

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



Pastor John Henry

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 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

For the Fruits of His Creation

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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 ...I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 82:8



⁸ *Arise, O God, | judge the earth;**
for you shall inherit all 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 pgs. 152-153

Repeated 4 times:

P ...pray to the Lord.

C ***Lord, have mercy.***

P *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

C ***Amen.***

This is the Feast

LSB pg. 155

C ***(Refrain): This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (Refrain)

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; 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 Chronicles 36:11–21

¹¹Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. ¹²He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD his God. He did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the LORD. ¹³He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God. He stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD, the God of Israel. ¹⁴All the officers of the priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations. And they polluted the house of the LORD that he had made holy in Jerusalem.

¹⁵The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, until there was no remedy.

¹⁷Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand. ¹⁸And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. ¹⁹And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels. ²⁰He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, ²¹to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

From the Lamentations of Jeremiah, chapters 1 & 3

P How lonely sits the city
that was full of people!
She who was a princess among the provinces
has become a slave.

C Let us test and examine our ways,
and return to the Lord!
Let us lift up our hearts and hands
to God in heaven.

P Judah has gone into exile because of affliction
and hard servitude;
The roads to Zion mourn,
for none come to the festival

C **Let us test and examine our ways,
and return to the Lord!
Let us lift up our hearts and hands
to God in heaven.**

P Jerusalem sinned grievously;
therefore she became filthy;
From the daughter of Zion
all her majesty has departed.

C **Let us test and examine our ways,
and return to the Lord!
Let us lift up our hearts and hands
to God in heaven.**

Second Lesson

2 Peter 3:1–13

¹This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ²that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” ⁵For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they

burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

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

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

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Agnus Dei

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- 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

<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	752
<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	801
<i>Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying</i>	516

Thank the Lord

LSB pg. 164

- C** *Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.*
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

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 with Me

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Bulletin Sponsors

- **Lon & Marilyn Oelke** are sponsoring bulletins at both congregations for the month of November, in honor of their birthdays and baptismal birthdays. May God continue to bless you both.
- **Doug & Laurie Quinn** are sponsoring bulletins this week at both congregations in Glory to God for their grandson, Liam Schrader, as he celebrates his 1st birthday today. May God continue to watch over & guide him for many more birthdays to come.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

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

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Kayla Graplar, Kyle Riegel, Connie Kakeldy,
Kimberlie Scheff

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

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Wayne Traetow, Ashlee Oberdieck, Tania Wallace,
Jakob Wirth

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, Lenore Wendt,
Norma Patsche

Donations for Zion Church and Parsonage Repairs are welcome.

Zion voting members recently approved nearly \$10,000 of improvements to be completed on the church and parsonage. Areas of the church and parsonage recently received a fresh coat of paint at a cost of \$6,620. The parsonage garage doors and openers will also be replaced at a cost of approximately \$3,300. Please consider donating to help us reach our goal of \$10,000 to offset these costs. Designate donations to "Zion Repairs".
- Zion Trustees



Schwieger/Roiger Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Sunday, November 13th. Both have been undergoing treatments for cancer. 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.



Poinsettias are again available from Dee's Floral and Designs for the Christmas Season. **Deadline for ordering is Monday Nov 14th.** Order directly at 235-9856 or in person at 107 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont.

6" (1 plant)- \$15; 7" (2 plants) - \$25; 10" (3 plants)- \$45

A Chili and Oyster Stew Dinner will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, basement, 1200 N North Ave, Fairmont, on Friday, Nov 18th, 5-8pm. Join us before or after the "Glows Parade"! Menu: Chili, Oyster Stew, Crackers, Carrot Sticks, Breadsticks, Assorted Bars, Hot Chocolate, Milk Coffee. Cost: Adults \$10, Child (6-12) \$5, Child (Under 5) FREE. Takeouts available! Hosted by Immanuel's Men's Club and Youth Groups. Proceeds go to support Immanuel's ministries. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Join us for the **4th Annual Cookie Walk** on Saturday, December 10th, 9-11am, at SJL. Goodies available to purchase by the pound. Containers will be provided, or bring your own if you wish. Pre-boxed "giftable" selections will also be available. Please contact Linda Becker (236-1316) to sign up to help with donations of goodies or to help at the sale.

