

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



Pastor John Henry

The Third Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
June 18, 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

Father Welcomes

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Holy Baptism of Dorothy Bremer Denn (SJ Only) *LSB pp. 268-271*

Reception of Members by Profession of Faith

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles:
“Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R *I do.*

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C **Amen.**

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 67:3



³Let the peoples praise you, | O God;*
let all the peoples | praise you!

**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

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

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.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets
You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe
Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 18:1–16

¹And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them,

he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

¹⁶Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 146



¹*Praise | the LORD! **

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²*I will praise the LORD as long | as I live; **

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

³*Put not your trust in | princes, **

in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.

⁴*When his breath departs he returns | to the earth; **

on that very day his plans | perish.

⁵*Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob, **

whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

⁶*who made heaven and earth,*

the sea, and all that is | in them, *

who keeps faith for- | ever;

⁷*who executes justice for | the oppressed, **

who gives food to the | hungry.

*The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind. **
***The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the | righteous.***
⁹*The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the | fatherless, **
but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.

¹⁰*The LORD will reign for- | ever, **
your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:6–16

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

[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

Matthew 22:15–22

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk.
¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying,
 “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully,
 and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by
 appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to
 Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to
 the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought
 him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription
 is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render
 to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are
 God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went
 away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower* **694**

Sermon "No one else is coming, but we have the mind of Christ."

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

The Prayers

Offering

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>The Tree of Life</i>	561
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	744
<i>Salvation unto Us Has Come</i>	555

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Today's bulletins at SJL are sponsored by Dianna Mosloski to the Glory of God for all His blessings.

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.



July newsletter deadline is Tuesday June 20th.

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Dorothy Denn

Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen,
Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Dan Petrowiak

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Caitlin Balcom, Chuck Dobson, Jayden Moeller

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



- **SJL:** Nathan & Elizabeth Denn, Annabelle & Dorothy
- **ZION:** Cesar Silveira Barroso & Maria Herrera Aussin, Valeria, Ricardo & Elena

Please introduce yourselves to our new members and invite them to join in our church activities and make them feel welcome.



Today at SJL we celebrate the baptism of Dorothy Bremer Denn, daughter of Nathan & Elizabeth Denn. Her sponsors are Michael & Michelle Bammert and Zac & Aly Fischer. May God continue to bless the Denn family.

Flowers on the alter have been placed by Larry Graplar, Andrea Kain & Riley Henzler in memory of Andrea's father (Riley's grandfather), Byron Sangren, who was laid to his eternal rest last week. May God be your source of comfort and strength at this difficult time.

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 8:00am - Noon.

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 Eve Circle's June Outing will be at Green Mill this Thursday, June 22nd at 5:30 Hope to see everybody there!

Bulletins are emailed weekly. If you are not on the list and would like to be, please contact the office. **Bulletins can also be found on the website sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com.** Contact the office if you have questions.

Are you in need of help with meals? **St James Lutheran Stewardship Committee** is starting a meal-train for SJL members who wish to have some help with meals for a short time. This could be due to an illness, a hospital stay, a birth of a child, a death in the family, or for any other reason. Contact Jody Uttech (507-236-6456) if you wish to have a meal-train started for you and/or your family. Also, if you are willing to help by furnishing a meal for a meal-train family when it works with your schedule, please let Jody know.



Bridal Shower for Macy Quinn and Cameron Dressen will be held at SJL on Saturday, July 8th, beginning at 10am. The couple is registered at Amazon.com/wedding and Zola.com/registry. All the ladies of both congregations are invited to celebrate the blessing of marriage with Macy.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Fairmont invites all men (ages 12+) for a summer **Men's Trap Shoot Competition**, July 16 and August 13. See poster for more details.

Fifth Annual ELS Apologetics and Worldview Conference held at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. "A Culture of Deception? Equipping Christians with Truth & Love in Tumultuous Times" June 21st (7-9pm) & June 22nd (10:30-2:30pm). Free event in person or livestream.

Going on Vacation? You can still enjoy our Sunday morning services. Go to our facebook page, YouTube channel, or use the link on the website to watch the SJL service live or at a later time. Please also continue to support your congregation through online contributions. Contact the office if you have questions.



