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



## Pastor John Henry

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 17, 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, Christian education and fellowship.

A chance to be fed and nourished by God's Word before being sent again to serve the world in the week ahead.

**Opening Hymn** 

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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.
- 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** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- In Interest of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



<sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, | O Lord!\*
I have fled to you for | refuge!

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

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.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders of SJL Church & School

First Lesson 2 Kings 2:1–14

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." 10 And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup>And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup>And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 14Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 103:1–5

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,\*
and all that is within me,
bless his | holy name!

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,\*
and forget not all his | benefits,

who forgives all your in- | iquity,\*
who heals all your dis- | eases,

who redeems your life | from the pit,\*
who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,

who satisfies | you with good\*
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.

Second Lesson 2 Peter 1:2–11

<sup>2</sup>May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is so near sighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup>For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB pg. 205

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 Mark 10:17–27

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>17</sup>And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother." <sup>20</sup>And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." <sup>21</sup>And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

<sup>23</sup>And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

**P**This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon Hymn** All Depends on Our Possessing 732

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

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

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**

The Tree of Life	561
Jerusalem the Golden	672
Salvation unto Us Has Come	555

Nunc Dimittis LSB. 211

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

- 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.

## **Closing Hymn**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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

#### St James

Baptism Birthdays: Levi Becker, Laurie Quinn, Jean Schultz, Jennifer Luhmann, Jordan Wiederhoeft Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen,

Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Dan Petrowiak

*Homebound:* Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Baptism Birthdays: Juan Marroquin, Samuel Marroquin Balderas, Viktoria Marroquin Balderas, Santiago Marroquin Balderas, Max Wirth, Peggy Wille, Silas Henry, Amy Nelson

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

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.

Web & Dar Quade are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast today giving thanks and Glory to God as their granddaughter, Kalie Winter & Kyle Ritz were married on September 15th. May God bless them and their marriage.



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 a balance of \$1,950 yet to cover the 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.

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.

**SJL Council meeting is at 7pm NOT 7:30pm** as listed in the September calendar. Sorry for the confusion.



Congregational Surveys regarding our summer worship schedule will be available for a couple weeks. Please only fill it out ONCE and return it no later than October 1st. A basket will be available at the back of church for your completed surveys, or you may return them to the church office. Thank you ~SJL & Zion Elders



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.



# 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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.

"No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



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

<u>Tuesday Women's Bible Study</u> at Zion, 7pm. We currently are using a study by Michelle Diercks, "Promised Rest".

<u>Friday Morning Bible Study</u> 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 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

"Pure Michigan and the Problem of Praise" People praise that which they find laudable, valuable, beautiful. But when does praise become a problem? (Psalm 103)



		Those Serving our Lor	rd	
)	Greeters			
	SJL 9-17	Josh & Joni Howe	8:30 AM @SJL	
_	9-24	Bart & Sandra Johnson	8:30 AM @SJL	
	<b>Zion 9-17</b>	Chuck & Nita Dobson	10 AM @ Zion	
-	9-24			

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Sept 17-24, 2023 **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon **Office phone:** 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604 Email: silnorthrop@gmail.com Website: silnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com Divine Worship **Sunday** (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM **Tuesday** Newsletter Deadline Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM Ladies Bible Study (Z) 7:00 PM Wednesday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM PS Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM PS Confirmation Class (8th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM SJL Council Meeting (SJ) 7:00 PM (SJ) 8:40 AM **Thursday** Chapel **Friday** Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM Divine Worship **Sunday** (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM LYF

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



SJL Online Giving

Reflecti	Sept 10, 2023		
Attendance	104 (HC 74)	Home	\$6,093.90
Loose Plate	\$622.91	Missions	\$175.00
MLHS	\$65.00		

Reflecting out	Sept 10, 2023		
Attendance	105 (HC 85)	Home	\$3,665.00
Loose Plate	\$129.00	Missions	\$160.00
Online	\$608.27	Tuition	\$1,750.00
SJLS Misc	\$315.00	Memorials	\$25.00