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



#### Pastor John Henry

### **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**



October 15, 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.

Friends, the King's banquet of life and love is ready! In baptism you have been clothed for the occasion. Welcome to worship.

Opening Hymn Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord 497

#### **Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

- $\blacksquare$  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 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.



<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

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

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 invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

**SJLS Students Sing** 

SJL Only

First Lesson 2 Kings 18:1–6

<sup>1</sup>In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. <sup>2</sup>He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. <sup>3</sup>And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done. <sup>4</sup>He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it (it was called Nehushtan). <sup>5</sup>He trusted in the Lord the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. <sup>6</sup>For he held fast to the Lord. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the Lord commanded Moses.

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

#### **C** Thanks be to God.



Psalm 119:9-16

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<sup>9</sup>How can a young man keep his | way pure?*
  By guarding it according to your word.
<sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I \mid seek you;*
  let me not wander from your com- | mandments!
^{11}I have stored up your word | in my heart,*
  that I might not sin a- gainst you.
<sup>12</sup>Blessèd are you, O LORD;*
  teach me your | statutes!
<sup>13</sup>With my lips | I declare*
  all the just decrees of your mouth.
^{14}In the way of your testimonies \mid I delight*
  as much as in all | riches.
<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your | precepts*
  and fix my eyes on your ways.
<sup>16</sup>I will delight in your | statutes; *
  I will not for- get your word.
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#### **Second Lesson**

Hebrews 11:1-16, 39-40

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him

by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

<sup>39</sup>And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia LSB pg. 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel** *Mark 10:46–52* 

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>46</sup>They came to Jericho. And as [Jesus] was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>And when he heard that it was Je-

sus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." <sup>52</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Praise to You, O Christ.

**Sermon Hymn** All Christians Who Have Been Baptized **596** 

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.
- **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. 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

 $\mathbf{P}$  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**

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing
What Wondrous Love Is This

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421
543

#### **Nunc Dimittis**

LSB pgs. 199-200

**C** 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.

- Let us bless the Lord.
- 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 \(\frac{1}{2}\) you peace.
- C Amen.

#### Closing Hymn Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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

#### St James

Baptism Birthdays: Barb Schultze, Ava Egeness, Josh Wolter,

Micah Gonzalez, Jordan Luhmann Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen,

Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz,

Sandy Kurseth, Myla Roskop Homebound: Carl Luhmann

#### Zion

Baptism Birthdays: none this week Seminary Student: Peter Preus

Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown,

Jesse Peterson

Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger, Homebound: Dale Schwieger, Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche,

Violet Lueth, Yonsey Karasek

## **Upcoming Voter's Meeting**

SJL: October 18th, 7:00pm

On the ballot: Treasurer: Jennifer Luhmann; Secretary: Marilyn Carrigan; Finance: Paul Luther, Lynn J Becker; Elder: Daryl Hoewisch, Larry Graplar; **Board of Ed**: Joni Howe; **Trustees**: Jordan Luhmann; Stewardship: Dru Egeness, Sandra Luhmann

Bulletins are sponsored today for both congregations by Jamee & **Tara Bohlsen**, in thanksgiving to God for blessing them with 24 years of marriage and for Sutton's 19th birthday. May God continue to richly bless your family.

**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 silnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com. Contact the office if you have questions.



Join us today 10-Noon, for a Pancake Breakfast at SJL, sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. Free will donations for upcoming curriculum needs.

St Paul Lutheran, Fairmont, Gala Event on Friday, November 3rd at Fairmont Event Center/Green Mill. Social Hour, Silent Auction and Games begin at 4:30, with dinner at 6:30 and Live Auction to follow. Tickets are \$50. For more information contact SPL Church Office 238-9491. Fundraiser for school tuition and LWML Mission Projects.

Annual Harvest Dinner sponsored by the Eve Circle will be on Sunday, Nov. 5th, 10:30-1:00, complete with turkey commercials, assorted salads, pies and desserts. We need your help! Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex for salad, pie, and dessert donations, as well as work shifts for setup, food prep, table waiting, and cleanup. There's a job for anyone willing. You can also contact the church office or Heidi Koeritz with any offers of assistance.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lakefield is hosting a Fish Boil on Sunday November 5th, 11-12:30pm. Serving flaky boiled White Fish drizzled with melted butter, Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Homebaked Bread, Assorted Desserts & Beverages. Free will donations to benefit Orphan Grain Train. Immanuel Lutheran Church Activity Center, 620 Bush Street, Lakefield, MN.

