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



Pastor John Henry

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost LWML Sunday



October 1, 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!

God says: "Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth" (Psalm 78:1).

Let us listen for God's voice as we worship.

Opening Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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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.
- 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,
- 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.
- C Amen.



⁶They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,* and I will declare your | greatness.

Gloria Patri LSB pg. 186

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.

Kyrie LSB pg. 186

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:
- 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 God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson 2 Kings 5:1–14

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ²Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. ⁶And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm* 25: 1–5



To you, | O Lord,*

I lift | up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be | put to shame;*

let not my enemies exult | over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame; * they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.

Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:18—4:5

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

¹Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ²so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. ³The time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and 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 Matthew 22:1–14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ⁴Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast. ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ⁴The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find. ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee 573

Sermon

Apostles' Creed inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory LSB pg. 192-193

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.
- 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

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 that cometh in the name of the Lord.
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.
- Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB pg. 198

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

Your Table I Approach
Chief of Sinners Though I Be
By Grace I'm Saved
628
611
566

Nunc Dimittis

LSB pgs. 199-200

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

- 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.
- 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.

LWML League Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Acknowledgments

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

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Greg Rabbe, Rollo Kosbab, Chase Hillmer Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Dan Petrowiak Homebound: Carl Luhmann

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

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

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.

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 <u>silnorthrop.com</u>** or <u>zionfraser.com</u>. Contact the office if you have questions.



Congregational Surveys regarding our summer worship schedule due TODAY. Please only fill it out ONCE. A basket is available at the back of church for your completed surveys. Thank you ~SJL & Zion Elders

SJL Annual School Walkathon will be Friday October 6th. Students from area parochial schools are walking together in support of Christian education. Adults are welcome to walk with us! Funds raised will help provide new curriculum and fund student activities. Donations can be made by cash or check and given to a specific student or made online on the website (<u>silnorthrop.com/walkathon</u>) under the "Walkathon" tab (select **Activity fund** from dropdown when donating). Thank you!

SJL Board of Christian Education sponsored Pancake Breakfast, October 15th, 10am-Noon. Gluten Free option also available.



In honor of Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Sunday, October 1st, there will be a Mites Door Offering at St. James Lutheran. Mite donations are based on Luke 21:14, the "Widow's Mite" offering. Contributions fund district and national mission grants. ~SJL Ladies Eve Circle

LWML Fall Mission Gathering Sunday, October 1st at St James Lutheran Church, 108 S James St, Northrop, MN. Registration begins at 1:00pm. The program will begin at 1:30 followed with dessert & coffee fellowship. Gifts from the Heart will go to local First Responders to give to children. Donations for Gifts from the Heart are being accepted now through October 1: Drawstring bag to keep items contained, coloring book, small pack of colors, and a small children's **blanket.** Our featured speaker is Stan Tordsen, who will share with us about the LCMS Short-Term Mission Program called "English Conversation Partners", and we will also be zooming with Puerto Rico. During this wonderful mission opportunity, the short-term volunteers work with LCMS missionaries and their students around the world using Zoom. Stan graduated from Concordia University - St. Paul and is a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church in Stewartville MN. He was a teacher and coach in the Stewartville School district for 39 years. Currently, he writes devotions for Hope-Full Living, has been working with "English Conversation Partners" since it started in 2020, serves on the Minnesota South District's S.A.G.E.S. Board and has been on the LWML Speaker's List for the past two years. Stan was a 2016 recipient of the LCEF Fred E. Lietz Individual Ministry Award.

Upcoming Voter's Meetings

ZION: October 11th, 7:30pm (Soup/Sandwich Supper served by LWML @ 6:30)

On the ballot: Secretary: Amy Nelson, Stephanie Zellmer, Elder:

Lon Oelke; Trustee: Joe Nelson, Dustin Zellmer

SJL: October 18th, 7:00pm

On the ballot: <u>Treasurer</u>: Jennifer Luhmann; <u>Secretary</u>: Marilyn Carrigan; <u>Finance</u>: Paul Luther, Lynn J Becker; <u>Elder</u>: Larry Graplar; <u>Board of Ed</u>: Joni Howe; <u>Trustees</u>: Jordan Luhmann; <u>Stew-</u>

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

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.

