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



Pastor John Henry

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 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 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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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.



10 For a day in your courts is better
 than a thousand | elsewhere.*
 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
 than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

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

Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

Gloria in Excelsis LSB pg. 204

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, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 2 Kings 2:1–14

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm* 119:9–16

⁹How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

10 With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

12Blessèd are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!

¹³With my lips I declare

all the just decrees of your mouth.

¹⁴In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:2–14

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so near sighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus

¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB pg. 205

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 19:16–30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" ²¹Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²²When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁶But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." ²⁷Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" ²⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

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Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

inside the back cover of the hymnal.

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory LSB pg. 261

(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

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Agnus Dei LSB pg. 210

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.

Distribution Hymns

The Lamb	547
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	702
Just as I Am. without One Plea	570

Nunc Dimittis LSB. 211

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

- Let us pray... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen
- The Lord be with you.
- And with your spirit.
- 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 I'm But a Stranger Here 748

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

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Levi Becker, Rorey Becker, Laurie Quinn, Brandon Kluver, Sarah Kluver, Jean Schultz, Carson Scheff, Jennifer Luhmann, Madison Boyd, Jordan Wiederhoeft 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: Max Wirth, Samuel Marroquin-Balderas, Viktoria Marroquin-Balderas, Santiago Marroquin-Balderas, Peggy Wille, Silas Henry, Amy Nelson

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

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LWML

SJL will have a special door offering on Sunday, October 2nd in celebration of LWML Sunday.

ZION will be collecting Gifts from the Heart, nonperishable foods for Heavens Table, until October 2nd. Items can be left at church or taken to Immanuel-Fairmont. There will also be a door offering on Sunday, Sept 25th for the Salem Christian Fellowship, Pastor Hesham Shehab.

LWML Fall Rally featuring Pastor Hesham Shehab of Salem Christian Fellowship, October 2nd at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fairmont. Registration begins at 1pm, rally begins at 1:30pm with desert and coffee fellowship to follow the program. All ladies of the congregations are invited to attend.



October Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday, September 20th.

LYF

The next LYF meeting will be Sunday, September 25 starting at 6PM at Zion. Beginning with devotions, and then the Henry Family will host a bonfire with S'mores and games! Everyone in grades 7-12 are invited to attend, feel free to bring a friend!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SJL: Substitute teacher needed for the 3-7yr old class. Contact Jody Uttech for more information 507-236-6456

Zion: Anyone interested in teaching or substitute teaching please contact Deb Wallace for more information 436-5635.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class.

<u>Zion</u>: 8:45am, Narthex. Please join us as we study topics in The Lutheran Witness. Please bring your Lutheran Witness magazine if possible. Extra copies are available.

SJL: 9:45am, Fellowship Hall. We will begin a study entitled, "Walking with God in the Desert....Are you going through a difficult period of life? The loss of a loved one? Unemployment? A crisis of faith? During these desert times, it's easy to think God has disappeared. Instead, discover that it's only when we are totally dependent on Him that we find Him closer than ever and can experience God's amazing grace and provision."

Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study, 7pm at Zion. 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. For the next few weeks we will be studying the Trinity.



MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

The Fall Rummage and Bake Sale will be held at MLHS 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

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. Tickets available in the church office or from MLHS.

The MLHS Post Prom Committee will be serving O'Scoops Ice Cream in the lobby at the JAGS Volleyball Game in Northrop on Tuesday, September 20th. Flavors are: Moose Tracks, Cookies and Cream & White Chocolate Raspberry. Come and have an ice cream treat and, if you wish, get a ticket to cheer on the JAGS. Additional concessions are available in the game.

The Martin Luther High School, Northrop Student Council will be working for tips at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont on Monday, September 19th. Everyone is invited to enjoy the great buffet at the Pizza Ranch and support the ML Student Council. The group will receive the tips and a percentage of the evening's sales. Thank you!

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Monday, November 7th from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. To make an appointment go to www.redcrossblood.org and search MLHSMN. The event is sponsored by the Martin Luther High National Honor Society.



SCHWIEGER/ROIGER BENEFIT DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

A dinner and silent auction 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 the church office. For more information contact the SJL church office at 507-436-5289 or committee members Larissa Hillmer at 507-236-2780 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.

HyVee and Kwik Trip Gift Cards will be available from Laurie Quinn after services at SJL, or you may call her at 507-236-1620. Other gift cards or monetary donations can be dropped off at the SJL Church office or given to Laura Henry at the Zion Parsonage.

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.



Those Serving our Lord					
		Greeters			
SJL	9-18	Dan & Lori Krome	8:30am Sun		
	9-25	Joe & Jill Leimer	8:30am Sun		
Zion	9-18	Julie Becker	10:00am Sun		
	9-25	Duane & Myrna Behrens	10:00am Sun		

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: September 18 - 25, 2022 CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon

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Divine Worship Sunday (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Class (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30 AM Chapel followed by Indiv Prayer & Absolution (SJ) 8:40 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study (Z) 7:00 PM PTL (SJ) 7:00 PM Wednesday Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM Confirmation Class (8th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM SJL Council meeting (SJ) 7:30 PM

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

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) 9:30AM

LYF (Z) 6:00 PM

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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Sept 11, 2022
Attendance	119 (HC 75)	Home	\$4,564.20
Missions	\$50.00	Loose Plate	\$111.00
Kitchen	\$100.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Sept 11, 2022
Attendance	96 (HC 76)	Home	\$3,355.00
Loose Plate	\$105.00	Missions	\$560.00
Online	\$1,675.70	MLHS	\$50.00
Tuition	\$250.00	Tuition Angel	\$200.00