

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*September 3, 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.*

*As we transition from summer to fall, God leads us,  
steady in love and care, even as our seasons change.*

*Let us worship.*

**Opening Hymn**     *Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing*     **691**

**SJ: The Baptism of Augusta & Arthur Egeness**     *LSB pp. 268-271*

**Zion: 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 37:4



<sup>4</sup>*Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.*

*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.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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

*1 Kings 17:17–24*

<sup>17</sup>After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.

<sup>18</sup>And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” <sup>19</sup>And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup>And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” <sup>22</sup>And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” <sup>24</sup>And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*Psalm 66:1–7*



<sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\*

<sup>2</sup>sing the glory of his name;

give to him | glorious praise!

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!”\*

**So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.**

<sup>4</sup>All the earth worships you

and sings prais- | es to you;\*

**they sing praises | to your name.”**

<sup>5</sup>Come and see what | God has done:\*

**he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.**

<sup>6</sup>He turned the sea into | dry land;\*

**they passed through the riv- | er on foot.**

There did we rejoice in him,

<sup>7</sup>who rules by his might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the | nations—\*

**let not the rebellious ex- | alt themselves.**

## Second Lesson

*1 Corinthians 15:12–19*

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia & Verse

*LSB pg. 205*

**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

*Luke 7:11–17*

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

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

<sup>11</sup>Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup>And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” <sup>14</sup>Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” <sup>15</sup>And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” <sup>17</sup>And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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

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

## Sermon Hymn

*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

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## 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

*Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying*      **597**  
*Christ, the Life of All the Living*      **420**

### 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**     *Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

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

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers* 

**St James**  
*Baptism Birthdays:* Augusta Egeness, Arthur Egeness, Alex Egeness,  
Collin Steuber, Tom Schultz  
*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:* Milo Thisius, Wanda Patsche  
*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



**Please remove any plants or flowers from  
SJL Cemetery by September 9th.**



### **New Member Recognition and Sunday School Rally Day**

**Zion: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class** will resume on September 10th at 8:45AM. We will also recognize our new members that day. Join us after church for our Annual Church Picnic celebration with Burgers & Hotdogs, AJ's Onion Rings, and O'Scoops Ice Cream. We would love to see you all.

**SJL: Sunday School** will resume on September 10th at 9:45AM. We will also be recognizing and welcoming our new church members that day. Everyone is invited to join in fellowship for a Congregation Brunch with Eggbake, Fruit, Rolls and Beverages after the service. Sunday School students can grab their plate of food and eat in class. **Adult Bible Class will resume September 17th.**

**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](http://sjlnorthrop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com).** Contact the office if you have questions.

**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.

#### **Bulletin/Broadcast Sponsors May God continue to bless these couples:**

- **Tom & Jean Schultz** in thankfulness for God's blessings as they celebrate their birthdays. They have also placed flowers on the alter at SJL.
- **Lee & Julie (Becker) Baarts** giving Glory to God in celebration as they are wed today, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. May God richly bless your marriage.



**Today at SJL we celebrate the baptisms of Augusta Lorraine & Arthur James Egeness**, twins of Michael & Samantha Egeness. They have one sister, Ava, and three brothers, Alexander, Anders, & Albert. Britany Egeness will be their sponsor and Gabrielle Li a witness. May God continue to bless the Egeness family.

**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.



**Thank you** to John Thate, from Thate's Tree Service, who donated 4 loads of new wood chips. Also to Gary Luhmann, Paul Tomlinson, Jason Schuder, Jordan, Wyatt & Jackson Luhmann for spreading them. Please share our appreciation when you see them.

**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 \$3,350 of the \$7,000 needed towards this expense. 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](https://www.mnslwml.org/2023_district_retreat)

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.

**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.

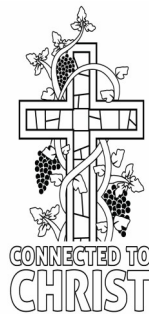
Contact Jody for more information or if you can help 507-236-6456



**Confirmation classes for the 2023-24 school year** are starting this week, **Wednesday, Sept 6th at St James Lutheran in Northrop**. If you have a 6th-8th grader attending public school and have NOT received a letter or a call, please contact the office, 507-436-5289. 6th & 7th graders will meet from 4-4:50pm for “Bible History & Teaching”. 8th graders will meet from 5-5:50pm for “Christian Faith & Life”.

“We are made holy by the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, ours by faith in His life, death, and resurrection. Yet we are holy in another sense, too. We have been set apart, called out, by a holy God for God’s holy purposes—to love God and our neighbor, to serve, to make disciples. We have been set apart to serve as spouses, parents and grandparents, citizens, workers.” *Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### ST JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL “Connected to CHRIST”



- **Classes began** Monday August 28th with 52 students. God has richly blessed our school. Please continue to keep our students and staff in your prayers throughout the year.
- **Please join us.....ALL are invited! Weekly chapel** will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:40.
- **Check out our weekly Newsletter**, The Panther Press, for information on all that is happening at the school. ([sjlnorthrop.com](http://sjlnorthrop.com))





## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!



## BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

**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 3** The Substitutionary Atonement -  
Dr. John Bombaro of LCMS Eurasia Region

**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](#)

**"Entryway"** The Psalms are God's words, given to us as an entryway into His presence. (Psalm 26:8)



Those Serving our Lord			
Greeters			
SJL	9-3	Larissa Hagen & Chase	8:30AM @SJL
	9-10	Daryl & Sonia Hoewisch	8:30 AM @SJL
Zion	9-3	Tony & Gini Brummond	10 AM @ Zion
	9-10	Zach & Kayla Brummond	10 AM @Zion

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:** Sept 3-10, 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** Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM  
**Monday** **Labor Day**  
**Tuesday** Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM  
 Ladies Bible Study (Z) 7:00 PM  
**Wednesday** Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM  
**Public School Confirmation Classes Begin**  
 6th & 7th grades (SJ) 4:00 PM  
 8th grade (SJ) 5:00 PM  
 Jt Elders Meeting (SJ) 7:00 PM  
**Thursday** Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM  
**Friday** Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM  
**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

*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](http://sjlnorthrop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com), or through the tithe.ly church app.*



SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Aug 27, 2023
Attendance	JT 138 (HC 59)	Home	\$3,032.20
Loose Plate	\$23.00	Missions	\$225.00
SJL School	\$115.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Aug 27, 2023
Attendance	JT 138 (HC 57)	Home	\$5,450.00
Loose Plate	\$103.00	Tuition	\$6,230.00
Online	\$558.27	Bulletins	\$65.00
SJLS Misc	\$1,366.57	Martin Luther	\$175.00
Transportation	\$10,075.00		