

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



Pastor John Henry

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 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 in the name of
God the Creator of this beautiful summer day,
Jesus our Savior, and the
Holy Spirit our Counselor each and every day. Amen.*

Opening Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **770**

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 91:1



¹He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

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.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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 45:4–15, 25–28

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

²⁵So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. ²⁶And they told him, “Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt.” And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. ²⁷But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. ²⁸And Israel said, “It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



¹²When they were few in | number, *
of little account, and sojourners | in it,
¹³wandering from nation to | nation, *
from one kingdom to another | people,
¹⁴he allowed no one to op- | press them; *
he rebuked kings on their account, | ¹⁵**saying,**
“Touch not my a- | noointed ones, *
do my prophets | no harm!”
¹⁶When he summoned a famine | on the land *
and broke all sup- | ply of bread,
¹⁷he had sent a man a- | head of them, *
Joseph, who was sold | as a slave.
¹⁸His feet were hurt with | fetters; *
his neck was put in a col- | lar of iron;
¹⁹until what he had said | came to pass, *
the word of the LORD | tested him.
²⁰The king sent and re- | leased him; *
the ruler of the peoples | set him free;
²¹he made him lord | of his house *
and ruler of all his pos- | sessions,
²²to bind his princes at his | pleasure *
and to teach his elders | wisdom.
²³Then Israel came to | Egypt. *
Jacob sojourned in the | land of Ham.
²⁴And the LORD made his people very | fruitful *
and made them stronger | than their foes.

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends

on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB pg. 190

C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

Sermon Hymn *Entrust Your Days and Burdens* 754

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

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior **619**
Lord Jesus, Think on Me **610**
The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want **710**

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Please join us for a potluck TODAY after church at SJL.

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Hayley Luther

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

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Austin Morris, Jared Flohrs, Noah Nelson,
Cadence Montgomery, Braden Roiger

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

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

- **Pastor & Laura Henry** in thankfulness to God for 15 years of marriage on the 12th and for Pastor's 10th year in the ministry.
- **Duane & Myrna Behrens** in glory to God for Duane's 80th birthday on the 11th.
- **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.

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

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 summer **Men's Trap Shoot Competition**, July 16 and August 13. See poster for more details.

St Paul's Lutheran Church of Truman invites you to their Annual Salad Luncheon on Wednesday July 12th, 11am-12:30pm. Take-outs available. Cost is \$8.

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETINGS

ZION: Wednesday July 12th, 7PM

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.

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.



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 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 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.

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.



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 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


Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Lean into the Villain's Story" Jesus changes the way we see ourselves and others, even our villains. He died and rose for them, too. (Romans 7:24)



Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	
SJL 7-9	Jason & Melissa Engel	9AM @ SJL
7-16	Jayden & Mariah Garlick	9AM @ SJL
Zion 7-9	Darren & Caitlin Balcom	9AM @ SJL
7-16	Daryl & Carol Bartz	9AM @ SJL

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: July 9 - July 16, 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
 Joint Potluck after church
Monday Office Closed
Tuesday Ladies Bible Study (Z) 7:00 PM
Wednesday Zion Voter's Mtg (Z) 7:00 PM
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 2, 2023
Attendance	JT 91 (HC 25)	Home	\$1,465.00
Loose Plate	\$42.00	Missions	\$125.00
SJL School Misc	\$25.00	MLHS	\$700.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			July 2, 2023
Attendance	JT 91 (HC 51)	Home	\$8,635.00
Loose Plate	\$42.00	Missions	\$35.00
Online	\$668.37	Memorials	\$30.00
Bulletins	\$175.00	Mower	\$500.00
SJLS Misc	\$75.00		