

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



Pastor John Henry



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 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

Built on the Rock

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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.

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.**

First Lesson

Joshua 24:1–15

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac. ⁴And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out.

⁶“Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea. And the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷And when they cried to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰but I would not listen to Balaam. Indeed, he blessed you. So I delivered you out of his hand. ¹¹And you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And I gave them into your hand. ¹²And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.’

¹⁴“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 92

¹It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
²**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**
³to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
⁴**For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

⁵How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!
⁶**The stupid man cannot know;
the fool cannot understand this:**
⁷that though the wicked sprout like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they are doomed to destruction forever;
⁸but you, O LORD,
are on high forever.
⁹**For behold, your enemies, O LORD,
for behold, your enemies shall perish;
all evildoers shall be scattered.**

¹⁰But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
you have poured over me fresh oil.
¹¹**My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.**

¹²The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
¹³**They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.**
¹⁴They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,
¹⁵**to declare that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

Second Lesson

Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able

to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB pg. 156

C *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–9

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

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

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn *From God Can Nothing Move Me* **713**

Sermon

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

The Prayers

Offering

Dedication of SJLS Teachers for the 2022-2023 School Year

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.

Communion Hymns

If God Himself Be for Me 724

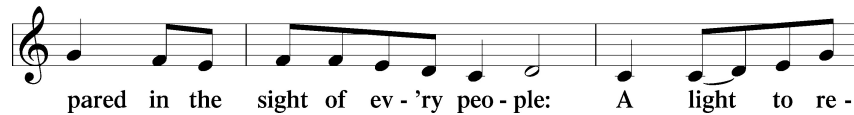
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me 761

What a Friend We Have in Jesus 770

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 686

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



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 $\cdot\text{T}$ you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

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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 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.

Thank you to all the buyers of eggs for the Higher Things fundraiser! Eggs are still available in support of 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

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

Zion Sunday School Teachers Needed for all ages. Contact Deb Wallace for more information 436-5635



Deadline for September Newsletters is Tuesday, August 23rd.

**NEW CHURCH OFFICE EMAIL:
sjlnorthrop@gmail.com**



SJL is in the process of switching internet providers, therefore we need a new office email address. Please change your contact email to reach the office.

Do you want the bulletins emailed to you? Please send your request to the new email address.



MARTIN LUTHER

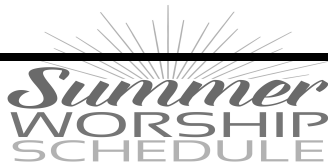
- Enrollment is open at Martin Luther High School for the 2022-2023 school year. The Back-to-School Party will be held on Monday, August 22 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. New student and parent orientation will be held after the activities. Classes begin on Tuesday, August 23rd. The school year theme is "Increasing" based on 2 Peter 1:5-8. Junior high is offered for students who have attended a school that ends at grade six. High school students in grades 9-12 are also invited to be blessed by a Christian education that will prepare them for their next step in adult life. Interested families should contact the school at 507-436-5249. www.martinlutherhs.com.
- **Back to School Picnic** is Monday, August 22nd, 5:30-7PM.
- **First Day of School** is Tuesday, August 23rd.

SJL SCHOOL

- **SJL 2022-23 School Year** Space still available in all grades. Please contact the office (436-5289) or any teacher for more information or to set up a time to complete your student's registration before the school year begins.
- **Bring your supplies to School Day** is Sunday August 21st from 11AM-Noon. Come find your desk and locker and bring all your supplies so you don't need to worry about it on the first day.
- **First Day of School** will be Tuesday August 23rd.
- **Please join us.....ALL are invited! Opening Chapel Service** on Tuesday 8/23 at 8:40AM and then continuing through the year weekly chapel will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:40.

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.





Summer WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August: Joint Services

Wednesdays @ SJL 6pm

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



Adam & Kelli Quade & family, also Webb & Dar, would like to thank everyone for their prayers of support for Adam while he served in the US Air Force. After 30 years of service he has now “retired” from the US Air Force. He will still be working for the government but as a civilian—Infection Preventionist. This is the same job he was doing in the Air Force. Thank you again for all your prayers and support.

Thank you for the outpouring of generosity with the items on the wish tree for the Schwieger/Roiger Family. If anyone would still like to help the family with gift cards or donations of money, they can be dropped off at the SJL Church office (108 James Street, Northrop, 507-436-5289) or given to Laura Henry at the Zion Parsonage (1623 170th St, Fairmont, 507-432-6597).

SAVE THE DATE

Silent Auction & Lunch Benefit on November 13th at Martin Luther High School. Stay tuned for more details!

Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

Thank you!

~Schwieger/Roiger Benefit Committee



Those Serving our Lord			
Greeters			
SJL	8-17	Daryl & Sonia Hoewisch	6pm Wed
	8-24	Jason & Melissa Engel	6pm Wed
Zion	8-21	Darren & Caitlin Balcom	9:30am Sun
	8-28	Dustin & Stephanie Zellmer	9:30am Sun

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: August 17 - 28, 2022
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon
Office phone: 436-5289 Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com Website: sjlnorthrop.com

Wednesday Joint Divine Worship (SJ) 6:00 PM
 SJL Council Meeting (SJ) 7:30 PM
Friday **Office Closed**
 Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday **Teacher Dedication Sunday**
 Joint Adult Bible Study (Z) 8:30 AM
 Joint Divine Worship (Z) 9:30 AM
 SJL Bring Supplies to School (SJ) 11-Noon
Monday LWML Zone Board Mtg @ Immanuel Fmt 5:30 PM
Tuesday **School Begins**
 Opening Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM
 Ladies Bible Study (Z) 7:00 PM
Wednesday Joint Divine Worship (SJ) 6:00 PM
 Board of Ed Meeting (SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM
 Eve Circle (SJ) 7:00 PM
Friday Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday Joint Adult Bible Study (Z) 8:30 AM
 Joint Divine Worship (Z) 9:30 AM

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WORSHIP
with us

Aug 10, 2022 Jt 20 (HC 19)

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Aug 14, 2022
Attendance	Jt 138 (Z) HC 60	Home	\$3,280.00
Missions	\$225.00	Loose Plate	\$119.00
SJL School	\$100.00	MLHS	\$625.00
Kitchen	\$100.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Aug 14, 2022
Attendance	Jt 138 (SJ)HC 34	Home	\$2,195.00
Loose Plate	\$275.25	Missions	\$50.00
SJL School Misc	\$150.00	Online	\$846.37