

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
*June 26, 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**

*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

**902**

**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

Psalm 18:18–19



*The LORD was | my support\*  
in the day of my ca- | lamity.  
He brought me out into a | broad place;\*  
he rescued me, because he delight- | ed in me.  
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 pg. 204

**P** ...let us pray to the Lord:

**C** *Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!*

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB pg. 204

**C** *To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.*

*To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, you take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high—*

*For You alone are holy; you only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## First Lesson

*Genesis 18:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. <sup>17</sup>The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup>seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” <sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Psalm

*Psalm 34:12–22*

<sup>12</sup>What man is there who desires life  
and loves many days, that he may see good?

<sup>13</sup>**Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.**

<sup>14</sup>Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.**

<sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup>When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

<sup>20</sup>**He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

<sup>22</sup>**The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

## Second Lesson

*1 Corinthians 2:6–16*

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

<sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is



from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.  
<sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia & Verse

*LSB pg. 205*

**C** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

#### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 22:15–22*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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

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

**Sermon Hymn** *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower* **694**

**Sermon**



**The Apostles' Creed**    *inside the back cover of the hymnal.*  
**The Prayers**

**Offering**

**Offertory** *LSB pg. 261*

**C** (Refrain): *The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*

*With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.  
And you will say in that day:  
“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,  
make known His deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that His name is exalted.” (Refrain)*

*Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.  
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (Refrain)*

*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. (Refrain)*

**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. 208*

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

**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. 210

- C** *O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.*

### Communion Hymns

<i>Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed</i>	<b>560</b>
<i>Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain</i>	<b>435</b>
<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i>	<b>436</b>

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB. 211

- C** *O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.*

*All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.*

### 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

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

**919**



IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Samantha Egeness, Hannah Kosbab, Hana Poppe,  
Matthew Kosbab, Brooke Wittmus, Macy Quinn

*Serving our Country:* Adam Quade

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

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

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Alex Pittmann, Everson Oberdieck

*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

**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.

**Broadcast & Bulletins**

- **Tony & Gini Brummond** are sponsoring the bulletins in remembrance of Tony's birthday on June 25th. May God cover you with many blessings in the coming year.
- **Web & Dar Quade** are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast with thanks and praise to God for blessing them with 50 years of marriage on June 24th and for their family. May God bring continue to bless your marriage and family.

**Donations for Zion Kitchen Remodel** are welcomed. Please make checks out to Zion Lutheran and designate to Kitchen Remodel.

**Donations for the SJL Gym Heater Replacement** are welcomed. The 30+ year old heater is no longer working and will be replaced with a 95% efficient model. **Please make your donations by July 14th** in order to have the funds available for installation. Donations currently are at \$850.00 out of the \$4,000.00 needed for the heater.

Thank you ~SJL Trustees





**Zion kitchen cupboards and appliances** (2 fridges & coil stove) are available for a free will donation. Contact one of the elders or Isaac Wallace (507-236-7190) for more information.

**The Center for Apologetics and Worldviews** is sponsoring their Fourth Annual Apologetics Seminar Conference entitled ***“Biblical Identities in an Age of Wokism and Transhumanism.”*** They invite you to join in this **free event** on **Wednesday, June 29th (7-9pm)** and **Thursday, June 30th (all day)**, either in person at Bethany Lutheran College or anywhere via livestream video. For more information, visit [www.blc.edu/apologetics2022](http://www.blc.edu/apologetics2022)

#### 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).

Everyone is invited to the **Celebrating Our Freedom Benefit Dinner at Martin Luther High School TODAY** Sunday, June 26. The Board of Directors will be serving succulent grilled pork loin, cheesy hashbrown potatoes, baked beans, cole slaw, bread and cupcakes from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk ins are welcome! Cost is a free will donation. Proceeds support the MLHS Ministry during the summer months.

**The Martin Luther High School Delegate Meeting** will be held on Sunday, June 26th at 1:15 p.m. following the Pork Loin Dinner. New members will be elected to the Board of Directors. All interested parties are invited.



**Get your 4th of July of fun works at the TNT stand at the Walmart Parking lot in Fairmont.** Martin Luther High School will be running the stand. It is open every day beginning Friday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. until Monday, July 4th. Lots of cool stuff! Thank you for your support.



