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



Pastor John Henry

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 8, 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 in the name of God, the maker of all; Jesus, the Savior; and the Holy Spirit, divine guide of our lives. Amen.

Opening Hymn Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

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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.
- P 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.



¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

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.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson Amos 8:9–12

⁹"And on that day," declares the Lord God, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. 11"Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord God, "when I will send a famine on the land not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹²They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm* 119:25–32



25 My soul clings | to the dust;*
give me life according | to your word!
26 When I told of my ways, you | answered me;*
teach me your | statutes!
27 Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.
28 My soul melts away for | sorrow;*
strengthen me according | to your word!
29 Put false ways | far from me*
and graciously teach | me your law!
30 I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;*
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.
31 I cling to your testimonies, | O Lord;*
let me not be | put to shame!
32 I will run in the way of your com- | mandments*
when you en- | large my heart!

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:1–5; 4:1–8

¹But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ²For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia LSB pg. 190

C Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn Thy Strong Word 578

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.
- 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, 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

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior	619
Lord Jesus, Think on Me	610
The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want	710

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

My Soul Rejoices

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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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: Paul Leimer, Jacob Crissinger, Jessica Wiederhoeft

Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz,

Sandy Kurseth

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Joe 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

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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.

Upcoming Voter's Meetings

ZION: October 11th, 7:30pm (Soup/Sandwich Supper served by LWML @ 6:30)

On the ballot: <u>Secretary</u>: Amy Nelson, Stephanie Zellmer; <u>Elder</u>: Doug Bicknase, Lon Oelke; <u>Trustee</u>: Joe Nelson, Dustin Zellmer

SJL: October 18th, 7:00pm

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

Welcome to Cameron Dressen who has joined our SJL church family. Cameron married Macy Quinn on August 19th.

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-



St James Lutheran Church & School 108 S James St., Northrop, MN Board of Christian Education

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, October 15, 2023 10am-Noon



Serving: Pancakes (Gluten Free Available) Sausage, Applesauce & Beverages w/all the trimmings

Fundraiser for upcoming curriculum needs

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.





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

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.

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 8, 2023

Those Serving our Lord				
	Greeters	Acolyte		
SJL 10-8				
10-15	Roger &Sharon Kusick	<u>-</u>		
Zion 10-8	Dan & Patti Fitzgerald	Alex Pittman		
10-15	Maurice & Tina Gagnon	Gavin Schoen		



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."

<u>Women's Bible Study</u> 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 8 Storytelling, Screen time, and Today's Youth Katie Schuermann
- 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

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock

"Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!" "The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful. (Psalm 23)

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Oct 8 - 15, 2023 CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon

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Sunday Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Divine Worship
Sunday School
NFL
Chapel

Divine Worship
Sunday School
NFL
(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
(SJ) 7:00 PM
(SJ) 8:40 AM

Wednesday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM

Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)

Confirmation Class (8th grade)

Zion Voter's Supper

Zion Voter's Meeting

(SJ) 4:00 PM

(SJ) 5:00 PM

(Z) 6:30 PM

(SJ) 7:00 PM

Thursday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM
Saturday ML Sponsored Marriage Date Night (FOH) 6:00 PM

Sunday Divine Worship (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

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; silnorthop.com or zionfraser.com, or through the tithe.ly church app.



SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Oct 1, 2023
Attendance	65 (HC 45)	Home	\$1,982.20
Loose Plate	\$25.25	Missions	\$125.00
MLHS	\$700.00	SJL School	\$50.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Oct 1, 2023
Attendance	95 (HC 74)	Home	\$7,375.00
Loose Plate	\$179.00	Missions	\$600.00
Online	\$558.27	SJLC Misc	\$1,000.00
Bulletins/Broadcast	\$20.00	Tuition	\$100.00