

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



Pastor John Henry

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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 and a time of fellowship as the family of Christ.
Greet those around you in the peace of the Lord.*

Opening Hymn *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* **516**

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.

Psalm 115:18



¹⁸But we will | bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!*

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.*

LSB pgs. 152-153

Repeated 4 times:

P^x ...pray to the Lord.

C *Lord, have mercy.*

P *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

C *Amen.*

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P *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.*

C *Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:*

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

*You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
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 God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

1 Kings 17:1–16

¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be nei-

ther dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”² And the word of the LORD came to him,³ “Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.”⁴ You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the LORD. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan.⁶ And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.⁷ And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him,⁹ “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.”¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”¹² And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.”¹³ And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.”¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’”¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days.¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 147:1–11



¹*Praise the LORD!*

*For it is good to sing praises | to our God;**

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

²*The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;**

he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

³*He heals the broken- | hearted**

and binds | up their wounds.

⁴*He determines the number | of the stars;**

he gives to all of | them their names.

⁵*Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power; **
his understanding is beyond | measure.
⁶*The LORD lifts up the | humble; **
he casts the wicked | to the ground.
⁷*Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving; **
make melody to our God | on the lyre!
⁸*He covers the heavens with clouds;*
*he prepares rain | for the earth; **
he makes grass grow | on the hills.
⁹*He gives to the | beasts their food, **
and to the young ravens | that cry.
¹⁰*His delight is not in the strength | of the horse, **
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,
¹¹*but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him, **
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

Second Lesson

James 5:13–18

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

Alleluia & Verse

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C *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:25–34

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

C *Glory to You, O Lord.*

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider

the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.³⁴ Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure* **533**

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal.*

The Prayers

Offering

Dedication of Teachers

Offertory *LSB 159*

C *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the
name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

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

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C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
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

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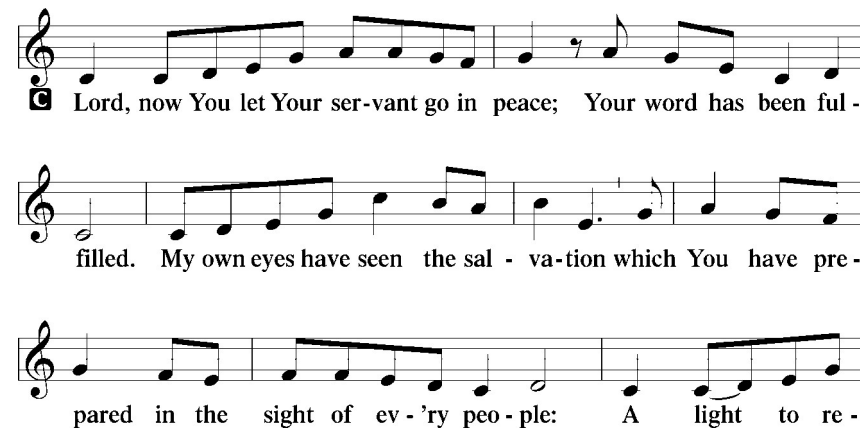
C *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Communion Hymns

<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	686
<i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i>	334
<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	801
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	744

Nunc Dimittis

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C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



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 *For the Fruits of His Creation*

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September Newsletters have been placed in your bulletin boxes.

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Daryl Hoewisch, Dar Quade

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

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Sarah Glidden, Paige Roiger, Molly Bargfrede,
Veronica Balderas

Seminary Student: Peter Preus

Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown,
Jesse Peterson

Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger,
Cairne Etycheson, Yonsey Karasek

Homebound: Dale Schwieger, Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche,
Violet Lueth

Bulletin/Broadcast Sponsors
May God continue to bless these families:

- **Ken & Rhonda Petrowiak** for the month of August in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary on August 31st.
- **The Family of Heidi Koeritz** Congratulations and God's blessings to Heidi as she begins her 41th year of teaching.

LYF Egg fundraiser continues, 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 leave in the SJL narthex.

SJL Members please renew your Lutheran Witness Subscription with the office. Anyone interested in starting a subscription, the deadline is **August 28th**. Price is \$23.16/yr and is payable to SJL.




Thank you to John Thate, from Thate's Tree Service, who donated 4 loads of new wood chips. Also to Gary Luhmann, Paul Tomlinson, Jason Schuder, Jordan, Wyatt & Jackson Luhmann for spreading them. Please share our appreciation when you see them.

Donations to help with SJL Cemetery tree removal expense would be greatly appreciated, please mark your envelope or check with "Cemetery Tree Removal". We currently have received \$3,350 of the \$7,000 needed towards this expense. If you have any questions, please talk to one of our Trustees. ~Thank you

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

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.

