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



## Pastor John Henry



# The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 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** 

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

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## **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.
- 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.
- 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.
- C Amen.

Psalm 47:1-2



<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all | peoples!\*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

<sup>2</sup>For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,\*
a great king over | all the earth.

Gloria Patri LSB pg. 186

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie LSB pg. 186

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB pgs. 186-189

- **P** Glory be to God on high:
- and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
  We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
  we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
  O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
  O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
  O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
  that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
  Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
  Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with your spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; 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

Exodus 3:1–10, 13–15

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you." <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** *Psalm 33:1–11* 

<sup>1</sup>Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

<sup>3</sup>Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

<sup>4</sup>For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

<sup>5</sup>He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
 <sup>7</sup>He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

<sup>8</sup>Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! <sup>9</sup>For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

<sup>11</sup>The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

## **Second Lesson**

1 Timothy 1:5-16

<sup>5</sup>The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup>Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

<sup>8</sup>Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup>understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup>in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

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

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia LSB pg. 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel** 

Luke 18:9-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

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

**Sermon Hymn** Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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Sermon

**Apostles' Creed** *inside the back cover of the hymnal* 

## The Prayers

## **Offering**

Offertory

LSB pg. 192-193

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### 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. 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, 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. 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## **Communion Hymns**

Your Table I Approach	628
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Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying	597

### **Nunc Dimittis**

LSB pgs. 199-200

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Thanksgiving & Benediction

- Let us pray... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen
- $\mathbf{P}$ The Lord be with you.
- And with your spirit.
- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- 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 Jesus, Lead Thou On 718

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Pastor Travis Loeslie and his family

#### St James

Rev. Kenneth Jenks - Recovery from surgery & continued health Keith & Mary Jo Hartmann - 50th Wedding Anniversary

Baptism Birthdays: Gary Luhmann, Shari Iverson, Keith Hartmann, Grant Luther, Amanda Schuder, Oakley Bohlsen, Norah Hartmann

Serving our Country: Adam Quade

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

Rochelle Franzen, Berniece Schultz

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann

## Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Zoey Sands Seminary Student: Peter Preus

Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown,

Jesse Peterson

Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, 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.

Bulletins and Broadcast are sponsored by Keith & Mary Jo Hartmann in Glory to God and Thanksgiving for their 50th wedding anniversary on August 5th. May God continue to bless your marriage.

**2022-23 Scholarship Applications** for SJL or Zion members attending a LCMS high school or college are available in the office. Deadline to return them is August 31st.

**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. Donations currently are at \$2,250.00 out of the \$4,000.00 needed for the heater. Thank you ~SJL Trustees

**Thank you to all the buyers of eggs for the Higher Things fund-raiser!** Your generosity raised nearly \$1,000 to help get our youth to Bozeman, MT. Special thanks to Brenda Kotewa, Donovan Bremer & Dru & Al Egeness for donations of extra eggs to sell. Lincoln and I will continue to sell them to church members for the youth group to use on future trips and endeavors. The supply may be more limited, however, so please call/text me at 230-2700 to get some directly from the farm. Please continue to return empty cartons. They may be dropped off at church anytime.

~Lynn & Lincoln Becker

CREST Looking for Volunteer Drivers. CREST is looking for individuals who enjoy driving and have a desire to help people keep their medical appointments, go to the grocery store, attend social engagements& run errands. CREST provides transportation to residents of Martin County who, for a variety of reasons, don't drive or can't drive any longer. CREST volunteers take those in need to local engagements as a way to assist people and provide companionship. CREST also transports people to out-of-town medical appointments where the volunteer is given a gas card to help with their gas expenses. If you are interested in helping provide CREST transportation services, please call the CREST office at 235-3833 and ask for a volunteer application.

## MARTIN LUTHER

**2022-2023** school year enrollment is now open for students in grades 7-12 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.

## SJL SCHOOL

SJL 2022-23 Back to School Registration Night will be Monday August 1st, 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Preschool age 3 through 6th grade. Returning students may use the ENROLL ME option available through Gradelink to update their information for this coming school year (contact the office if you need help with your login information). If you are unable to be at registration night, please contact your child's teacher or the office to set up a time to complete all the necessary steps before the school year begins.



