

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



Pastor John Henry

The Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024



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 on Holy Trinity Sunday —
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Opening Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* **507**

The Holy Baptism of Saylor Schliesmann (Z) *LSB pp. 268-271*

Invocation, Confession & Absolution (SJ)

- 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.
C 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,
C 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.
P ... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Entrance Psalm

Liturgical Text



*Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.**

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

*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 (spoken)

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

We Praise You

LSB pg. 941

*We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.*

To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,

The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:

“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;

The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.

The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,

Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:

“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,

And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,

Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:

You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,

Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;

Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—

You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,

Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.

We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,

So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;

May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,

In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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 have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-7

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Athanasian Creed

P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

C **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

P And the catholic faith is this,

C **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

P For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

C **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

P Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

- C** the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C** and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.
- P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- P** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- C** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- P** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C** The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- P** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C** And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- P** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C** Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- P** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- P** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C** perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- P** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- P** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

- C** one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- P** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- P** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB pg. 205

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Holy Gospel*Matthew 28:16–20*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn*Father Most Holy***504****Sermon****The Prayers****Offering****Offertory***LSB pg. 261*

C (Refrain): *The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

*“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.” (Refrain)*

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

*Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (Refrain)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen. (Refrain)

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. 208*

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your
name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

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. 210*

- C** *O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.*

Communion Hymns

Beautiful Savior 537
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness 636

Nunc Dimittis *LSB. 211*

- C** *O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.*

*All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.*

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.**
- P** 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 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 805

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St James

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

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Saylor Schliesmann
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Yonsey Karasek, David Hinz



Today at Zion we welcome to the family of God through Holy Baptism Saylor Schliesmann. Her parents are Alex Schliesmann & Hailey Leiding. Jaelyn Tow, Tim Tow, Colton Leiding & Ty Leiding are witnesses. May God continue to bless Saylor's family.

Dan & Lynn Petroviak are sponsoring the bulletins this week in honor of Bethany & Brianna's graduation from MLHS. God bless your future.

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.

LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE

Deadline is May 31st

- **SJL members:** If you are interested in receiving this publication please contact the office. The yearly cost is \$24.97. Current and new recipients can bring your payment to the office.
- **ZION members:** If you DO NOT currently receive this and would like to start **OR** if you DO receive it but are no longer interested, please contact the office.



Thank you to the students for the Get Well cards, and for all the prayers and well wishes with my recent surgery. Our SJL family is such a blessing! ~Gary Luhmann

If you wish to reserve the fellowship hall at Zion, please: 1. Contact one of the elders for permission, and 2. Contact Heather in the office to make sure the day and time you want are free. Both of these steps need to be done to complete a reservation. Thank you.

The windows in the parsonage need to be replaced, and the Zion trustees will present bids at the July Voters' Meeting. Hopefully, this can be finished before winter weather. Donations toward the parsonage windows are welcome at this time and going forward, as the cost will be significant. Thank you.

Deb Wallace will be stepping down as Zion Sunday School Superintendent at the end of the school year. We are so grateful to Deb for her many years of dedicated service in this office! We'll be looking for a new leader for our Sunday School to start next year. If you are interested, or if you know someone who would be great, please let the Zion elders know. Thank you Deb, and thank you to all our teachers, parents, and students.



Larry Baarts is turning 80! Come help him celebrate at the Truman Shop of Baarts Trucking, 333 S. 4th Ave. E., Truman. A light meal will be served. Thursday, May 30th from 2-6pm.



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

Everyone is invited to a **Farewell Open House** for Principal Paul Steinhaus and Guidance Director, Lisa Kube, and their families on Sunday, May 26th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop. The Steinhaus family is moving back to Wisconsin. Lisa Kube has taken a Call to Trinity Lutheran School in St. Francis, MN. We thank them for their faithful service to the MLHS Ministry and pray God's blessings be with them in the future. Refreshments will be provided.



Friends and family are cordially invited to the **Thirty-ninth Baccalaureate & Commencement Service for the Class of 2024** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, May 26th at 2:00 p.m. in the Lutheran Activity Center.

The **Play It Again Golf Benefit** for the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Music Department will be held on Saturday, June 15th at Interlaken Golf Course in Fairmont with at 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Register at www.martinlutherhs.com.

Summer Camps for elementary students will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop. The Art Camp runs the week of June 10. A Science Rocket Camp will be held the week of June 17. Registrations are due June 1st and can be done at www.martinlutherhs.com.

The LWML of Zion-Fraser is supporting the Orphan Grain Train now through June 15. Please see the poster in the newsletter for details.

At each convention, LWML members and groups share God's blessings with others through Gifts from the Heart (GFTH). Orphan Grain Train has been chosen as the recipient of GFTH for the 2024 LWML Minnesota South District Convention. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, and other items of need to people in 71 countries worldwide.

The following is the list of GFTH items to collect for Orphan Grain Train.:

- New or gently used, clean shoes – all sizes, child through adult.
- New or gently used, clean socks – all sizes, child through adult.
- Quilts, blankets, or comforters – any size.
- Cash donations to pay for shipping. The average cost to ship a box of donated goods is \$11; the average cost to sponsor a full shipping container overseas is \$9,000.

*It is very important that the donated items are either new or clean, gently used items.

Thank you for your support of the 2024 Gifts from the Heart recipients and sharing the love of Christ!

 **Issues, Etc.**

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am

- May 26** The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel Part 2 - Pastor Will Weeden
- June 2** The Proper Destination Between Law and Gospel Part 4 - Rev Will Weeden
- 9** The Proper Destination Between Law and Gospel Part 5 - Rev Will Weeden
- 16** The Proper Destination Between Law and Gospel Part 6 - Rev Will Weeden
- 23** The Mental Health and Spiritual Well Being of Pastors and Parishioners - Dr. Beverly Yahnke and Pastor David Fleming
- 30** This Week in Pop Christianity and The Charismic Obsession for Miracles, Signs and Wonders - Pastor Chris Rosebrough



THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Penultimate Sacrifice" Memorial Day honors those who made "the ultimate sacrifice" in service to country, but there was one Sacrifice infinitely greater. (Acts 10:1-2)


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.
- **Extra mozzarella cheese** from the pizza fundraiser available for \$13/5# bag. Contact Larissa Hagen or the church office to get a bag.



Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	5-26	Donovan Bremer & Larry Graplar	Hailey Simpson
	6-2	Larry & Annette Bremer	_____
ZION	5-26	Doug & Lorna Bicknase	James Steuber
	6-2	Matt & Angela Brown	_____

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: May 26-June 2, 2024
CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: Tues - Fri 8:00 AM - Noon
Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604
Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com Website: sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com

Sunday Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
NO Sunday School
 MLHS Baccalaureate & Commencement (ML) 2:00 PM
 L. Kube & P. Steinhaus Farewell Open House (ML) 4-6:00 PM
Monday Memorial Day Service @ SJL Cemetery (SJ) 8:30 AM
 (Service will be at SJL in case of rain)
Thursday Eve Circle (SJ) 7:00 PM
Friday Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
NO Sunday School

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



SJL Online Giving



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			May 19, 2024
Attendance	78 (HC 54)	Home	\$3,888.97
Loose Plate	\$29.00	Missions	\$425.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			May 19, 2024
Attendance	121 (HC 83)	Home	\$8,760.00
Loose Plate	\$56.00	Missions	\$50.00
Online	\$468.83	MLHS	\$175.00
Tuition Angel	\$50.00	Bulletins	\$45.00
Transportation	\$134.24	Cemetery Plot	\$500.00