

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



Pastor John Henry

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 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!

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the church
to worship and praise God, made known to us in Christ.
Peace be with you all.*

Opening Hymn

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

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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 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.

Psalm 86:6



*⁶Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer; *
listen to my | plea for grace.*

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 without end. Amen.*

LSB pg. 186

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

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.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 20:1-21

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

¹⁸Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” ²¹The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:1–8



- ¹Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless, *
who walk in the law | of the LORD!
- ²Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies, *
who seek him with their | whole heart,
- ³who also | do no wrong, *
but walk | in his ways!
- ⁴You have commanded your | precepts *
to be kept dil- | igently.
- ⁵Oh that my ways may be | steadfast *
in keeping your | statutes!
- ⁶Then I shall not be | put to shame, *
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.
- ⁷I will praise you with an | upright heart, *
when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.
- ⁸I will keep your | statutes; *
do not utterly for- | sake me!

Second Lesson

Galatians 3:16–26

¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB pg. 190

C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:17–30, 43–48

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

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

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and

sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* **575**

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

O Lord, We Praise Thee 617
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds 524

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

Lord of All Hopefulness

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St James

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

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

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Baptism Birthdays: Duane Behrens, Abby Fitzgerald, Gary Peymann,
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Violet Lueth



Thank you to Pastor Michael Holmen (from St Paul, Fairmont) for leading us in worship today 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 or zionfraser.com.** Contact the office if you have questions.

Bulletin/Broadcast Sponsors

- **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.



August Newsletter Deadline is July 25th.

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.

Pastor Henry & family will be on vacation July 14th-31st. 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 **Men's Trap Shoot Competition**. The last opportunity for this summer will be August 13. See poster for more details.

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.

SJL Voters approved the motion to accept a bid from Thate's Tree Service to remove 4 dead trees from the cemetery, at a cost of \$4,000. Any donations to help with this expense would be greatly appreciated, please mark your envelope or check with "Cemetery Tree Removal". If you have any questions, please talk to one of our Trustees. ~Thank you

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



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

"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.

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 7th. Please RSVP your interest in participating to: paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com.



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 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

"Pulling for Others" How did two young men start out with similar circumstances but end up in such different places?

Was it the choices they made or the pull that others had on their lives? (Romans 8:31-39)

"Celebrating every human being as gift and privilege sometimes meets with resistance. This doesn't mean the message failed. Good ground may lie beneath an unsightly surface. Our patient Savior often slowly softens soil, and seeds take time to germinate and flower. The sanctity of life carries God's message, not ours, and He guarantees His strong Word never goes to waste (Isaiah 55:10-11)." *Life Thoughts - Lutherans for Life*



Those Serving our Lord		
Greeters		
SJL 7-23	Andy & Katy Gonzalez	9AM @ SJL
7-30	Rhonda Hartmann & Camrin King	9AM @ SJL
Zion 7-23	Julie Becker & Kristi Bulfer	9AM @ SJL
7-30	Duane & Myrna Behrens	9AM @ SJL

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: July 23 - July 30, 2023
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - 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 Joint Adult Bible Class (SJ) 8:00 AM
Joint Divine Worship (SJ) 9:00 AM
Monday Office Closed
Tuesday **August Newsletter Deadline**
LWML Fall Rally Planning Meeting (SJ) 4:00 PM
Ladies Bible Study (Z) 7:00 PM
Wednesday **NO BOCE Meeting**
Thursday **NO Eve Circle**
Friday **NO Morning Bible Study**
Sunday Joint Adult Bible Class (SJ) 8:00 AM
Joint Divine Worship (SJ) 9:00 AM

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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			July 16, 2023
Attendance	JT 128 (HC 50)	Home	\$2,325.00
Loose Plate	\$45.50	Missions	\$225.00
Kitchen	\$2,500.00	MLHS	\$700.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			July 16, 2023
Attendance	JT 128 (HC 58)	Home	\$3,420.00
Loose Plate	\$70.00	Missions	\$30.00
Online	\$1,904.95	Tuition	\$2,872.68
Bulletins	\$175.00	Tuition Angel	\$50.00
COVID	\$21,330.55		