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



Pastor John Henry

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



November 19, 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.

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations"
(Psalm 90:1, NRSV).

May children, youth and adults
all feel at home in this, Christ's church.

Welcome.

SJL Opening Hymn I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

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(SJ Only) The Holy Baptism of Max Arthur Luther LSB pgs. 268-271

Zion Opening Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Zion Only

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 143:1



¹Hear my prayer, O Lord;

give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

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:

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.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Zion Sunday School sing

First Lesson Isaiah 1:16–20

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil,
17 learn to do good; seek justice,
correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause.

18"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;
20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



23 The steps of a man are established | by the LORD,*
when he delights | in his way;
24 though he fall, he shall not be cast | headlong,*
for the LORD up- | holds his hand.
25 I have been young, and | now am old,*
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
or his children beg- | ging for bread.
26 He is ever lending | generously,*
and his children become a | blessing.
27 Turn away from evil | and do good;*
so shall you dwell for- | ever.

²⁸For the LORD loves justice; he will not forsake his saints. They are preserved for- | ever,* but the children of the wicked shall | be cut off.
²⁹The righteous shall inher- | it the land* and dwell upon it for- | ever.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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 25:14–30

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been

faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn Take My Life and Let It Be 783

Sermon

Apostles' Creed inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Prayers

Offering

Offertorv 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

G 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

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed	560
Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain	435
Go to Dark Gethsemane	436

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.
- **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

I'm But a Stranger Here

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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: none this week

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

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Lon Oelke 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

Condolences to the family of Web & Dar Quade as they mourn the loss of Dar's sister, Kathy Rinehart, who passed away suddenly on November 12th. May our God of comfort and strength also be your source of peace during this difficult time.



Welcome to Max Arthur Luther, son of Paul & Hayley Luther, who will be baptized today at SJL. His sponsors are Jennifer Schutze, Lance & Kristen Halverson. May God richly bless Max and his family.

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 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.
- Tom & Heidi Koeritz are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast this week, in honor of the baptism of grandson, Max Arthur Luther.
- Web & Dar Quade are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast this
 week, in loving memory of Dar's sister, Kathy Rinehart, and of all
 loved ones in Heaven. May God bless and comfort all the families.

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.



- 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.
- **Deadline** for the Dec newsletter is Tuesday Nov 21st.

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.



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.

Zion LWML is collecting NEW SOCKS for Orphan Grain Train, now through December 17th. All sizes, styles, colors welcomed. There is a basket at the back of church for your donations. Thank you.

Sunday School Christmas Program Practice will start Sunday December 3rd! Please let Jody Uttech from SJL (236-6456) or Deb Wallace from Zion (436-5635) know if your child (ren) will be participating. SJL will practice after Sunday School until 11:30. Zion will practice for one hour after church. Thank you.

Zion Sunday School Parents: please help your students learn their November memory verse. *Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

St. Paul's Wilbert LWML invite you to their annual Christmas Social on Dec. 14th at 1:30 p.m. There will be a salad luncheon, program and a Bake and Craft Sale Table available.

Thanksgiving Beatitudes

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

—Author unknown



Please contact Linda Becker (236-1316) to sign up to help with donations of goodies or to help at the sale.



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.

Friday Morning Bible Study at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL.



Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

- Nov 19 Suffering in the Book of Jeremiah Dr. Reed Lessing
- Nov 26 Psalm 67 For a Day of Thanksgiving Dr. Timothy Saleska
- Dec 3 Your Unanswered Bible Questions Pastor Bryan Wolfmuller and Pastor Brian Kachelmeier
- Dec 10 "On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry" Dr. Arthur Just
- Dec 17 The Christmas Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" Pastor Will Weedon
- Dec 24 The First Christmas Dr. Paul Maier
- Dec 31 The Christmas Hymn: "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" Dr. Arthur Just



THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM-11 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

"Until that Day" No one knows when Christ will return. Until that day, we live in certain uncertainty. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

Those Serving our Lord					
	Greeters	Acolyte			
SJL 11-19	Jordan & Jennifer Luhmann	<u>-</u>			
11-26	Paul & Hayley Luther				
Zion11-19	Lucas & Bethany Miller	James Steuber			
11-22	Jeff & Heather Moeller 7pm				
11-26	Matthew & Jayden Moeller	Luke Henry			

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Nov 19 - 26, 2023 **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon

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Divine Worship Sunday (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM

> Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM

Tuesday Chapel

(SJ) 8:40 AM Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service (Z) 7:00 PM

Wednesday Thanksgiving Day Thursday

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

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



SJL Online Giving



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Nov 12, 2023
Attendance	98 (HC 65)	Home	\$6,233.90
Loose Plate	\$57.70	Missions	\$175.00
Zion Repairs	\$100.00	SJLS	\$50.00
MLHS	\$65.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Nov 12, 2023
Attendance	90 (HC 68)	Home	\$3,455.00
Loose Plate	\$383.00	Missions	\$180.00
Online	\$1,975.46	Tuition	\$2,400.00
SJLS	\$215.00	Tuition Angel	\$200.00