

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

*June 23, 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.*

*On this first official Sunday of summer,  
we greet you in the bright, warm love of Jesus!  
Welcome to worship.*

**Opening Hymn**    *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*                      **811**

**The Holy Baptism of Riann Kay Moeller (Zion)** *LSB pgs. 268-271*

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution (St. James)**

**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** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** ...I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Entrance Psalm**

*Psalm 27:1*



<sup>1</sup>*The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom | shall I fear?\**  
*The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I | be afraid?*  
***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 pg. 204*

**P** ...let us pray to the Lord:

**C** ***Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!***

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB pg. 204*

**C** ***To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.***

***To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, you take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high—***

***For You alone are holy; you only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.***

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**For the Birth of John the Baptist**

*observed June 24*

**P** Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**First Lesson**

*Genesis 28:10–17*

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup>And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup>Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup>Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm**

*Psalm 61:1–5*



<sup>1</sup>Hear my cry, | O God, \*

*listen | to my prayer;*

<sup>2</sup>from the end of the earth I call to you

*when my | heart is faint. \**

**Lead me to the rock**

*that is high- | er than I,*

<sup>3</sup>for you have been my | refuge, \*

*a strong tower against the | enemy.*

<sup>4</sup>Let me dwell in your tent for- | ever! \*

**Let me take refuge under the shelter | of your wings!**

<sup>5</sup>For you, O God, have | heard my vows; \*

*you have given me the heritage of those who | fear your name.*

## Second Lesson

*2 Corinthians 5:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**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

*Luke 10:25–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup>And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And

the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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

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

**Sermon Hymn**     *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*     **750**

**Sermon**

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

**The Prayers**

**Offering**

**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

<i>Your Table I Approach</i>	628
<i>Chief of Sinners Though I Be</i>	611
<i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i>	761

### 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

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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**Congratulations to Tyler Moulton & Mercedes Moeller** on their wedding held last Saturday at Zion. May God Bless your marriage.



**Today at Zion we welcome to the family of God through Holy Baptism Riann Moeller.** Her parents are Nicholas Moeller & Dani Nelson. Lucas Nelson, David Nelson are her sponsors with Madison Moeller as a witness. May God continue to bless Riann & her family.

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



**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Samantha Egeness  
*Sick & In Distress:* Rochelle Franzen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz,  
Myla Roskop  
*Homebound:* Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Riann Moeller, Jayden Moeller, Alex Pittmann  
*Serving our Country:* Ben Peymann, Kory Brown, Jesse Peterson,  
Lili Bulfer  
*Sick & In Distress:* Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger,  
Marsha Peterson  
*Homebound:* Dale Schwieger, Norma Patsche, Violet Lueth,  
Yonsey Karasek, David Hinz

**A Guide for Daily Devotions**

*On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, use this bulletin for daily devotions. One these days, pray the Collect of the Day each day, and reread the Lessons as follows: Monday, First Lesson; Tuesday, Second Lesson; Wednesday, Gospel Lesson. You may also want to pray or sing one of the hymns from the previous Sunday.*

*On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, follow this plan to prepare for the coming Sunday.*

**Each day, pray:**

O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**On Thursday, read**     *Genesis 45:4-15*  
**On Friday, read**     *Romans 12:9-21*  
**On Saturday, read**   *Matthew 18:21-35*

*You may also want to pray or sing the Hymn of the Day for the coming Sunday:*

**Hymn: 754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens**

**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.**



**Thank you** for all the wonderful birthday cards, wishes and birthday treats. I am very blessed by your thoughtfulness. ~**Robert Kosbab**

**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 [sjlnorthrop.com](http://sjlnorthrop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com).** Contact the office if you have questions.

**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.

**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.

**HELP NEEDED:** Zion is in need of 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.



**July Newsletter Deadline** is this Tuesday, June 25th.

"The state of marriage is under a full assault from the devil. He will use whatever means necessary to destroy what God has created. Pray also for all God's children. Pray that love may abound in all homes. Pray that forgiveness may be the first word spoken between husbands and wives, parents and children. Pray that you and all people receive an increase of the Holy Spirit, for it is only through Him that we may repent of our sinful lives, amend our ways, and live joyfully in the comfort of God's grace." *Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life*  
*Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*







**Higher Things Conference 2024** theme is “Who Am I”. Identity: More than what you want to be when you grow up. More than what’s expected of you. What do you see when you look in the mirror? What gives you value? What makes you ... “you”? Dealing with insecurity, anxiety, and self-hate is hard enough before the pressures of the world, the pressures of your family, your own hopes and wants and dreams, and even the pressures of the church make this question debilitating. So Jesus baptizes you. Your identity is here. A child of God. It gives shape to the rest. It gives shape to your role as a man, a woman. It gives promise to your vocation. It even gives answer to your sin. You don’t identify by that anymore. Not by what you’ve done, but by what’s been done for you. Who am I? A Christian. You’re found in the wounds of the savior. Your identity starts there.

