

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*July 16, 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.*

*Welcome to worship*

*The psalmist proclaims that*

*God's word is a lamp for our feet (Psalm 119:105).*

*May you experience the light of God's guidance on your path today.*

**Opening Hymn**

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

**725**

**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

*Psalm 103:8*



*The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.*

### Gloria Patri

*LSB pg. 186*

**C** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-  
out end. Amen.*

### Kyrie

*LSB pg. 186*

**C** *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,  
have mercy upon us.*

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB pgs. 186-189*

**P** *Glory be to God on high:*

**C** *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy  
upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

*Exodus 3:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. <sup>16</sup>Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt," <sup>17</sup>and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.'"

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 65:1–8



<sup>1</sup>Praise is due to you, O God, in | Zion, \*  
**and to you shall vows | be performed.**

<sup>2</sup>O you who | hears prayer, \*  
**to you shall | all flesh come.**

<sup>3</sup>When iniquities prevail a- | gainst me, \*  
**you atone for our trans- | gressions.**

<sup>4</sup>Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near,  
to dwell | in your courts! \*

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
the holiness of your | temple!**

<sup>5</sup>By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,  
O God of our sal- | vation, \*

**the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the | farthest seas;**

<sup>6</sup>the one who by his strength established the | mountains, \*  
**being girded | with might;**

<sup>7</sup>who stills the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring | of their waves, \*  
**the tumult of the | peoples,**

<sup>8</sup>so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe | at your signs. \*  
**You make the going out of the morning and the evening to | shout for joy.**

Second Lesson

1 Timothy 1:5–16

<sup>5</sup>The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup>Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

<sup>8</sup>Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup>understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup>in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace

of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia

*LSB pg. 190*

**C** *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

#### Holy Gospel

*Luke 18:9–14*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon Hymn**     *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

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#### Sermon

**Apostles' Creed**

*inside the back cover of the hymnal*

#### The Prayers

#### Offering

#### Offertory

*LSB pg. 192-193*

**C** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy  
Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with  
Thy free spirit. Amen.*

### 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. 195*

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name  
of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

### 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. 198*

- C** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

### Communion Hymns

<i>I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table</i>	<b>618</b>
<i>Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing</i>	<b>421</b>
<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	<b>543</b>

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB pgs. 199-200*

- C** *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to  
Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared  
before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.*

### 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

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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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:* none this week

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

*Homebound:* Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

#### Zion

*Baptism Birthdays:* Vivian Traetow, Deb Wallace

*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



**Thank you to Pastor Michael Holmen** (from St Paul, Fairmont) for leading us in worship today and next Sunday while Pastor Henry & family are on vacation.

**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](http://sjlnorthrop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com).** Contact the office if you have questions.

#### **Bulletin/Broadcast Sponsors**

- **Bart & Sandra Johnson** in thankfulness to God for 42 years of marriage on the 16th.
- **Gary & Sandra Luhmann** for the month of July in celebration of their birthdays.
- **Craig & Marilyn Carrigan** for the month of July in celebration of their 45th Anniversary on July 21st.

**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.

**Thank you to the anonymous donors** who generously gave to cover the lawn mower replacement expense at SJL.



**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.

Pastor Henry & family will be on vacation July 14<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. If you have a pastoral emergency please contact the elder for the month.  
(Zion - Doug Bicknase 236-4664, SJL - Jason Schuder 230-0539)

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.

#### **QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING**

**SJL:** Wednesday July 19th, 7:30PM

**Become a Church Voter.** All adults (age 18+) can be voters and help make decisions for your church. Members from all generations are needed to ensure the future of our congregations continue forward in faith. Contact an elder if you have questions.



## **JOINT SUNDAY SERVICES**

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

**July @ SJL**

**August @ ZION**

**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.

 **August Newsletter Deadline** is July 25th.

**2023-24 Scholarship Applications** for SJL or Zion members attending a LCMS high school or college are available in the office. Deadline to return them is August 15th.

**SJL 2023-24 Back to School Registration Night** will be Monday August 7th, 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall for preschool age 3 through 6th grade. If you are unable to be at registration night, please contact your child's teacher or the office to set up a time to complete all the necessary steps before the school year begins.

