

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

*July 30, 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*

*“[Nothing] will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39).  
What better reason to worship together!*

**Opening Hymn**     *Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*

**908**

**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 105:1*

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**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.  
Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope,  
and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love  
what You have commanded; 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**

*Numbers 21:4-9*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go  
around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way.  
<sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you  
brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food

and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*Psalm 91*

- <sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
**will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**
- <sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
**my God, in whom I trust.”**
- <sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
**and from the deadly pestilence.**
- <sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
**his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
- <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
**nor the arrow that flies by day,**
- <sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
**nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**
- <sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,  
**but it will not come near you.**
- <sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes  
**and see the recompense of the wicked.**
- <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
**the Most High, who is my refuge—**
- <sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
**no plague come near your tent.**
- <sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you  
**to guard you in all your ways.**
- <sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up,  
**lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- <sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
**the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**
- <sup>14</sup>“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;  
**I will protect him, because he knows my name.**
- <sup>15</sup>When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;  
**I will rescue him and honor him.**
- <sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy him  
**and show him my salvation.”**

## Second Lesson

*Philippians 3:2–11*

<sup>2</sup>Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup>For we are the real circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup>though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

*LSB pg. 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 10:38–42*

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

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

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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

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

## Sermon Hymn

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

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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>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>	633
<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	525
<i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i>	670

### 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  $\text{✠}$  you peace.  
**C** Amen.

### Closing Hymn

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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

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



**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Gary Luhmann, Keith Hartmann, Grant Luther, Oakley Bohlsen

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

*Homebound:* Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Zoey Sands

*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**

- **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.

**Zion Member Newsletters** for are available this week on the table just inside the front door at SJL. Please help yourself.



**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 **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.



**Thank you** to John Thate, from Thate's Tree Service, who donated all the new wood chips for our playground, and to Gary Luhmann for spreading them. Please share our appreciation when you see them.

**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.

**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)



**Joint Sunday morning services for the month of August will be at Zion.** Bible class will meet in the church basement starting at 8am. During the month of August Pastor Henry will lead a study of the book of Colossians.



### **JOINT SUNDAY SERVICES**

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

**July @ SJL**

**August @ ZION**



**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.

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

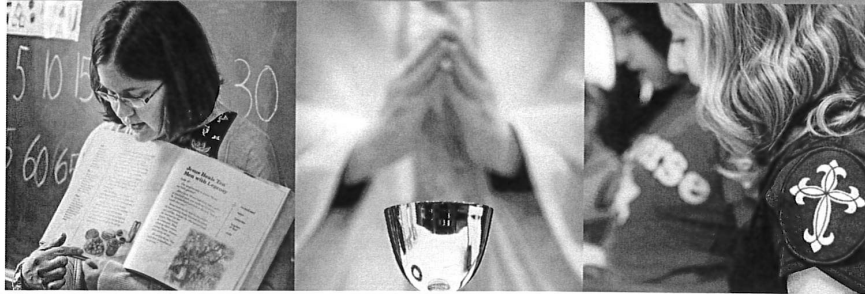
**"Party in the Parking Lot" All-School Reunion** on Saturday, September 2, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m. All alumni are invited. Current addresses of alumni are needed, please update the school office as soon as possible. Call 507-436-5249.

**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](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).

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## **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** resumes in August, join us at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL. We continue our study of the Life and Ministry of St Paul.

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

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

<b>July 30</b>	Repentance - Pastor Will Weedon
<b>August 6</b>	The Bible's Teaching of two Kingdoms and Political - Dr. Ryan MacPherson
<b>August 13</b>	Media Coverage of Church Closing - Terry Mattingly
<b>August 20</b>	Moses and Joshua - Dr. Adolph Harstad
<b>August 27</b>	Transhumanism - Brandon Steenback

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:**

**Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"If It Seems Slow, Wait for It" Some ideas spread slowly. That doesn't make them bad ideas. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about God's slow solution to setting a broken world right. (Habakkuk 2:3 and Romans 10:9 )



<b>Those Serving our Lord</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>	
<b>SJL 7-30</b>	Rhonda Hartmann & Camrin King <b>9AM @ SJL</b>
<b>8-6</b>	Lisa Gravlin & Myla Roskop <b>9AM @ Zion</b>
<b>Zion 7-30</b>	Duane & Myrna Behrens <b>9AM @ SJL</b>
<b>8-6</b>	Kevin & Lori Behrens <b>9AM @ Zion</b>

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:** **July 30 - Aug 6, 2023**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** **Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon**  
**Office phone:** 436-5289 **Pastor phone:** 219-713-1604  
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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>	BOCE Meeting	<b>(SJ) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	<b>(SJ) 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Joint Adult Bible Class	<b>(Z) 8:00 AM</b>
	Joint Divine Worship	<b>(Z) 9:00 AM</b>

"The Church is under an incredible assault, but perhaps never has the opportunity been greater. The question is whether we wish to take it, whether we want to be salt, or whether we'll just mark time, leaving nothing but ruins for those who follow in our footsteps." *Rev. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			July 23, 2023
Attendance	JT 99 (HC 37)	Home	\$2,600.00
Loose Plate	\$82.00	Missions	\$225.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			July 23, 2023
Attendance	JT 99 (HC 50)	Home	\$4,500.00
Loose Plate	\$81.00	Missions	\$10.00
Online	\$517.56	SJLC Misc	\$1,101.99
MLHS	\$50.00	Tuition Angel	\$2,550.00