She is planning to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD to study Nursing in pursuit of becoming a Nurse Anesthetist.

ZACKARY JENKS will graduate from Martin Luther High School on May 29th. He plans to attend Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato and study Business Administration.

ALYSSA WIEDERHOEFT will graduate from Martin Luther High School on May 29th. She will be attending University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD to study psychology and pursue a career in counseling.

Zion Lutheran


KLAY BROWN will graduate from Fairmont Jr/Sr High School on June 5th. He has enrolled in the Law Enforcement Program at MN West Community & Technical College in Worthington where he will also be playing football.

LILI BULFER: No information submitted

PAIGE ROIGER graduates from Martin Luther High School on May 29th. She will be attending Concordia University in Seward, NE for Elementary Education with a Early Childhood Education minor.

LILY STEUBER will graduate from Fairmont Jr/Sr High School on June 5th. She will be attending University of MN - Duluth, pursuing a degree in psychology & criminology.

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:		May 22 - 29, 2022
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:		Monday-Friday 8:30AM–1:00PM
Office phone: 436-5289		Email: sjl_office@frontiernet.net
		Website: sjlnorthrop.com
Sunday	Graduate Recognition Sunday	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45AM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	8th Grade Graduation Service	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Wednesday	NO Confirmation Class for 6th & 7th grades	
	NO 8th Grade Confirmation Class	
	SJL School Awards Night	(SJ) 6:45 PM
Thursday	Last Day of School	
	Chapel & End of Year Picnic	(SJ) 11:00 AM
	Ascension Day Divine Service	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
	Individual Prayer & Absolution	(SJ) 9:15-9:45 AM
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	MLHS Graduation Commencement	(ML) 2:00 PM



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

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			May 8, 2022
Attendance	105 (HC 75)	Home	\$3,094.20
Missions	\$325.00	Loose Plate	\$65.00
MLHS	\$600.00	SJL School	\$50.00
Kitchen Fund	\$100.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			May 15, 2022
Attendance	78 (HC 55)	Home	\$2,605.00
Missions	\$275.00	Loose Plate	\$34.50
MLHS	\$65.00	SJL School	\$100.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			May 15, 2022
Attendance	60 (HC 56)	Home	\$6,025.00
Online	\$765.56	Tuition Angel	\$400.00
Loose Plate	\$102.00	Memorials	\$160.00
SJL Church Misc	\$80.00	MLHS	\$125.00
Bulletins/Broadcast	\$20.00	Gym Heater	\$250.00