LWML 40th Biennial Convention will be held June 22-25th in Milwaukee, WI. For anyone unable to attend in person, you can watch it online. Worship bulletins are available for download on the LWML website. If you miss the live version, you can still watch the recorded sessions at <https://livestream.com/theLWML>. Watch the videos and "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations".



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

"Celebrating Our Freedom" Benefit Dinner on Sunday, June 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Grilled Pork Loin, Au Gratin Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread & Butter and Assorted Bars. Cost is a free will offering. Proceeds will help to sustain the MLHS Ministry during the summer months.

A Delegate Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 25th at 1:15 p.m. in the Music Room. All association delegates, pastors and interested parties are welcome to attend. Election of officers to the Board of Directors will be held.

Summer Volleyball Camp at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop for boys and girls going into grades 3-9 July 17-20. More information and registration is available at www.martinlutherhs.com or call 507-436-5249.

On Christ the Solid Rock Parking Lot Project: Just as Noah started building the ark by God's instructions when not one drop of rain had fallen, Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is stepping forward with this project with utter, blind faith. In 2015 the donor of the first strip of concrete said, *"You only get one chance to make a good first impression."* This past spring the busing companies had difficulty navigating it. The NLSA Accreditation Team's report said, *"The #1 thing that parents and students would like to see improved is the parking lot."* It is our prayer that instead of seeing a rutted, muddy parking lot with gravel dust gathered at our front door, guests will see an expanse of PRISTINE, SOLID CONCRETE and think *"Martin Luther really is a flourishing school."* Everyone is invited to be a part of this project to help us reach our goal. Go to www.martinlutherhs.com for weekly updates on our progress. Deadline is July 1st. Or call 507-436-5249 for more details.




"Party in the Parking Lot" All-School Reunion on Saturday, September 2, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m. All alumni are invited. Current addresses of alumni are needed, please update the school office as soon as possible. Call 507-436-5249.



**Wishing all our Fathers and
Fathers-to-be a blessed day.**

A wise son brings JOY to his father.

Proverbs 15:20

Sunday-Thursday, June 18-22, at the SJL Fellowship Hall

A light supper available 5:35-6:00
VBS activities 6:00-7:30

Children age 3 through entering 6 grade are welcome!

*All children age 3 & 4 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class.

No class during the month of June. Join us in July & August for a joint Bible Class before church.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study at Zion, 7pm. No class on June 20th. We will begin a new study on June 27th, "Promised Rest" by Michelle Diercks.

Friday Morning Bible Study is held at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL. We are currently studying the Life and Ministry of St Paul.

ISSUES, ETC. SCHEDULE:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

June 18 Baptism: What I wish My Non-Lutheran Family Understood
About - Rev Bryan Wolfmueller

June 25 Joyfully Lutheran - Rev. Dr. President Matt Harrison

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am


Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Just Around the Corner An unexpected encounter reveals God's love being poured out, just around the corner. (Romans 5:1-11)



Those Serving our Lord	
	Greeters
SJL 6-18	Jeff & Leslie Crissinger
6-25	Al & Dru Egeness
Zion 6-18	Curt & Denise Wille
6-25	Molly Bargfrede & Sarah Wirth

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: June 18 - 25, 2023
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon
Office phone: 436-5289 **Pastor phone:** 219-713-1604
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Sunday **Father's Day**
 Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
VBS (Sun-Thurs) (SJ) Supper 5:35-6, VBS 6-7:30 PM
Monday Office Closed
Tuesday **July Newsletter Deadline**
NO Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday SJL Council Meeting (SJ) 7:30 PM
Thursday LWML Convention in Milwaukee, WI 22nd-25th
Friday Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
ML Pork Loin Benefit Dinner (ML) 11 AM-1:00 PM
ML Delegate Meeting (ML) 1:15 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			June 11, 2023
Attendance	76 (HC 60)	Home	\$2,993.90
Loose Plate	\$15.00	Missions	\$250.00
Zion Repairs	\$100.00	MLHS	\$500.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			June 11, 2023
Attendance	77 (HC 65)	Home	\$3,120.00
Loose Plate	\$66.00	Missions	\$10.00
Online	\$2,004.95	Tuition Angel	\$200.00
Bulletins	\$20.00	COVID Reimburse	\$16,716.53
Tuition	\$1,250.00		