

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



Pastor John Henry

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 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

Lift High the Cross

837

Reception of New Members by Affirmation of Faith (St. James only)

Recognition of all New Members from this past year (Zion & SJL)

Dedication of Sunday School Teachers & Students (Zion & St. James)

Rededication of Servants of God at Martin Luther High School (SJ only)

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 98:2



²*The LORD has made known his sal- | vation,*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.*

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

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.

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson

1 Kings 19:1-13

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

⁹There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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

John 3:11–20

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

425

Sermon

The Nicene 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>	560
<i>Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain</i>	435
<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i>	436

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

Onward, Christian Soldiers

662

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.
Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2022 Concordia Publishing House.

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.



Lutheran Schools in Martin County
St James Lutheran School, Martin Luther High School
All Schools and places of learning

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Dallas Kosbab, Breklyn Wiess, Cedar Bohlsen,
Rafael Johnson, Jason Schuder, Sandra Luhmann, Paxton Gravlin,
Elizabeth Gwaltney

Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Chris Enevold, Marianne Hagen,
Rochelle Franzen, Berniece Schultz, Larry Bremer

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Kristi Prafke, Daylin Hartung, Lily Hjelle,
Juan Marroquin

Seminary Student: Peter Preus

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

Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger

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



**At St James we welcome Albert Egeness to our church family
through his affirmation of faith in today's service.**

New Members this Past Year

SJL: Jason & Melissa Engel, Zayne, Marah
Haley Schock
Magen Borkenhagen
Brian Borkenhagen, Bryce
Hayden Van Maaren
Albert Egeness

ZION: Jayden Moeller
Lon & Marilyn Oelke
Dennis & Debbie Neitzke
Amanda Fehr, Violet

Thank you to our Sunday School teachers

SJL: Jody Uttech
Sonya Hoewisch
Daryl Hoewisch

ZION: Deb Wallace - Superintendent
Nicole Nelson
Lorna Bicknase
Sarah Wirth
Kelsey Murphy
Laura Henry



SJL Sunday School

Jody Uttech is looking for:

1. A couple of high school students to help with the 3-7 year old class.
 2. Someone to teach 3-7yr olds for the many times when Jody is gone.
- Contact Jody for more information or if you can help 507-236-6456

Zion Sunday School

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



Thank you to everyone who donated towards the gym heater. It has been installed and is ready for the cooler weather. ~**SJL Trustees**

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

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

Grocery Receipts for SJLS.

HyVee \$144,000 Fareway \$31,000
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.***





### Adult Bible Study

**Sunday morning Adult Bible Class.** Zion will resume class at 8:45am on September 11th. SJL will resume their class on September 18th at 9:45am.

**Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study** 7pm at Zion. **There will be NO class September 13th.** The topic for September 20th will be “Treasured Gifts”, from the Lutheran Witness magazine. Materials will be provided but you are invited to bring your favorite Bible. All ladies are invited to attend.

**Friday Morning Bible Study** is held at 8am in the fellowship hall at SJL.

**Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL)** will offer a brief pro-life presentation on **Monday, September 12th**, 6-7PM at the Martin County Library in Fairmont. You will learn about the recent court rulings on abortion, the latest abortion trends, the stakes in the upcoming election, and how we can protect unborn children and support their mothers in a post-Roe v. Wade Minnesota. For more information, visit [mccl.org/falltour](http://mccl.org/falltour).

*“A Christian funeral isn’t the end. Yes, we don’t deny death. That would be foolish and insensitive. But in Christ, we defy death. That’s Christian. Because the dead don’t stay down when Jesus is involved. They are saints triumphant! Encourage one another with these words.” Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

#### NEW CHURCH OFFICE EMAIL:

**[sjlnorthrop@gmail.com](mailto:sjlnorthrop@gmail.com)**



SJL has switched 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.



**New Member Recognition  
and Sunday School Rally Day**



**Zion: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class** will resume on September 11th at 8:45AM. We will also recognize our new members that day. Join us after church for our annual church picnic celebration with Burgers & Hotdogs, AJ's Onion Rings, and O'Scoops Ice Cream. We would love to see you all.

**SJL: Sunday School** will resume on September 11th at 9:45AM. We will also be recognizing and welcoming our new church members that day. Everyone is invited to join in fellowship for a Congregation Brunch after the service. Sunday School students can grab their plate of food and eat in class. **Adult Bible Class will resume September 18th.**

**Sunday School begins Sunday, September 11.** Students at Zion Sunday School will have some memory work this year that they will be working on in class. Please encourage them to continue working on it throughout the week. These are important texts and teachings that pertain directly to our salvation. Preschool--2nd grade will be learning to say the Lord's Prayer by heart. Consider praying with your child at least once a day. 3rd--8th grade will begin with the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and the Explanation (Small Catechism). Consider getting a copy of the Catechism (ask Pastor) and working through this with your child a few times a week. Memorization--that is, writing the words on your heart--is an important discipline of Christianity. Writing the Scriptures, hymns, and catechism texts on the hearts of our children will ensure that these precious words remain with them throughout their lives. ~Pastor Henry

All are welcome to a bridal shower for Alisa Russenberger,  
fiancé of Marcus Moeller, on Saturday October 1st at 10AM,  
held at the Triumph Hall, 546 Main St. E, Trimont



RSVP to JoAnn by Sept 24th, 507-230-0286.