10 students and 2 adults will be traveling to Mequon, WI, June 24-28th: Cedar Bohlsen, Harley Geistfeld, John Henry, Luke Henry, Jackson Luhmann, Samuel Marroquin Balderas, Caleb Meyer, Levi Stevens, Avril Wiens, Lili Wiens, Veronica Balderas, & Pastor Henry. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe journey and a rewarding experience for all the attendees.

**Thank You for all the congregational support making this trip possible for our youth.**

### 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.



God has given each of us unique gifts to be used to benefit His Church. What are yours? It is time again for nominations for next year’s church officers. If you are interested in being involved with a certain committee, please contact your congregational Chairman (SJL: Bart Johnson, Z: Gary Peymann). If you are contacted to consider being nominated, please take time to give it careful and prayerful consideration, consult with God about your decision. YOU are valuable to your congregation and you have gifts that God wants to use.



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

**Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop** has an opening for a part-time Guidance Director for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information contact [margethiesse@martinlutherhs.com](mailto:margethiesse@martinlutherhs.com).

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Board of Directors invites everyone to the **"Celebrating Our Freedom Benefit Dinner"** on Sunday, June 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Board will be serving Pork Loin grilled by the Martin County Pork Producers, Cheesy Hash-brown Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Homemade Sourdough French Bread made by Kiehl's Bakery of Lakefield, and assorted Bars. Donations over \$20 are tax-deductible. Your gift will help sustain the MLHS Ministry throughout the summer months and assist with moving expenses for the new principal. A **"Meet and Greet Pantry Shower"** will also be held for Principal David and Makenzi Stuckwisch and their daughters that day. Guests are invited to bring non-perishable food items and household products to assist them in setting up their home. They come to us from Sierra Lutheran High School in Carson City, NV. They were living in a small camper and had furniture in storage. They have purchased a home in Fairmont and are excited to be in Minnesota.

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Association **Delegate Meeting** will be held on Sunday, June 23rd at 1:15 p.m. in the Music Room following the Pork Loin Dinner. All pastors, delegates and interested persons are welcome to attend. Election of new board members will be held.

**The Prairie Star Quilt Guild** of Fairmont will be hosting a Garden and Quilt Tour with a Pie Social at St James Lutheran Church in Northrop on July 13th, 2024, from 1:00 to 4:30pm. Tickets will be available for purchase at Sterling Drug in Fairmont beginning on June 24. Tickets will also be available at the church and gardens the day of the tour well as Sterling Drug. Any Questions call Deb Wallace 507-236-8699.



Those Serving our Lord		
Greeters		
SJL	6-23	Nate & Liz Denn
	6-30	Cameron & Macy Dressen
ZION	6-23	Chuck & Nita Dobson
	6-30	

## JOINT SUNDAY SERVICES

**Adult Bible Class @ 8:30am, Divine Worship @ 9:30am**

**July @ SJL**

**August @ ZION**



**Going on Vacation?** You can still enjoy our Sunday morning services. Go to our facebook page, YouTube channel, or use the link on the website to watch the SJL service live or at a later time. Please also continue to support your congregation through online contributions. Contact the office if you have questions.

**Sunday morning Adult Bible Class** will not meet during the month of June. Join us in July & August for a joint Bible Class at 8:30AM. Pastor Henry will lead our topic and discussion about hymns.

**Friday Morning Bible Study** is held at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL. During July we will meet on the 12th & 19th. We will continue our study on our liturgy. Please join us, everyone is welcome.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held July 21-25th at SJL. More details will be available in the July newsletter and in future bulletins.

### **Issues, Etc.**

**Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am**

**June 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**

**"You're Really into This, Aren't You?"** People can be passionate about sports, gardening, video games, or family. All those things can be good, but none of them can save you. (Acts 16:30)

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: June 23 - 30, 2024**  
**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: Tues - Fri 8:00 AM - Noon**  
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**Sunday** Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM  
 Celebrating Our Freedom Benefit Dinner/ (ML)11:00-1:00PM  
 Stuckwisch Meet & Greet Pantry Shower  
 ML Delegate Meeting (ML) 1:15 PM

**Monday** Office Closed  
 LYF @ Higher Things Conference through Friday

**Tuesday** July Newsletter Deadline

**Friday** No Morning Bible Study

**Sunday** Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 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; [sjlnorthrop.com](http://sjlnorthrop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com), or through the [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly) church app.*



SJL Online Giving



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			June 16, 2024
Attendance	81 (HC 58)	Home	\$2,920.00
Loose Plate	\$43.00	Missions	\$225.00
Windows	\$2,600.00	SPL Fmt	\$65.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			June 16, 2024
Attendance	134 (HC 95)	Home	\$5,105.00
Loose Plate	\$373.00	Missions	\$10.00
Online	\$1,865.53	SJL School	\$59.60
Bulletins/Broadcast	\$45.00	Tuition Angel	\$50.00