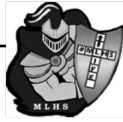
Five Sisters Project presents *Repeat the Sounding Joy*, Jason Gray with special guest Joshua Edwards, Saturday December 3rd, 6pm, at the USC Auditorium, 600 11th St SW, Wells. Tickets are \$35 and available through the website fivesistersproject.com. Proceeds support the work of Five Sisters Project: Help, Healing, and Hope to women and families in crisis.

Adult Choir Practice will begin on Wednesday, Dec 16th, 7pm at SJL. The following practices will be at Zion after Thanksgiving and Advent Services. **We will sing on December 11th.** All skill levels are welcome! Come join the team!



The Ladies Eve Circle of SJL would like to thank all who helped to make our Harvest Dinner a success last Sunday. Special thanks to our Youth for helping us serve and clean up. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated! Donations we received will be used to fund various projects in our church and community during the upcoming year. ~Ladies Eve Circle

Remembering those in need this Advent Season we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Heaven's Table Food Shelf now through December 18th. If you would like to contribute items there is a table in the narthex to place your donations. Thank you!



MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

A Prayer for Martin Luther High School Sunday

Look in love and compassion upon the educational institutions of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, especially those in our region, including Martin Luther High School. Continually guide and bless those who teach and those who learn, that in these grey and latter days children may still be taught the love of God and be prepared to be faithful disciples until Christ's return. Stir up passion and support for our schools that they may be beacons of light in a dark world for years to come. AMEN

Martin Luther High School is looking for Thrivent Members who are willing to apply for the Thrivent \$250 Community Action dollars to help supplement the various activities. Each Thrivent member can do two events in a year. Thrivent members are encouraged to direct their Thrivent CHOICE DOLLARS to MLHS also. For more information contact the school office at 507-436-5249.

The Martin Luther High School KNIGHTS4LIFE group is selling pasta and soup. Proceeds will go to projects promoting life from conception to eternity! They makes great Christmas gifts! The pasta is homemade in Iowa by a wonderful entrepreneuring young couple. Order through MLHS at 507-436-5249 or www.pastaoftheprairie.com for nationwide shipping, be sure to enter "K4L Fundraiser" in the promo code. Orders are due November 14th.

Christmas Eve Program Practice



ZION: Practice for the Christmas Eve Sunday School Program at Zion will begin on Sunday, November 27th. We will practice after the Sunday service through the Advent season. Practice will last for one hour. Please let Debbie Wallace know if your child(ren) will not be able to attend.

SJL: All children ages 3 yrs - 8th grade are encouraged to participate in the Christmas Eve Program. Please contact Jody Uttech if your child(ren) will be participating 507-236-6456.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class.

Zion: 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. November 15th we will continue a study from the book of Ephesians.

Friday Morning Bible Study is held at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL. For the next few weeks we will continue our study of the Trinity.



Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 11-13	Dan & Lynn Petrowiak	Bryce Borkenhagen
11-20	Ken & Rhonda Petrowiak	Ashley Burkey
Zion 11-13	Kristi Bulfer & Lili	Kayden Glidden
11-20	Cairne Eytcheson	John Henry IV

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: November 13 - 20, 2022
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon
Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604
Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com Website: sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com

Sunday MLHS Sunday
 Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
 Sunday School/Bible Class (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30AM
 Schwieger/Roiger Benefit (ML) 10:30-1:30PM

Tuesday Chapel followed by Indiv Prayer & Absolution (SJ) 8:40 AM
 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
NO SJL Council Meeting
 Board of Christian Ed Mtg (SJ) 7:00 PM
 Choir Practice Begins (SJ) 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) 9:30AM
 NFL (SJ) 7:00 PM

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 or zionfraser.com



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Nov. 6, 2022
Attendance	95 (HC 61)	Home	\$1,249.20
Missions	\$275.00	Loose Plate	\$176.00
MLHS	\$100.00	Bulletins	\$80.00
Zion Repairs	\$3,900.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Nov. 6, 2022
Attendance	124 (HC 99)	Home	\$3,849.00
Loose Plate	\$139.00	Missions	\$135.00
Online	\$520.56	Cemetary	\$50.00
Tuition	\$100.00		