	<p>September 3rd: SJL 8:30am, ZION 10am</p>
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**New Member Recognition
and Sunday School Rally Day**

Zion: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will resume on September 10th at 8:45AM. We will also recognize our new members that day. Join us after church for our Annual Church Picnic celebration with Burgers & Hotdogs, AJ's Onion Rings, and O'Scoops Ice Cream. We would love to see you all.

SJL: Sunday School will resume on September 10th at 9:45AM. We will also be recognizing and welcoming our new church members that day. Everyone is invited to join in fellowship for a Congregation Brunch with Eggbakes, Fruit, Rolls and Beverages after the service. Sunday School students can grab their plate of food and eat in class. **Adult Bible Class will resume September 17th.**



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

Everyone is invited to the **"On Christ, the Solid Rock Praise in the Parking Lot Dedication"** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, August 27th at 5:00 p.m. A short service will be held with Pastor Timothy Chase as the officiant. Some seating will be available but guests can bring a lawn chair if they wish. The **"Back-to-School Party" for students and families will follow at 5:30 p.m.**

Classes will begin for the 2023-2024 school year at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Tuesday, August 29th. The school year theme is "Armor UP" based on Ephesians 6:10-18. Please keep the MLHS Ministry in your prayers.

"Party in the Parking Lot" All-School Reunion All alumni (1986-2023), alumni parents, former and current teachers, and friends of MLHS are invited to the "Party in the Parking Lot" All School Reunion at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Saturday, September 2nd beginning at 5:00 p.m. This casual get-together is the kick-off celebration for the 40th anniversary of your Lutheran high school. Bring a lawn chair, connect with old friends and have a fun time. Food and beverage trucks will be available for purchase. The Fat City All Stars band will play at 7:00! The school will be open for tours. The \$10 tickets can be purchased at martinlutherhs.com under Special Events/All-School Reunion or at the gate. Join us in celebrating 40 years!

Announcement from Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School: Principal Paul Steinhaus has notified us that the 2023-2024 school year will be his last one at MLHS. He will be moving back to Wisconsin after graduation. The Board of Directors will be beginning the call process in September. If anyone has a name that they would like to submit please contact one of those on the Call Committee: Greg Sokoloski, Chairman; Pastor Timothy Chase; Garrett Schock; Stephanie Zellmer, Tom Taylor, Rebecca Oerman or Marge Thiesse. Your prayers are appreciated. May God bless and guide this process.

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.

ST JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Connected to CHRIST



Please join us.....ALL are invited!

- **Opening Chapel** will be Monday 8/28 at 8:40
- **Weekly chapel** will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:40

Confirmation plans for 2023-24 school year are underway. If you have a 6th-8th grader attending public school and have NOT received a letter or a call, please contact the office, 507-436-5289. **Classes begin Wednesday, Sept 6th at St James Lutheran in Northrop.** 6th & 7th graders will meet from 4-4:50pm for a "Bible History & Teaching" class. 8th graders will meet from 5-5:50pm for "Christian Faith & Life".

ISSUES, ETC. SCHEDULE:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

August 27 Transhamaniusm - Brandon Steenback

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. John Nunes](#)

"Raising the Praise" Every day and everywhere they go, the followers of Jesus bring the "echo" of Easter with them. (1 Peter 1:3)

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class at Zion will resume on 9/10 at 8:45am, SJL will resume class on 9/17 at 9:45am.

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 9/1, but join us again on 9/8 at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL as we continue our study of the Life and Ministry of St Paul.



Those Serving our Lord			
Greeters			
SJL	8-27	Keith & Mary Jo Hartmann	9AM @ Zion
	9-3	Larissa Hagen & Chase	8:30AM @SJL
Zion	8-27	Matt & Angela Brown	9AM @ Zion
	9-3	Tony & Gini Brummond	10 AM @ Zion

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: **Aug 28 - Sept 3, 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	(Z) 8:00 AM
	Joint Divine Worship	(Z) 9:00 AM
Monday	SJL First Day of School	
	Opening Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Tuesday	ML First Day of School	
	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Ladies Bible Study	(Z) 7:00 PM
Wednesday	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Friday	NO School/Morning Bible Study	
Saturday	MLHS All-School Reunion	(ML) 5:00 PM
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM

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SJL Online Giving



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Aug 20, 2023
Attendance	JT 136 (HC 57)	Home	\$2,800.00
Loose Plate	\$44.00	Missions	\$225.00
Zion Repairs	\$100.00	Kitchen Repairs	\$1,700.00
SJL Misc	\$100.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Aug 20, 2023
Attendance	JT 136 (HC 50)	Home	\$3,740.00
Loose Plate	\$43.00	Missions	\$665.00
Online	\$719.48	Bulletins	\$180.00
Tuition Angel	\$50.00	Graplar Fund Interest	\$1,105.10