

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



Pastor John Henry

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 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

Shepherd of Tender Youth

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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 56:13



¹³For you have delivered my soul from death,
yes, my feet from | falling,*
that I may walk before God
in the | light of life.

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

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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.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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

Genesis 24:62–67

⁶²Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb. ⁶³And Isaac went out to meditate in the field toward evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there were camels coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel ⁶⁵and said to the servant, “Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 45:6, 7b, 10–11, 13–16



⁶*Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.*

*The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of up- | rightness; **

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your com- | panions;

¹⁰*Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:*

*forget your people and your | father’s house, **

¹¹**and the king will desire your beauty.**

Since he is your lord, | bow to him.

¹³*All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven | with gold. **

¹⁴**In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.**

¹⁵*With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace | of the king. **

¹⁶**In place of your fathers shall be your sons;
you will make them princes in | all the earth.**

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by

the washing of water with the word,²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,³⁰ because we are members of his body.³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

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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 4:5–26

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

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

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands,

and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.”²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *God Loved the World So That He Gave* **571**

Sermon

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

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord **637**
Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice **556**

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

I'm But a Stranger Here

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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: Samantha Egeness

Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen,
Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Alex Pittmann, Everson Oberdieck

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

Bulletin/Broadcast Sponsors

- **Dianna Mosloski** to the Glory of God for all His blessings.
- **Tom & Heidi Koeritz** in thankfulness to God for 35 years of marriage on the 25th.
- **Webb & Dar Quade** to God for the blessing of 51 years of marriage on the 24th. They have also placed flowers on the alter.

Congratulations to both couples, may God continue to richly bless your lives together.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Donations are welcomed to replace the lawn mower at SJL. Our current mower is not holding up with the amount of use on a weekly basis. Please designate on memo line of check or on your envelope. Contact Gary Luhmann if you have any questions.

Thank you ~SJL Trustees



Everyone is invited to a potluck Sunday July 9th after church at SJL. Silverware, plates, cups and beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite dish to pass and stay after church for lunch.

Get your 4th of July of fire works at the TNT stand at the Walmart Parking lot in Fairmont. Martin Luther High School will be running the stand. It is open every day beginning June 24 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. until July 4th. Lots of cool stuff! Thank you for your support.

GROCERY RECEIPTS TOTALS

Keep receipts coming in, it's an easy fundraiser!

HYVEE: \$ 22,000 FAREWAY: \$120,000

HyVee receipts can be grocery, gas, or pharmacy

THANK YOU FOR SAVING YOUR RECEIPTS



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.

Summer Basketball Camp at MLHS for boys and girls going into grades 3-8, July 10-14th, 8 - Noon. More information and registration is available at www.martinlutherhs.com or call 507-436-5249. You may also contact Laura Henry with any questions 432-6597. Camp will be led by Reed & Leslie Wokasch and is sponsored by the PTL's of St James Lutheran, St Paul - Fairmont and St Paul's – Truman.

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.

JOINT SUNDAY SERVICES

Adult Bible Class @ 8:00am, Divine Worship @ 9:00am

July @ SJL

August @ ZION



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.

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; sjlnorthop.com or zionfraser.com

"We need campfires and cookouts and picnic lunches filled with laughter. Yet, as members of the household of God, we also need conversation and consolation and prayer. We need to gather, in person, at the Communion rail. Surrounded by our eternal family, we need to hear God's promises and rejoice in His forgiveness." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life*
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Those Serving our Lord	
	Greeters
SJL 6-25	Al & Dru Egeness
7-2	Mike & Samantha Egeness 9AM @ SJL
Zion 6-25	Molly Bargfrede & Sarah Wirth
7-2	Dustin & Stephanie Zellmer 9AM @ SJL



BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class.

No class during the month of June. Please plan to attend on Sunday mornings during July and August for a Pastor led study on Philippians and Colossians beginning at 8:00am.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study at Zion, 7pm. 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 25** Joyfully Lutheran - Rev. Dr. President Matt Harrison
- July 2** The Saint Peter Option: Living As Exiles in a Foreign Land
Pastor Peter Bender
- July 9** Fatherhood - Pastor Jeff Hemmer
- July 16** Fatherlessness and Fracturing of Society
Dr. Stephen Baskerville
- July 23** Christian Crusaders - Raymond Ibahim
- July 30** Repentance - Pastor Will Weedon

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

"Tears, Fires, and a Song" Despite their tears, prophetic Christians are on fire with the Word of God and always have a song to sing. We embody both the deep sadness and the unrelenting commitment of the God we serve, and we never lack a reason for praise. (Jeremiah 20:7-13)

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: June 25 - July 2, 2023
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon
Office phone: 436-5289 **Pastor phone:** 219-713-1604
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Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
Monday	Office Closed	
Tuesday	Ladies Bible Study	(Z) 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Board of Christian Ed Mtg	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	No Eve Circle	
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday	Joint Adult Bible Class	(SJ) 8:00 AM
	Joint Divine Worship	(SJ) 9:00 AM



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			June 18, 2023
Attendance	86 (HC 67)	Home	\$3,340.00
Loose Plate	\$65.00	Missions	\$275.00
Bulletins	\$115.00	MLHS	\$65.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			June 18, 2023
Attendance	93 (HC 66)	Home	\$2,500.00
Loose Plate	\$175.00	Missions	\$80.00
Online	\$619.18	Tuition Angel	\$50.00
Bulletins	\$80.00	COVID Reimburse	\$5,708.41
SJLS Misc	\$450.00	Transportation	\$267.15
Rental	\$75.00	MLHS	\$300.00