

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



Pastor John Henry

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Graduate Recognition**

May 21, 2023



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

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pentecost Acclamation

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful!

C Kindle in us the fire of your love!

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 O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P ... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Entrance Psalm

from Psalm 100 and Psalm 101



*I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;**
to you, O LORD, I will make | music.
*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!**
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!
*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 (spoken)

P O Lord,
C have mercy.
P O Christ,
C have mercy.
P O Lord,
C have mercy.

Hymn

We Praise You

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*We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.*

*To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”*

*The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”*

*You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.*

*You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SJL Students Sing

SJL only

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 110



¹The LORD says to my Lord:
“Sit at my | right hand,*
until I make your enemies your | footstool.”

²The LORD sends forth from Zion
your mighty | scepter.*
Rule in the midst of your | enemies!

³Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy | garments;*
**from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth | will be yours.**

⁴The LORD has sworn
and will not | change his mind,*
**“You are a priest forever
after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”**

⁵The Lord is at your | right hand;*
he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.

⁶He will execute judgment among the nations,
filling them with | corpses;*
**he will shatter chiefs
over the | wide earth.**

⁷He will drink from the brook | by the way;*
therefore he will lift | up his head.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:11–25

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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.*

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 15:26—16:11

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

¹“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper

will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Pentecost Acclamation

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful!

C Kindle in us the fire of your love!

Sermon Hymn *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* **458**

Sermon "To Keep You from Falling Away"

The Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal.*

The Recognition of Graduates

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 Prayers

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>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>	633
<i>On Christ's Ascension I Now Build</i>	492
<i>Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest</i>	498

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.*

Pentecost Acclamation

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful!
C **Kindle in us the fire of your love!**

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 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* **465**

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



Our Graduates

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Tyrone Carrigan, Leyton Becker, Hazel Lenz,
Liam Lenz
Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen,
Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen
Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: none this week
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, Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche,
Violet Lueth

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.

Zach & Kayla Brummond are sponsoring the bulletins for both churches and the broadcast in celebration of God's grace and of their marriage on May 27th. Congratulations and may God richly bless your life together.

Lon & Marilyn Oelke are sponsoring bulletins for the month of May giving thanks and praise to God for the precious blessing of 20 years of marriage on May 10th. May God continue to bless your marriage.

LYF Egg fundraiser continues. Sales will be at SJL after most services or you can call/text Lynn Becker at 230-2700 to arrange a pick up from the farm. 100% of proceeds goes to LYF for expenses and future trips. Please keep returning cartons and just leave in the SJL narthex.

SJL mowing at MLHS, May 16-31st. Contact Gary Luhmann to volunteer to help 236-4239.

Zion Lawn Mowing List is now posted in the church narthex. If we missed you and you would like to help OR if you are on the list but are no longer able to help, please reach out to Isaac Wallace 236-7190. Thank you to all the volunteers who help keep the church looking great! - Zion Trustees

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Fairmont is hiring a 7th and 8th grade teacher. This is a full time position with benefits. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, please have them contact Principal Kube at bkube@splfairmont.org.



Deadline for June Newsletter is Tuesday 5/23.

GROCERY RECEIPTS TOTALS

Keep receipts coming in, it's a great/ easy fundraiser!

HYVEE: \$ 76,000 FAREWAY: \$95,000

HyVee receipts can be grocery, gas, or pharmacy

THANK YOU FOR SAVING YOUR RECEIPTS

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HyVee is changing their receipt program effective June 1st. Currently we submit \$150,000 of receipts and they donate \$1,000 back to the school. After June 1st we will be required to submit \$200,000 to get the \$1,000 back. So now is the time to send in any receipts as we attempt to collect \$150,000 before the end of May. Thank you for your ongoing participation in this easy fundraiser.



**MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**SJL & Zion are full association members**

**The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Science Department has greenhouse plants for sale** at \$2.00 per pot. All plants will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Tomatoes: Beefsteak, Jubilee or Yellow; Peppers: Thai, Chili, Cyan, Pinata, Poblano, Jalapeno or Bell; Celery; Cauliflower; Kale; and Broccoli. Flowers: Marigold, Alyssum, Dahlia, Moss Roses, Johnny Jump Ups, Columbine, Shasta Daisy, 4 O'clocks, Pansy, and Painted Daisy. The greenhouse would appreciate donations of used plastic pots and trays. For more information call 507-436-5249 or stop in during school hours.