Everyone is invited to attend "Marriage Date Night" at the Fairmont Opera House on Saturday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. The event is presented by Extreme Faith Productions and sponsored by Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop. The evening will be a night of laughter, music, and enrichment designed for couples. For more information and to purchase tickets go to www.martinlutherhs.com-marriage-date-night. Tickets also available in the church office. Deadline to purchase tickets is October 9th.

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Association Delegate Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15th at 1:00 in the Music Room. All Delegates, Pastors and interested parties are welcome to attend.

The **Fall Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Thursday-Saturday, October 19-21. Donations of fall and winter clothing in good condition and household items will be accepted beginning Saturday, October 14th until noon on October 18. We welcome garden produce, plants and baked goods also. Volunteer helpers are invited to assist with set up, work the sale, and take down. Thank you!

Watkins sale by the Class of 2024. Catalogs available from any member of the Senior Class. To order contact a Senior or call the school office (507) 436-5249. Orders due Monday, October 23rd, delivery to MLHS expected November 8th.

Those Serving our Lord				
	Greeters	Acolyte		
SJL 10-1	Dale & Jacy Kosbab	Hailey Simpson		
10-8	Dan & Lori Krome	-		
Zion 10-1	Amanda Fehr & Linnette Fehr	Luke Henry		
10-8	Dan & Patti Fitzgerald	Alex Pittman		



Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class.

Zion: 8:45am, Narthex. Please join us as we study topics in The Lutheran Witness. Please bring your Lutheran Witness magazine if possible. Extra copies are available.

SJL: 9:45am, Fellowship Hall. We are using the Focus on the Family video series "That the World May Know", the current study is entitled, "Enter the Chaos: John 17:26 Jesus says: "I made known your name to them, and I will continue to make it known....In this study you will deepen your understanding of this passionate revelation to a broken world God longs to redeem. Discover how Jesus triumphantly made God's presence known on earth and how he asks you to do the same -bringing God's *shalom* to the chaos of others."

Women's Bible Study will move to Wednesday evenings October - November 15th at Zion, 7pm. Please join us as in a study by Michelle Diercks entitled "Promised Rest".

<u>Friday Morning Bible Study</u> is held at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL. We are currently studying the Life and Ministry of St Paul.

J/Issues,Etc.

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

- Oct 1 Responding to Email and The Issues, Etc. Comment Line
- Oct 8 Storytelling, Screen time, and Today's Youth Katie Schuermann
- Oct 15 The Difficult Sayings of Jesus: The Cost Of Discipleship David Petersen & Christian Fiction - Gayl Siegel
- Oct 22 The Increase in "Gender Affirming Surgeries for Teens" Wesley Smith & Examining The Assumptions of the Sexual Revaluation -Dr. Scott Yenor
- Oct 29 Prodical Fathers Tim Goeglein & The Church and Sacramental Culture Dr. John Bambaro of LCMS Eurasia Region

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

"The Way Through the Maze" When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out. (Psalm 25:4-5)

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Oct 1 - 8, 2023 CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon

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Sunday Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM LWML Fall Zone Mission Gathering (SJ) 1:30 PM Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM Tuesday Chapel Wednesday (SJ) 8:40 AM Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM Confirmation Class (8th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM

Confirmation Class (8th grade)

Ladies Bible Study

Jt Elders Meeting

Chapel

(SJ) 5:00 PM

(Z) 7:00 PM

(SJ) 7:00 PM

(SJ) 8:40 AM

ThursdayChapel(SJ) 8:40 AMFridayMorning Bible Study(SJ) 8:00 AM

Sunday Pastor Appreciation Sunday

PASTOR Appreciation

Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM NFL (SJ) 7:00 PM

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; <u>sjlnorthop.com</u> or <u>zionfraser.com</u>, or through the tithe.ly church app.

Reflecti	Sept 24, 2023		
Attendance	101 (HC 70)	Home	\$3,905.00
Loose Plate	\$37.25	Missions	\$225.00
Bulletins	\$45.00	SJL School	\$50.00

Reflecting our	Sept 24, 2023		
Attendance	82 (HC 67)	Home	\$4,929.00
Loose Plate	\$88.00	Missions	\$135.00
Online	\$588.88	SJLC Misc	\$40.00
Bulletins/Broadcast	\$20.00	MLHS	\$50.00
Tree Removal Mem.	\$100.00	SJLS Mem.	\$50.00