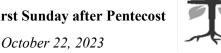
Zion & St. James Lutheran Churches of Martin County, Minnesota



# Pastor John Henry

# Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost





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 Christthat 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! Lifted by the hand of Jesus, wrapped in divine love, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us worship!

**Opening Hymn** 

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

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# **Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- 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.
- $\mathbf{P}$ ... in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen. C



<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your | keeper;\*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

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 upon us.

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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

**SJL Students Sing** 

Zion Only

First Lesson Isaiah 5:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

This is the Word of the Lord.Thanks be to God.

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41 Let your steadfast love come to me, | O LORD,*
your salvation according to your | promise;
42 then shall I have an answer for him who | taunts me,*
for I trust | in your word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out | of my mouth,*
for my hope is in your | just decrees.
44 I will keep your law con- | tinually,*
forever and | ever,
45 and I shall walk in a | wide place,*
for I have sought your | precepts.
46 I will also speak of your testimonies be- | fore kings*
and shall not be | put to shame,
47 for I find my delight in your com- | mandments,*
which | I love.
48 I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, | which I love,*
and I will meditate on your | statutes.
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**Second Lesson** *Ephesians 2:1–10* 

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ³so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹ºFor we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia LSB pg. 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1–16

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, 'You go into the vine-yard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

C Praise to You, O Christ.

**Sermon Hymn** By Grace I'm Saved 566

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

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

**C** 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, 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

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

C 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**

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Salvation unto Us Has Come	555
O Lord, We Praise Thee	617
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds	524

#### **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

- 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.
- 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** 

Fight the Good Fight

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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: Jeff Crissinger, Larissa Hagen, Oakley Manzke, Deb Rabbe, Brooke Mortenson

Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Myla Roskop Homebound: Carl Luhmann

#### Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Isaiah Wallace 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

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.

**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

Fall Dinner sponsored by St John's Lutheran Church-Sherburn LWML, Sunday November 12th, 11am-1pm. Serving Pulled Pork, BBQ, Potato Chips, Salads, Pies & Desserts. Carry-out available. Free will offering to support seminary students..

# October is Church Worker Appreciation Month

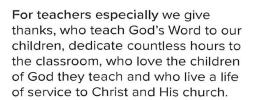


"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all

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 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.





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

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 <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a> 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.

Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Alumni are invited to an AlumKNIGHTS Game Day Gathering on Saturday, November 25th beginning at 4:00 p.m. Pre-register at <a href="https://www.martinlutherhs.com">www.martinlutherhs.com</a> under Special Events.



# **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.

Women's Bible Study will move to Wednesday evenings October - November 15th 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 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

"Matching Pace" Hear about the Savior Who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others. (Psalm 96:13)

Those Serving our Lord			
	Greeters	Acolyte	
SJL 10-22	Joe & Jill Leimer	Hailey Simpson	
10-29	Paul & Sharon Leimer		
Zion10-22	Sarah Glidden & Kayden	James Steuber	
10-29	Laura Henry & John	Luke Henry	

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Oct 22 - 29, 2023					
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon					
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Email: sjl1	northrop@gmail.com W	ebsite: sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com			
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	Newsletter Deadline				
	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				
	<b>BOCE Meeting</b>	(SJ) 7:00 PM			
	Ladies Bible Study	(Z) 7:00 PM			
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM			
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM			
Friday	Morning Bible Stud	(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			

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

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Oct 15, 2023
Attendance	72 (HC 56)	Home	\$3,020.00
Loose Plate	\$36.00	Missions	\$225.00
Zion Repairs	\$100.00	St Pauls Luth	\$65.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Oct 15, 2023
Attendance	176 (HC 126)	Home	\$4,465.00
Loose Plate	\$397.25	Missions	\$60.00
Online	\$1,863.36	Memorials	\$100.00
Tuition	\$1,720.00	Bulletins	\$30.00
Tuition Angel	\$200.00	SJLS Misc	\$135.00
Martin Luther HS	\$125.00		