**The thirty-eighth Baccalaureate and Commencement Service for the Class of 2023** will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Sunday, May 28th in the Lutheran Activity Center. Commencement speaker is Pastor John Henry. Salutatorian is Sutton Bohlsen and the Valedictorian is Jakob Fischer. The Class Verse is "*Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*" Matthew 6:34.



**Cooper Steuber:** Open House, Sunday May 28th 10-1pm  
at his home, 1592 190th Ave, Fairmont.

**Prayer for the Graduates**

*This is a special day in the life of the graduates. As they embark on the next chapter in their lives we pray that the same hand that has kept them thus far will continue to be in their lives.*

*May Your hand of protection be about them, and may Your Word continue to be a light unto their path. Help them to make wise decisions and to always keep You first in everything that they do.*  
*Amen*

| Those Serving our Lord |                           |                   |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
|                        | Greeters                  | Acolyte           |
| <b>SJL 5-21</b>        | Neal & Sue Senne          | Joseph Crissinger |
| <b>5-28</b>            | Magen Borkenhagen & Bryce | Bryce Borkenhagen |
| <b>Zion 5-21</b>       | Isaac & Tania Wallace     | Caleb Meyer       |
| <b>5-28</b>            | Alan & Peggy Wille        | Jadyn Montgomery  |



## **St James Lutheran**



**LINCOLN BECKER** graduates from Fairmont Jr/Sr High School on June 4th. He is planning to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD to study Agriculture Business/Agronomy.

**SUTTON BOHLEN** will graduate from Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on May 28th. He plans to further his education at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD for Exercise Science and then graduate school to become a Physical Therapist.

**KAYLA GRAPLAR** No information submitted

**JACK KOSBAB** graduates from Fairmont Jr/Sr High School on June 4th. He is planning to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD for Agriculture Studies.

**WYATT LUHMANN** will graduate from Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on May 28th. He has been accepted into the apprenticeship program with C&B Operations and Mitchell Tech to earn his Diesel Technician Certification. He is currently interning at C&B and plans to stay with the company after the completion of the program.

**ELLA NAGORSKE** No information submitted

**COOPER STEUBER** graduates from Fairmont Jr/Sr High School on June 4th. He is planning to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD to study Nursing.



## **Zion Lutheran**



**GRACE BICKNASE** will graduate from Martin County West High School on June 4th. She is planning to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD to major in Business Economics with a Human Resource minor.

**KATELYN SOMMER** No information submitted

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:** **May 21 - 28, 2023**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** **Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon**  
**Office phone:** 436-5289 **Pastor phone:** 219-713-1604  
**Email:** sjlnorthrop@gmail.com **Website:** sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com


**Sunday Graduate Recognition**  
 Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM  
 Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30 AM

**Tuesday** June Newsletter Deadline  
 Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM  
 Ladies Bible Study (Z) 7:00 PM  
 Lutheran School 8th Grade Grad @ SPL Truman 7:00 PM

**Wednesday** SJL Awards Night (SJ) 6:30 PM

**Thursday** Closing Chapel & Picnic (SJ) 11:00 AM  
 Eve Circle (SJ) 7:00 PM

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

**Sunday Pentecost**  
 Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM  
 Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30 AM  
 Martin Luther Graduation (ML) 2:00 PM

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| Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion |             |                  | May 14, 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| Attendance                        | 123 (HC 94) | Home             | \$3,660.00   |
| Loose Plate                       | \$146.50    | Missions         | \$225.00     |
| MLHS                              | \$500.00    | Scholarship Fund | \$20.00      |

| Reflecting our Stewardship – St James |             |                 | May 14, 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Attendance                            | 102 (HC 87) | Home            | \$2,320.00   |
| Loose Plate                           | \$93.00     | Missions        | \$60.00      |
| Online                                | \$1,955.76  | Tuition         | \$5,125.00   |
| Bulletins                             | \$10.00     | Memorials       | \$10.00      |
| Tuition Angel                         | \$1,800.00  | Facility Rental | \$75.00      |
| MLHS                                  | \$1,000.00  | SJLS Misc       | \$550.00     |