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



# Pastor John Henry

# **Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**



November 12, 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 Church! It is a gift to come together in worship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Opening Hymn** 

For the Fruits of His Creation

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# **Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **A**men
- 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.
- ... in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **Entrance Psalm**

Psalm 84:1



<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your | dwelling place,\*
O | Lord of hosts!

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 pgs. 152-153

Repeated 4 times:

 $\mathbf{P}$  ...pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

This is the Feast

LSB pg. 155

(Refrain): This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (Refrain)

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we

may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Ámen.

# **First Lesson**

2 Chronicles 36:11-21

<sup>11</sup>Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD his God. He did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God. He stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>14</sup>All the officers of the priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations. And they polluted the house of the LORD that he had made holy in Jerusalem.

<sup>15</sup>The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. <sup>16</sup>But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose

against his people, until there was no remedy.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand. <sup>18</sup>And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. <sup>19</sup>And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels. <sup>20</sup>He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, <sup>21</sup>to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

# From the Lamentations of Jeremiah, chapters 1 and 3

How lonely sits the city that was full of people!

She who was a princess among the provinces has become a slave.

Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!

Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven.

- Judah has gone into exile because of affliction and hard servitude; The roads to Zion mourn, for none come to the festival
- $\mathbf{C}$ Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord! Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven.
- Jerusalem sinned grievously; therefore she became filthy; From the daughter of Zion all her majesty has departed.
- Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord! Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven.

Second Lesson

2 Peter 3:1-13 This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, <sup>2</sup>that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, <sup>3</sup>knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup>They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." <sup>5</sup>For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, <sup>6</sup>and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will

be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB pg. 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

<sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon Hymn** Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide 585

Sermon

**Apostles' Creed** inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

# 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. 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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. 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

# **Communion Hymns**

547 The Lamb My Faith Looks Up to Thee 702 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

#### Thank the Lord

LSB pg. 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

# Thanksgiving & Benediction

- Let us pray... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- The Lord be with you.
- $\mathbf{C}$ 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 + you peace.
- C Amen.

# Closing Hymn

Abide with Me

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#### **Bulletins and Broadcast Sponsors**

- Lon & Marilyn Oelke are sponsoring the bulletins for the month of November, giving thanks to our Lord in remembrance of their baptism birthdays in November. May God continue to bless your lives.
- **Doug & Laurie Quinn** are sponsoring the bulletins this week, asking for God's blessings on the 2nd birthday of grandson, Liam Schrader on November 3rd. Happy Birthday Liam.

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

# **St James**

Baptism Birthdays: none this week

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

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

# Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Ashlee Oberdieck, Tania Wallace, Jakob Wirth

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



The Ladies Eve Circle would like to thank all who helped make our Harvest Dinner a success last Sunday. Special thanks to the Youth for helping us serve and clean up. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated! Donations we received will be used to help fund various projects in our church and community during the upcoming year.

Remembering those in need this Advent Season we will be collecting non-perishable food items and personal care items such as shampoo, soap, body wash, toothpaste, etc. for Heaven's Table Food Shelf, now through December 17th. If you would like to contribute any of these items there is a table in the narthex to place your donations. Thank you.

Welcome to Bobbi Sorenson and her son Christian who have become members at SJL. Please introduce yourselves and make them feel welcomed.

**Sunday School Christmas Program Practice will start soon!** Please let Jody Uttech from SJL (236-6456) or Deb Wallace from Zion (436-5635) know if your child (ren) will be participating. 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.



2024 Offering envelopes will be here soon. Please contact the church office by Dec 1st if you DO NOT want a box of envelopes. A number will still be assigned and contributions recorded for online giving.

Join us for the **5th Annual Cookie Walk** on Saturday, December 9th, 9 -11am, at SJL. Goodies available to purchase by the pound. Containers will be provided, or bring your own if you wish. Please contact Linda Becker (236-1316) to sign up to help with donations of goodies or to help at the sale.

Chili & Oyster Stew Dinner will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church basement, 1200 N North Ave, Fairmont, on Friday, November 17th from 5-8pm. Join us before OR after the "Glows Parade"! Menu: Chili, Oyster Stew, Crackers, Breadsticks, Assorted Bars, Hot Chocolate, Milk, Coffee. Cost: Adult \$10, Chile (6-12) \$5, Chile (5 & under) FREE. Takeouts available. Hosted by Immanuel's Men's Club and Youth Groups. Proceeds go to support Immanuel's ministries. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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.

Thanksgiving Giveaway from Fairmont Roofing. Nominate a family in need to receive a FULL Thanksgiving dinner. Call or email by November 12th to nominate someone in need. (507-236-4928 or info@fairmontroofing.com)

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





Thank you to all who donated to help with SJL Cemetery tree removal expense, the bill has been completely paid.



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

# A Prayer for Martin Luther High School

Lord God, we praise You for Your great mercy shown to all those who have gone through the doors of Martin Luther High School over the last 40 years. For faithful teachers, supportive families and community members, all glory, praise, and honor are Yours alone. Continue to guide and bless all that is done in and through the ministry of Martin Luther that generations to come would be built up upon the solid foundation of Jesus Christ.

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="www.martinlutherhs.com">www.martinlutherhs.com</a> under Special Events.

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.

**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.

"What could be more joyful and rewarding than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear: Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let's roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, 'Lord, help me be an eager worker in Your kingdom.'" Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org





# **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.

Women's Bible Study: final class for 2023 will be Wednesday evening November 15th at Zion, 7pm.

<u>Friday Morning Bible Study</u> at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL.



# Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

- Nov 12 Religion of the American Left and Wokeism Rev. Peter Burfeind.
- Nov 19 Suffering in the Book of Jeremiah Dr. Reed Lessing
- Nov 26 Psalm 67 For a Day of Thanksgiving Dr. Timothy Saleska



# **THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:**

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Again and Again and Again" Hearing many stories only once is not as good as hearing the same story many times. Hear again God's story of love, grace, and forgiveness. (Matthew 18:1-4)

Those Serving our Lord				
	Greeters	Acolyte		
SJL 11-12	Lois Lenz & Diana Mosloski	Hailey Simpson		
11-19	Jordan & Jennifer Luhmann	<u>=</u>		
Zion11-12	Juan Marroquin & Veronica Balderas	Gavin Schoen		
11-19	Lucas & Bethany Miller	James Steuber		

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Nov 12 - 19, 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 Divine Worship Sunday (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM **NFL** (SJ) 7:00 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 Council Meeting (SJ) 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study (Z) 7:00 PM Thursday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM **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

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

Reflection	Nov 5, 2023		
Attendance	99 (HC 66)	Home	\$5,660.00
Loose Plate	\$85.35	Missions	\$375.00
Zion Repairs	\$100.00	SJLS	\$65.00

Reflecting o	Nov 5, 2023		
Attendance	131 (HC 93)	Home	\$8,106.91
Loose Plate	\$268.00	Missions	\$710.00
Online	\$740.19	Memorials	\$25.00
Organ	\$100.00	Transportation	\$66.52
Tree Removal	\$800.00	Bulletins	\$45.00