**August: Joint Services** 

Wednesdays @ SJL 6pm Sundays @ Zion 9:30am, Adult Bible Class @ 8:30



**Sunday morning Adult Bible Class**. For the months of July and August, both Zion & SJL will meet together and Pastor Henry will lead the study which begins at 8:30am.

Please join us for Ladies Bible Study, Tuesday evenings at 7pm at Zion. The topic for August 2nd will be "Women of God: Joy in the Journey". Materials will be provided but you are invited to bring your favorite Bible. All ladies are invited to attend.



**Friday Morning Bible Study** will continue through the summer months. Class is held at 8am in the fellowship hall at SJL.

Great Cycle Challenge Support Opportunity. I'm riding in the Great Cycle Challenge again this year. In the Great Cycle Challenge, riders are raising funds for Children's Cancer Research, while riding our bikes. In the coming weeks, I will have a table set up in the entry with more info. Yon can donate or view my progress on my page: <a href="https://greatcyclechallenge.com/Riders/DonovanBremer1">https://greatcyclechallenge.com/Riders/DonovanBremer1</a>. ONE MONTH. ONE GOAL, FIGHT KID'S CANCER.

Thank you ~Donovan Bremer

Grocery Receipts for SJLS.

HyVee \$123,000 Fareway \$23,000

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.

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# Can't pray? First rest!

Weariness can seriously hamper our attempts to pray, says Bonnie Gray, author of *Whispers of Rest*. "We are a generation who doesn't know how to express our souls to God, even though we drive ourselves exhausted, doing for Jesus." The solution, she says, is to stop and rest.

The stressed-out, despairing prophet in 1 Kings 19 is a prime example. "God knew Elijah needed physical rejuvenation first — in order to hear his gentle voice, whispering in a gentle breeze," Gray notes. Guarding against the depletion of spiritual, physical and emotional resources can improve our ability to hear God's voice, too. "When you find it's hard to pray, don't be afraid," says Gray. "You're standing at the very cusp of who God longs to connect with. The real you. Take the time to rest. You're worth it."

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"Therefore choose life,' God said, 'that you and your offspring may live.' The way to choose life is to trust. Don't panic. Did you think human life was going to be humanly possible? It's not. It was never meant to be. Guiding a human being through the journey of life is possible only for God. That's why the only way to choose life is to trust, to trust God. God gives no one a possible life. The call of God is to an impossible life. Otherwise, why trust? And life was created for trust." Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Those Serving our Lord			
	Greeters		
SJL	7-31	Keith & Mary Jo Hartmann	9:30am Sun
	8-3	Rhonda Hartmann & Camrin K	ing 6pm Wed
	8-10	Chris & Larissa Hillmer	6pm Wed
Zion	8-7	Carter Wille & Tyler Wille	9:30am Sun
	8-14	Curt & Denise Wille	9:30am Sun

CHURC	VEEK WITH OUR LORD: H OFFICE HOURS: ne: 436-5289	July 27 - August 7, 2022 Tuesday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon frontiernet.net Website: sjlnorthrop.com
Wednesday	Joint Divine Worship SJL BOCE Meeting	(Z) 6:00 PM (SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday Friday Sunday	NO Eve Circle Morning Bible Study Joint Adult Bible Study Joint Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:00 AM (SJ) 8:30 AM (SJ) 9:30 AM
Monday Tuesday	Office Closed SJL School Registration Ladies Bible Study	(SJ) 5-7:00 PM (Z) 7:00 PM
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	July 20, 2022	No Service
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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			July 24, 2022
Attendance	Jt 148 (Z) HC 49	Home	\$2,845.00
Missions	\$275.00	Loose Plate	\$88.50
SJL School	\$50.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			July 24, 2022
Attendance	Jt 148 (SJ)HC 68	Home	\$6,850.00
Loose Plate	\$89.00	Missions	\$110.00
Online	\$1,557.14	Tuition	\$860.00
MLHS	\$50.00	Bulletins/Broadcast	\$65.00
SJL Church Misc	\$145.00	Gym Heater	\$500.00