**2023 Fall Women's LWML Retreat** September 15-16, 2023 at Camp Omega, Waterville, MN. Come get away, relax, and be comforted by God's real and present peace as author and speaker Michelle Dierks leads us in her Bible study "Promised Rest". This one-day Women's Retreat, with optional Friday night activities, is open to all women (junior high age and older). The registration deadline is Friday, August 25. [https://www.mnslwml.org/2023\\_district\\_retreat](https://www.mnslwml.org/2023_district_retreat)



## MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

**SJL & Zion are full association members**

**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](http://www.martinlutherhs.com) or call 507-436-5249.

**"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.

**Lutheran Schools Book Club:** We are going to embark on a quarterly book club in which we will read a book each quarter (12 weeks) of the calendar year. Each book will be hosted by a Lutheran School. The first book will be "Gods and Kings" by Lynn Austin and hosted by Martin Luther High School. The first book will be "assigned" from September – November. Future books will be announced. We will host discussions at the mid-way point in mid October and a final discussion in late November: specific dates to be determined. Please RSVP your interest in participation and/or any questions you may have to: [paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com](mailto:paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com).

**Adult Bible Study at Martin Luther High School:** MLHS is offering an adult Bible study for the Gospel of Luke. We will read and discuss Luke through the eyes of "Wikipedia." Principal Paul Steinhaus will lead this "class." The class will meet every Thursday (when school is in session) from 10:15-11am starting Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP your interest in participating to: [paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com](mailto:paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com).

"Waiting is difficult; in Christ, we have the now and not yet. But as we learn and relearn to wait on Him, we find joy in His good work and patient craftsmanship in our lives. Though under construction, God works through us to bless the world. May you find great joy in fruit-bearing as you faithfully wait on HIM." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



## **BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS**

### **Sunday morning Adult Bible Class.**

In July and August join us for a Pastor led study on Philippians and Colossians beginning at 8:00am.

**Tuesday Women's Bible Study** at Zion, 7pm. We currently are using a study by Michelle Diercks, "Promised Rest".

**Friday Morning Bible Study** will not meet for the remainder of July, but join us in August at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL. We will continue our study of the Life and Ministry of St Paul.

### **ISSUES, ETC. SCHEDULE:**

**Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am**

- 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**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Two Mindsets" The Law of God is a test that judges all who take it. The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus passed the test, in our place. (Romans 8:1-7)



Those Serving our Lord			
Greeters			
<b>SJL 7-16</b>	Jayden & Mariah Garlick	<b>9AM @ SJL</b>	
<b>7-23</b>	Andy & Katy Gonzalez	<b>9AM @ SJL</b>	
<b>Zion 7-16</b>	Daryl & Carol Bartz	<b>9AM @ SJL</b>	
<b>7-23</b>	Julie Becker & Kristi Bulfer	<b>9AM @ SJL</b>	

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:** **July 16 - July 23, 2023**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** **Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon**  
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<b>Sunday</b>	Joint Adult Bible Class	<b>(SJ) 8:00 AM</b>
	Joint Divine Worship	<b>(SJ) 9:00 AM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Office Closed	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ladies Bible Study	<b>(Z) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	SJL Voter's Mtg	<b>(SJ) 7:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	NO Morning Bible Study	
<b>Sunday</b>	Joint Adult Bible Class	<b>(SJ) 8:00 AM</b>
	Joint Divine Worship	<b>(SJ) 9:00 AM</b>

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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			July 9, 2023
Attendance	JT 159 (HC 40)	Home	\$2,123.90
Loose Plate	\$7.00	Missions	\$275.00
SJL School Misc	\$150.00	MLHS	\$500.00
Bulletins/Broadcast	\$45.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			July 9, 2023
Attendance	JT 159 (HC 78)	Home	\$3,220.00
Loose Plate	\$130.00	Missions	\$60.00
Online	\$623.98	Rental	\$125.00
Bulletins	\$45.00	Tuition Angel	\$200.00
MLHS	\$300.00	Cemetery	\$50.00
SJLS Misc	\$300.00	Transportation	\$2,700.00