The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond or Target

## MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

**The Fall Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Thursday, October 20th 4-8 p.m.; Friday, October 21st 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Saturday, October 22nd 8 a.m.-noon. Donations of fall and winter clothing and household items will be accepted beginning October 15th. Volunteer workers are very much appreciated throughout the sale. For more information call 507-436-5249 or go to [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com).

**Tickets are available for the Mission Possible Benefit KNIGHT** that will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Saturday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. Melissa Hartmann Kinsey (1994) will be the Alumni Speaker. Sister Luv, four talented sisters who have captured the hearts of audiences across the Midwest with their music, will entertain. A meal of Brown Sugar Glazed Pork Loin will be served by Hi Lo Catering of Lakefield. A \$10,000 Exit Basket Challenge Match for Student Tuition Aid is being offered. Tickets are \$60/person and must be purchased by November 1st. Veterans are invited to attend for free, but please RSVP to 507-436-5249 by November 1st. Everyone is asked to attend this very important benefit which supports the Martin Luther Ministry.

**A Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction for Lynn Schwieger and her son, Caleb Roiger**, will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Sunday, November 13th. Both have been undergoing treatments for cancer. Monetary donations or items for the Silent Auction are most welcome. Please bring all donations before November 1st to St James Lutheran Church, 108 S James Street, Northrop week-day mornings. For more information contact the SJL church office at 507-436-5289 or committee members Larissa Hillmer at 570-236-2780 or Laurie Quinn at 507-236-1620. A meal of Pork Patties grilled by the Martin County Pork Producers, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips and Assorted Desserts will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is a free will donation. Bidding for the Silent Auction will begin at 10:30 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m. Supplemental funds are being provided by Thrivent Community Action Team. The benefit is sponsored by the Schwieger/Roiger Benefit Committee from St James, Northrop and Zion, Fraser churches.



| Greeters    |             |                       |                    |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>SJL</b>  | <b>9-11</b> | Bart & Sandra Johnson | <b>8:30am Sun</b>  |
|             | <b>9-18</b> | Dan & Lori Krome      | <b>8:30am Sun</b>  |
| <b>Zion</b> | <b>9-11</b> | Daryl & Carol Bartz   | <b>10:00am Sun</b> |
|             | <b>9-18</b> | Julie Becker          | <b>10:00am Sun</b> |

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: September 11 - 18, 2022**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon**  
**Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604**  
**Email: [sjlnorthrop@gmail.com](mailto:sjlnorthrop@gmail.com) Website: [sjlnorthrop.com](http://sjlnorthrop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com)**

**Sunday New Member & Sunday School Rally Day**  
 Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM  
 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30 AM  
 SJL Congregational Brunch (SJ) 9:30 AM  
 Zion Congregational Picnic (Z) 11:00 AM  
 NFL (Z) 7:00 PM

**Tuesday** Chapel followed by Indiv Prayer & Absolution (SJ) 8:40 AM  
 NO Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday** LWML @ Viv's 1:30 PM  
 Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM  
 Confirmation Class (8th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM  
 Zion Trustees meeting (Z) 7:00 PM

**Thursday** Chapel followed by Indiv Prayer & Absolution (SJ) 8:40 AM

**Friday** Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM

**Sunday** Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM  
 Sunday School/Bible Class (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 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 the website; [sjlnorthrop.com](http://sjlnorthrop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com)*



|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Aug 31, 2022 | Jt 30 (HC 24) |
|--------------|---------------|

| Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion |            |             | Sept 4, 2022 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Attendance                        | 59 (HC 41) | Home        | \$1,655.00   |
| Missions                          | \$100.00   | Loose Plate | \$68.00      |
| SJL School                        | \$50.00    |             |              |

| Reflecting our Stewardship – St James |             |                 | Sept 4, 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Attendance                            | 63 (HC 49)  | Home            | \$3,500.00   |
| Loose Plate                           | \$142.00    | Missions        | \$205.00     |
| Online                                | \$530.56    | Memorial        | \$25.00      |
| Tuition                               | \$11,060.00 | SJL School Misc | \$4,266.96   |
| SJL Church Misc                       | \$65.00     |                 |              |