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



Pastor John Henry

All Saints Day

November 5, 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.

"Let [us] give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds" (Psalm 107:8, NIV). Welcome to worship.

Opening Hymn Behold a Host, Arrayed in White 676

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- 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.

Entrance Psalm

from Revelation 7



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

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:

 $\mathbf{P}^{\hat{}}$...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 everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your

blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson Revelation 7:2–17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 149 ¹Praise the Lord! Sing to the LORD a new song,* his praise in the assembly of the | godly! ²Let Israel be glad in his | Maker;* let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King! ³Let them praise his name with | dancing,* making melody to him with tambou- rine and lyre! 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; * he adorns the humble with sal- vation. ⁵Let the godly exult in | glory; * let them sing for joy on their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be | in their throats * and two-edged swords | in their hands, ⁷to execute vengeance on the | nations* and punishments on the peoples, 8 to bin \hat{d} their | kings with chains * and their nobles with fet- | ters of iron, oto execute on them the judgment | written!* This is honor for all his godly ones. | Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson

Hebrews 12:1-2, 18-24

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given,

"If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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 5:1–12*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn For All the Saints 677

Sermon

Nicene 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.
- **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. 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.

Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever, and He gave them life through His Son in Holy Baptism, and nourished them in the company of His people with His Holy Sacrament, and in His mercy has summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

Let us pray: Lord, remember Your church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for you and for one another. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints we may give You glory forever, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(toll of the bell once)

At St James Lutheran

Janice Peterson, who died in the Lord, November 29, 2022

(toll of the bell once)

Valyn Schuder-Boyd, who died in the Lord, January 12, 2023

(toll of the bell once)

Beverly Graplar, who died in the Lord, September 19, 2023



(toll of the bell once)

(time of silence)

At Zion Lutheran

Arlene Darmer, who died in the Lord, December 6, 2022

(toll of the bell once)

Kelly Fritz, who died in the Lord, April 8, 2023



(toll of the bell once)

(time of silence)

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
Crown Him with Many Crowns
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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525
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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.
- 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

Jerusalem the Golden

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In 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: Dru Egeness, Jody Uttech, Carol Becker Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth, Myla Roskop

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Alisa Eytcheson 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 for the month of November are sponsored by Lon & Marilyn Oelke, giving thanks to our Lord in remembrance of their baptism birthdays in November. May God continue to bless your lives.



Please join us TODAY for the Annual Harvest Dinner sponsored by the SJL Eve Circle, 10:30-1:00, complete with turkey commercials, assorted salads, pies and desserts.

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.

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.

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.



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)



Thank you, Thank you to all of you who donated or participated in the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Fall Rummage Sale. It was a great success and it takes a team effort. We are truly grateful. ~The MLHS Rummage Sale Committee

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 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.

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 www.martinlutherhs.com under Special Events.



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.

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



Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

- Nov 5 The All Saint's Day Hymn "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" Rev. Sean Daenzer
- 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



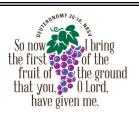
THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

"Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing" We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way. (Matthew 5:4)

Those Serving our Lord				
	Greeters	Acolyte		
SJL 11-5	Kelly & Kathy Lenz			
11-12	Lois Lenz & Diana Mosloski	Hailey Simpson		
Zion11-5	Duane & Nancy Letcher	Alex Pittman		
11-12	Juan Marroquin & Veronica Balderas	Gavin Schoen		

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Nov 5 - 12, 2023 **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon **Office phone:** 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604 Email: silnorthrop@gmail.com Website: silnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com Sunday **All Saints Day** Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM Harvest Dinner (SJ) 10:30-1:00 PM Chapel **Tuesday** (SJ) 8:40 AM Wednesday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM LWML @ Lorna's (Z) 1:30 PM Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM Confirmation Class (8th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM Zion Trustees Meeting (Z) 7:00 PM **NO** Ladies Bible Study Chapel **Thursday** (SJ) 8:40 AM Morning Bible Study **Friday** (SJ) 8:00 AM ML Mission Possible Dinner Saturday (ML) 5:30 PM Sunday Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM NFL (SJ) 7:00 PM





SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Oct 29, 2023
Attendance	81 (HC 57)	Home	\$2,442.20
Loose Plate	\$37.50	Missions	\$1,125.00
MLHS	\$500.00	SJLS	\$50.00
St Pauls Luth.	\$65.00		

Reflecting or	Oct 29, 2023		
Attendance	92 (HC 71)	Home	\$3,575.00
Loose Plate	\$590.00	Missions	\$225.00
Online	\$2,190.66	Memorials	\$40.00
Rental	\$150.00	SJLS Misc	\$1,366.57
Martin Luther HS	\$50.00	Tuition	\$4,300.00
Cemetery Plot	\$500.00		