## Summer WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**June:** Sunday @ SJL 8:30am, @ Zion 10am, No Bible Class

**July: Joint Services**

Wednesdays 7/6, 7/13, 7/27 @ Zion 6pm

7/20 No Service

Sundays @ SJL 9:30am, Adult Bible Class @ 8:30

**August: Joint Services**

Wednesdays @ SJL 6pm

Sundays @ Zion 9:30am, Adult Bible Class @ 8:30

**Cleaning out the closets.....**SJL Boys & girls basketball uniforms and cheerleader uniforms are looking for a new home. If anyone is interested in a souvenir or knows of a use for them please contact the office before June 30th, otherwise they might end up in the dumpster. They come in a wide range of sizes. The cheerleader uniforms would be great for dress-up or Halloween costumes and the basketball uniforms would be great for wearing in the summer.



**LYF Meeting TODAY, Sunday 6/26 @ 6pm** will be a parent/child meeting to discuss last-minute details on the Montana trip (July 18-22/23). Please plan to attend.

**Congratulation to Lincoln Becker, Jacob Crissinger, Jack Kosbab, Cooper Steuber, Coach Levi Becker** and the other members of the Fairmont High School baseball team on their AA State Baseball Championship win last week.

### Grocery Receipts for SJLS.

HyVee \$90,000      Fareway \$16,000

Receipts from HyVee can be grocery, gas or pharmacy

*Remember to use Amazon Smile as you shop as another way to financially help the school. Talk to Heather if you have questions.*







## Vacation Bible School "Tree of Life"

Sunday-Thursday, July 10-14, at the SJL Fellowship Hall

A light supper available 5:35-6:00  
VBS activities 6:00-7:30

Children age 3 through entering 6 grade are welcome!  
\*All children age 3 & 4 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

**Please consider helping!**  
**We need help with prepping and serving supper, crafts, and playtime.**  
**We'll also gladly accept any donations toward expenses!**

**Pre-registration required - forms available in the narthex at both churches or online at [www.sjlnorthop.com](http://www.sjlnorthop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com)**



**Tuesday night Women's Bible Study will NOT be held this week, June 28th.** Please join us next week, July 5th, at 7pm for the topic on "His Faithfulness".

"God loves you as His adopted son or daughter—a truth that no virus or civil strife can ever take away. Welcome to the family!" *Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

All members of Zion are encouraged to CELEBRATE as *Lutheran Women in Mission* joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. This year the LWML is celebrating 80 years!! Much has changed in our world and within the LWML in those **80 years** but the heart of LWML remains the same — to serve God by serving others. We are encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with **80** of something. The LWML-Fraser will be collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss until July 3rd. In addition, *volunteers are always needed at the Heaven's Table Food Shelf in Fairmont. Will you please text Lori Behrens at 1-507-995-6692 if you are available to join in bagging food for distribution on Saturday morning July 9, 8:45-11:15.* **Rejoicing in Christ!**



<b>THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:</b>		<b>June 26 - July 3, 2022</b>
<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:</b>		<b>Tuesday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon</b>
<b>Office phone:</b> 436-5289		<b>Email:</b> sjl_office@frontiernet.net
		<b>Website:</b> sjlnorthrop.com
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship MLHS Pork Loin Dinner MLHS Delegate Mtg LYF	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM (ML) 11AM-1PM (ML) 1:00 PM (SJ) 6:00 PM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>NO</b> Ladies Bible Study	
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	Joint Adult Bible Study Joint Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM (SJ) 9:30 AM



Online giving is an easy and reliable method to contribute to your church while you are out of town, or if you are interested in eliminating the need to remember your envelope on Sunday morning. You can make a one time donation or save time and schedule recurring contributions. This option is available for either congregation through our website; sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com



Those Serving our Lord	
Greeters	
<b>SJL 6-26</b>	Jayden & Mariah Garlick
<b>7-3</b>	Andy & Katy Gonzalez
<b>Zion 6-26</b>	Brandon Stueber & Lily
<b>7-6</b>	Kurt & Pat Steuber <b>6pm Wed</b>



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			June 19, 2022
Attendance	63 (HC 38)	Home	\$2,710.00
Missions	\$275.00	Loose Plate	\$67.00
Bulletins	\$20.00	MLHS	\$65.00
SJL School	\$50.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			June 19, 2022
Attendance	59 (HC 47)	Home	\$4,895.00
Loose Plate	\$133.00	Missions	\$100.00
MLHS	\$125.00	Memorials	\$5.00
SJL School	\$350.00	Transportation	\$258.53
Online	\$1,271.93		