

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



Pastor John Henry

Holy Cross Day

September 10, 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.*

Opening Hymn

Lift High the Cross

837

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phantly sign,
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 *Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain*

6 *So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain*

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.

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 98:2



²*The LORD has made known his sal- | vation; *
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.*

*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 pg. 204

- P** ...let us pray to the Lord:
C *Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!*

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB pg. 204

- C** *To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.*

*To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, you take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high—*

*For You alone are holy; you only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson

1 Kings 19:1–18

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

⁹There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said,

“Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper.¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”¹⁴ He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.”¹⁵ And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria.¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death.¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 40:1–5



¹*I waited patiently | for the LORD; *
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.*

²*He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the | miry bog, *
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my | steps secure.*

³*He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise | to our God. *
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust | in the LORD.*

⁴*Blessèd is the man who makes
the | LORD his trust, *
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!*

⁵*You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can com- | pare with you!**
***I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than | can be told.***

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

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[C] *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

John 3:11–20

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

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

¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already,

because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

New Member Recognition

Dedication of Sunday School Teachers and Students

Sermon Hymn *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle* 454

Sermon

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

The Prayers

Offering

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. 208*

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

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. 210

- C** *O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.*

Communion Hymns

If God Himself Be for Me 724
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me 761

Nunc Dimittis

LSB. 211

- C** *O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.*

*All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.*

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

Onward, Christian Soldiers

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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: Cedar Bohlsen, Jason Schuder, Sandra Luhmann
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: Kevin Behrens, Mitchell Prafke, Kristi Prafke
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

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.



Do you have an abundance of fresh garden produce? The hot lunch program for students at SJL and MLHS would welcome any extras you have. You may drop items off at SJL any time during school hours.

LYF Egg fundraiser continues. Eggs will be available 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 leave in the SJL narthex.

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 \$5,050 of the \$7,000 needed towards this expense. If you have any questions, please talk to one of our Trustees. ~Thank you



ZION members.....sharpen your mower blades and expect a phone call to help with mowing at MLHS. Zion is responsible for September 16-30th.

welcome
to our church family

SJL: Nathan & Elizabeth Denn, Annabelle & Dorothy
Jacob & Brooke Mortenson, Nora, Amelia & Victoria

ZION: Marsha Peterson
Linnette Fehr
Kayla Brummond
Marilyn Metzger
Cesar Silveira & Maria Herrera, Valeria, Ricardo & Elena

Thank you to our Sunday School teachers

SJL: Jody Uttech
Sonya Hoewisch
Daryl Hoewisch

ZION: Deb Wallace - Superintendent
Nicole Nelson
Lorna Bicknase
Sarah Wirth
Lori Behrens



Zion Sunday School is looking for a teacher for the 3-5th grade class. Six or so very eager children would like a nice person to teach them about Jesus on Sunday mornings. Contact Deb Wallace if that is you! (436-5635)

SJL Sunday School --Jody Uttech is looking for:

1. A couple of high school students to help with the 3-7 year olds
2. Someone to teach 3-7yr olds for the many times when Jody is gone.

Contact Jody at 507-236-6456 for more information or if you can help.



Everyone is invited to stay after church today for a congregational meal. SJL will enjoy an Eggbake brunch and Zion will have their annual burger/hotdog picnic.

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.



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

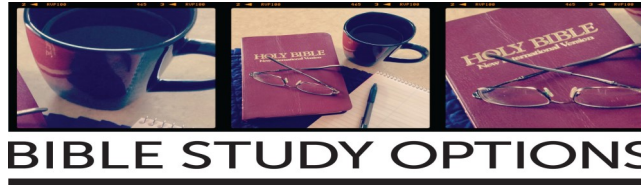
Announcement from Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School: Principal Paul Steinhaus has notified us that the 2023-2024 school year will be his last one at MLHS. He will be moving back to Wisconsin after graduation. The Board of Directors will be beginning the call process in September. If anyone has a name that 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.

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.

Lutheran Schools Book Club: Everyone is invited to join in 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 Jr/Sr High School. It 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.

"Free Drive-in Movie Night" in the parking lot on Saturday, September 16th. The movie "Oh, God!" will begin at about 8:00 p.m. Listen on your FM radio. Free popcorn will be available. Filmed in 1977 this movie is timeless! George Burns stars as God when He comes to earth, business card in hand, but has a hard time convincing his chosen messenger Jerry Landers (John Denver), an assistant manager of a local supermarket, that he is really God. Once convinced, Jerry has a hard time convincing his family and the rest of the world that he hasn't gone insane. *"Anybody who could turn Lot's wife into a pillar of salt, incinerate Sodom & Gomorrah, and make it rain for 40 days and 40 nights has got to be a fun guy!"* George Burns. Everyone is welcome!

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Student Council will be working for tips at the Fairmont Pizza Ranch on Monday, September 11th from 5-9 p.m. Please come and support them.



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 at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL as we continue our study of the Life and Ministry of St Paul.



Issues, Etc.

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

September 10 The Historic Liturgy Part 25 -
Pastor Will Weedon & Pastor Sean Daenzer

September 17 Your Unanswered Bible Questions -
Pastor Bryan Wolfmuller and Pastor Brian Kachelmeier

September 24 Saint Michael and All Angels -
Pastor Peter Bender



THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

"Not Just a Formality" After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality. (Psalm 32)

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Those Serving our Lord			
Greeters			
SJL 9-10	Daryl & Sonia Hoewisch		8:30 AM @SJL
9-17	Josh & Joni Howe		8:30 AM @SJL
Zion 9-10	Zach & Kayla Brummond		10 AM @Zion
9-17	Chuck & Nita Dobson		10 AM @ Zion

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Sept 10-17, 2023
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - 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	New Member Recognition/Sunday School Rally Day	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	SJL Congregational Brunch	(SJ) 9:45 AM
	Zion Church Picnic	(Z) 11:00 AM
	NFL	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Ladies Bible Study	(Z) 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	LWML @ Dorie's	
	Public School Confirmation Classes	
	6th & 7th grades	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	8th grade	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Zion Trustees Meeting	(Z) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
	LWML Fall Retreat @ Camp Omega	
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 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.



SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Sept 3, 2023
Attendance	63 (HC 50)	Home	\$1,720.00
Loose Plate	\$35.00	Missions	\$225.00
SJL School	\$65.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Sept 3, 2023
Attendance	82 (HC 58)	Home	\$1,460.00
Loose Plate	\$186.50	Missions	\$205.00
Online	\$568.67	Tuition	\$900.00
SJLS Misc	\$300.00	Bulletins	\$45.00
Tree Removal	\$1,700.00	MLHS	\$300.00
Lutheran Witness	\$46.32		