

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



Pastor John Henry

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 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.

Through Isaiah, God calls,

“Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters”.

We come today to the Living Water made known in Jesus Christ.

Opening Hymn

Stand Up, Stand Up for 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.

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 105:1



¹*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;**
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

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.

Kyrie

LSB pgs. 152-153

Repeated 4 times:

P ...pray to the Lord.

C ***Lord, have mercy.***

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

C ***Amen.***

Gloria in Excelsis

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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.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still
You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Ho-
ly Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all
Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Joshua 24:1–15

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac. ⁴And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out.

⁶“Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea. And the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷And when they cried to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰but I would not listen to Balaam. Indeed, he blessed you. So I delivered you out of his hand. ¹¹And you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And I gave them into your hand. ¹²And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.’

¹⁴“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 124



¹If it had not been the LORD who was on | our side—*
let Israel | now say—
²if it had not been the LORD who was | on our side*
when people rose up a- | gainst us,
³then they would have swallowed us | up alive,*
when their anger was kindled a- | gainst us;
⁴then the flood would have swept | us away,*
the torrent would have gone | over us;
⁵then over us | would have gone*
the raging | waters.
⁶Blessèd | be the LORD,*
who has not given us
as prey | to their teeth!
⁷We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the | fowlers;*
the snare is broken,
and we | have escaped!
⁸Our help is in the name | of the LORD,*
who made | heaven and earth.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse*LSB pg. 156*

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

Holy Gospel*Luke 16: 1–9*

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

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

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn
Sermon*From God Can Nothing Move Me***713****The Apostles' Creed***inside the back cover of the hymnal.***The Prayers****Offering****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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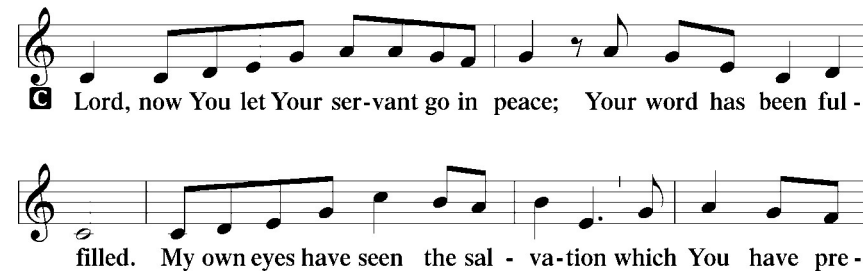
- C** *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Communion Hymns

<i>The Lamb</i>	547
<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	702
<i>Just as I Am, without One Plea</i>	570

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 -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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

Jesus, Lead Thou On

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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: Mark Grefe, Tom Koeritz, Paul Luther

Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen,

Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Alexis Brummond, Asher Oberdieck, Kurt Steuber,
Wayne Wille, Marsha Peterson

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 couples:

- **Ken & Rhonda Petrowiak** for the month of August in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary on August 31st.
- **Keith & Mary Jo Hartmann** in glory to God for 51 years of marriage on August 5th.
- **Congratulation to Lynn & Sarah (Haefner) Becker** who were married at SJL on Saturday. They have placed flowers on the alter and are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast in glory to God for the blessing of marriage.

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.

August Newsletters for Zion members who didn't get one last week are available on the table in the Narthex, SJL member newsletters are in your bulletin boxes at SJL.

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**.

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, 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.

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.

Thate's Tree Service has removed all the dead trees from the SJL Cemetery at a cost of \$7,000. 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 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

Why should anxiety over expenses darken a terminal diagnosis? Why should panic about poverty affect a surprise pregnancy? He who sends mouths also sends meat, even conjuring necessities out of thin air (Matthew 14:19). Our gracious Savior bestows in abundance, and the Body of Christ knows how to share. If God spends His riches on relationships, how can we do any better? *A Life Thought from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

ST JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL



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 paperwork before the school year begins. To save time, returning students may use the ENROLL ME option available through Gradelink to update or confirm their enrollment information prior to Monday night. (contact the office if you need help with your login information).

School Supply Needs: Kleenex, Paper Towels, and Disinfectant Wipes. If you are interested in helping us with these items, please bring to the office at SJL or leave in the Narthex at Zion. Thank you!



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

Launch Day 2023-2024: Student registration for the school year at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School will be held on Wednesday, August 9th from 3-7 p.m. New student enrollment is still open for students in grades 7-12. Interested families are invited to call the school at 507-436-5249 to set up an appointment. There is still time to place them in a school that nurtures them for their today and for their forever.

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.**

"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.

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.

JOINT SUNDAY SERVICES

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

July @ SJL

August @ ZION



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class will study the book of 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 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

August 6	The Bibles Teaching of two Kingdoms and Political - Dr. Ryan MacPherson
August 13	Media Coverage of Church Closing - Terry Mattingly
August 20	Moses and Joshua - Dr. Adolph Harstad
August 27	Transhumanism - Brandon Steenback

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
"Who is Jesus?" Jesus never needed to take a poll to figure out who He was or what He should do. (Matthew 16:13b-16)



Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	
SJL 8-6	Lisa Gravlin & Myla Roskop 9AM @ Zion	
8-13	Mark & Sandy Grefe 9AM @ Zion	
Zion 8-6	Kevin & Lori Behrens 9AM @ Zion	
8-13	Dave & Heidi Bicknase 9AM @ Zion	

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: **Aug 6 - 13, 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	Office Closed	
	SJL School Registration	(SJ) 5-7:00 PM
Tuesday	Ladies Bible Study	(Z) 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Zion Trustees Meeting	(Z) 7:00 PM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday	Joint Adult Bible Class	(Z) 8:00 AM
	Joint Divine Worship	(Z) 9:00 AM



Online giving is an easy and reliable method to contribute to your church while you are out of town, or if you are interested in eliminating the need to remember your envelope on Sunday morning. You can make a one time donation or save time and schedule recurring contributions. This option is available for either congregation through the website; sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com, or through the tithe.ly church app.

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			July 30, 2023
Attendance	JT 137 (HC 40)	Home	\$4,942.20
Loose Plate	\$70.00	Missions	\$225.00
MLHS	\$100.00	Zion Repairs	\$100.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			July 30, 2023
Attendance	JT 137 (HC 70)	Home	\$2,490.00
Loose Plate	\$69.00	Missions	\$140.00
Online	\$619.49	SJLS Misc	\$1,366.57
MLHS	\$125.00	Tuition	\$4,100.00
Tree Removal	\$700.00	Memorials	\$10.00
Rental	\$75.00		