In preparation for Christmas, Dee's Floral & Designs is taking orders for red or white Poinsettias. Deadline to order is Monday, November 13th. (507-235-9856) 6" pot - 1 plant.....\$15 7" pot - 2 plants.....\$25

10" pot - 3 plants.....\$45

**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 \$800 yet to cover the expense. If you have any questions, please talk to one of our Trustees. ~Thank you

# October is Church Worker Appreciation Month



"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always

in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).



With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.



For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.



For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

Set Apart to Serve seeks to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity. Visit resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more.





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 Thursday-Saturday, October 19-21. Donations of fall and winter clothing in good condition and household items will be accepted beginning Saturday, Oct 14th until noon on Oct 18th. 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.

Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School has an immediate opening for an office manager position. We are looking for someone who loves Jesus, who has a heart for ministry and kids, is a good Christian role model, and who enjoys working as part of a team. This position is central to the success of our operations. It offers daily diversity which makes boredom impossible. Work hours are reflective of the school day and school year, meaning summer flexibility and SNOW DAYS. If you are interested in learning more, contact paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com

The MLHS Drama Department is presenting the comedy "Maid to Order" in the school gymnasium on November 3 & 4 at 7:00 p.m.

**The National Honor Society is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, November 6 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. To register call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter MLHSMN.

Tickets are available for the Mission Possible Benefit Knight on Saturday, November 11th at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with Valet Parking. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Menu includes: Cashew Lettuce Salad, Smoked Grilled Pork Chop, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Roll & Butter, Cheesecake. Alumni Guest Speaker is Dr. Drew Gerdes, '96, former principal at Concordia International School Shanghai and now Professor at Concordia University, Nebraska. The evening's entertainment features The Sweet Adeline's International Minnesota Valley Chorus with Melissa Sailor, '97 Alum as a member. As part of our 40th Anniversary Celebration all past and present MLHS Board of Directors will be honored that evening. Special dinner music will be provided by sophomore Jayson Matasovsky at our new piano. \*\*A \$15,000 Exit Challenge for Student Tuition Aid 23-24 will be offered also. Tickets have been rolled back to 1986 prices at \$50/person. Please purchase before November 1st. They are available at the MLHS office, area churches or online at www.martinlutherhs.com/ specialevents. Veterans may attend for free, please RSVP to 507-436-5249.



#### **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.

<u>Women's Bible Study</u> will move to <u>Wednesday evenings October - November 15th</u> 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.



#### Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

- 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

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Help the World Rejoice" A musical about a choir of nuns led by a lounge singer provides the setting for Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, based on Psalm 80.

Those Serving our Lord				
	Greeters	Acolyte		
SJL 10-15	Roger & Sharon Kusick	—— <b>-</b>		
10-22	Joe & Jill Leimer	Hailey Simpson		
Zion10-15	Maurice & Tina Gagnon	Gavin Schoen		
10-22	Sarah Glidden & Kayden	James Steuber		

Oct 15 - 22, 2023 THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon Pastor phone: 219-713-1604 **Office phone:** 436-5289 Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com Website: sjlnorthrop.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 **BOCE Pancake Breakfast** (SJ) 10:00 AM - Noon Martin Luther HS Delegate Mtg (ML) 1:00 PM **Tuesday** Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM Wednesday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM Confirmation Class (8th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM SJL Voter's Meeting (SJ) 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study (Z) 7:00 PM **NO** Morning Bible Study **Friday** Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM LYF (SJ) 6:00 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>silnorthop.com</u> or <u>zionfraser.com</u>, or through the tithe.ly church app.



SJL Online Giving

Reflecti	Oct 8, 2023		
Attendance	109 (HC 72)	Home	\$3,814.90
Loose Plate	\$81.50	Missions	\$325.00
Zion Repairs	\$100.00	SJL School	\$65.00

Reflecting our	Oct 8, 2023		
Attendance	79 (HC 64)	Home	\$6,417.00
Loose Plate	\$702.00	Missions	\$25.00
Online	\$2,526.78	Memorials	\$30.00
Tuition	\$2,275.00		