

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



Pastor John Henry

St. Michael & All Angels

September 24, 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.*

*Family of Christ, grace and peace be with you
as we gather to worship in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Opening Hymn *Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken* **521**

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 103:20



²⁰*Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,*
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice | of his word!*

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

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P ...let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!*

Gloria in Excelsis

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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.

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, 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 6:8–20

⁸Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, “At such and such a place shall be my camp.” ⁹But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, “Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there.”

¹⁰And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice.

¹¹And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, “Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?” ¹²And one of his servants said, “None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.”

¹³And he said, “Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him.” It was told him, “Behold, he is in Dothan.” ¹⁴So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” ¹⁶He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” ¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, “Please strike this people with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. ¹⁹And Elisha said to them, “This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.” And he led them to Samaria.

²⁰As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, “O LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see.” So the LORD opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 148:1–6, 13–14



¹*Praise the LORD!*

*Praise the LORD from the | heavens;**
praise him | in the heights!

²*Praise him, all his | angels;**
praise him, | all his hosts!

³*Praise him, | sun and moon, **
praise him, all you | shining stars!

⁴*Praise him, you highest | heavens, **
and you waters above the | heavens!

⁵*Let them praise the name | of the LORD!**
For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.

⁶*And he established them forever and | ever;**
he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.

¹³*Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
*for his name alone is ex- | alted;**
his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

¹⁴*He has raised up a horn for his people,*
*praise for | all his saints, **
for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson

Revelation 12:7–12

⁷Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹²Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

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

Matthew 18:1–10

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

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

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!

⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn

Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

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Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

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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

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- 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

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The Consecration

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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- 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

<i>Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord</i>	637
<i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i>	670
<i>How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds</i>	524

Nunc Dimittis

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- 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 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 805

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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: Dereck Bartz, Bryce Borkenhagen, Larry Graplar
Hattie Schock, David Wiederhoeft
Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen,
Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz,
Sandy Kurseth, Dan Petrowiak
Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: James Steuber, Stephanie Zellmer
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

Funeral services were held Saturday at SJL for Bev Graplar who passed away Tuesday. Our condolences to the family, may God bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Bulletins and Broadcast

- **Mark & Sandy Grefe** are sponsoring the bulletins today in memory of Mark's sister-in-law, Karen Griffin, wife of Bryce Grefe, who went to be with our Lord and Savior August 31st. Our condolences to the family.
- **Daryl & Carol Bartz** are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast giving thanks to the Lord for His abundant blessings as they celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on the 24th. They have also placed flowers at Zion. Congratulations and may God continue to richly bless your 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.

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 a balance of \$900 yet to cover the expense. If you have any questions, please talk to one of our Trustees. ~Thank you



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

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 (sjlnorthrop.com/walkathon) under the “Walkathon” tab (select **Activity fund** from dropdown when donating). Thank you!



In honor of Lutheran Women in Mission

(LWML) on 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.

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 9-24	Bart & Sandra Johnson	—
10-1	Dale & Jacy Kosbab	Hailey Simpson
Zion 9-24		—
10-1	Amanda Fehr & Linnette Fehr	Luke Henry



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.

The **MLHS Yearbook Staff** are selling apples and cheesecakes. Orders due September 29th with pickup from MLHS Friday, October 6th.

- **SweetTango Apples** from Center Creek Orchard. 5# bag for \$12
- **Simply Sweet Cheesecake.** Cupcakes 6pk/\$16.50, 4" personal round cheesecake \$11. Wide variety of flavors available.

To order please phone the school office (507) 436-5249.

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.



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 we continue using a study by Michelle Diercks entitled "Promised Rest".

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



Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

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

"High Ground" When the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us there? (Psalm 27)

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: **Sept 24-Oct 1, 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
	LYF	(SJ) 6:00 PM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Ladies Bible Study	(Z) 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
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



SJL Online Giving



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Sept 17, 2023
Attendance	88 (HC 47)	Home	\$2,405.00
Loose Plate	\$34.50	Missions	\$225.00
MLHS	\$765.00	Zion Repairs	\$100.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Sept 17, 2023
Attendance	109 (HC 76)	Home	\$2,050.00
Loose Plate	\$134.00	Missions	\$10.00
Online	\$1,925.46	Tuition	\$1,027.32
Bulletins/Broadcast	\$45.00	Tuition Angel	\$250.00
Tree Removal	\$1,050.00	SJLS Misc	\$71.63
MLHS	\$125.00		