

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

*Pastor John Henry*



**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

*June 9, 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 and fellowship  
as the family of God this day.  
Your presence adds joy to our gathering.*

**Opening Hymn**     *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*     **902**

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

- 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 18:18–19*



<sup>18</sup>*They confronted me in the day of my ca- | lamity, \**  
*but the LORD was | my support.*

<sup>19</sup>*He brought me out into a | broad place; \**  
*he rescued me, because he delight- | ed in me.*

***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, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## First Lesson

*Genesis 18:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah.

<sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

<sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. <sup>17</sup>The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup>seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” <sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 46:1-7



<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength, \*  
**a very present help in | trouble.**

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way, \*  
**though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters | roar and foam, \*  
**though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.**

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, \*  
**the holy habitation of the | Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved; \*  
**God will help her when | morning dawns.**

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter; \*  
**he utters his voice, the | earth melts.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is | with us; \*  
**the God of Jacob is our | fortress.**

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

<sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

<sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

**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 22:15–22*

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

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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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

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

**Sermon Hymn** *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower* **694**

**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>The Tree of Life</i>	<b>561</b>
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	<b>744</b>
<i>Salvation unto Us Has Come</i>	<b>555</b>

**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  $\text{†}$  you peace.
- C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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**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 Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**On Thursday, read** *Genesis 24:62-67*

**On Friday, read** *Ephesians 5:22-33*

**On Saturday, read** *John 4:5-26*

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

**Hymn: 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave**



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



**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Amaya Mahoney, Sandra Johnson, Larry Baarts,  
Alex Mortenson, Jaxsyn Mortenson, Marshall Mortenson,  
Jayse Schultz

*Sick & In Distress:* Rochelle Franzen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz,  
Myla Roskop

*Homebound:* Carl Luhmann

**Zion**


*Baptism Birthdays:* Kestyn Meyerann

*Seminary Student:* Peter Preus

*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

 **Congratulations to David Nelson & Alysha Meyerann** on their wedding held Saturday. Bulletins and broadcast are sponsored by Dan & Amy Nelson in celebration of this special occasion. They have also placed flowers on the alter at Zion. May God Bless your marriage.

**Greg & Lori Schock** are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast in thanksgiving to God for blessing them with 32 years of marriage on the 6th. May God continue to bless your marriage.

**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.

**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 to Terry Larson and the Faith Larson AED Fund, SJL Eve Circle and an Anonymous donor** for donations to purchase an AED unit for the school.





**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.

**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.



**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.**



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

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](http://www.martinlutherhs.com). The proceeds help support the music department by providing instrumental music scholarships and improvements to the music equipment and facilities. This is the only fundraising the music departments does. With our music program growing, we introduced our "Eagles Club". This club is for any individual or business that would like to donate a tax deductible donation of \$100 and your name or business is listed in our program. In its inaugural 2021 year, we raised nearly \$6000 from our "Eagles Club" members. What a huge blessing that was! We are asking for you to prayerfully consider partnering with us and become one of our "Eagle Club" members. You can go to our website: [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com), look for the special events tab and from there you can find the link for the Golf Benefit 24 and our Eagles Club; or you can send your gift to (please enclose a note indicating that this is for the "Eagles Club"): Martin Luther High School, Attn: Phil Schult, 315 Martin Luther Dr., Northrop, MN 56075 Thank you so much for your help.

**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](http://www.martinlutherhs.com).

**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 [margethiess@martinlutherhs.com](mailto:margethiess@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 Hashbrown 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.

 **Issues, Etc.**

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

- June 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**

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter

**"Selfless Sending"** The Christians of ancient Antioch were known for their spirit of selfless sacrifice. The spirit of Antioch continues in the Church today because Christ Himself is with us. (Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3)

**Collection for Gifts from the Heart for Orphan Grain Train ends June 18th.**

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.



<b>Those Serving our Lord</b>		
<b>Greeters</b>		
<b>SJL</b>	<b>6-9</b>	Craig & Marilyn Carrigan
	<b>6-16</b>	Jeff & Leslie Crissinger
<b>ZION</b>	<b>6-9</b>	Tony & Gini Brummond
	<b>6-16</b>	Zachary & Kayla Brummond

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: June 9 - 16, 2024**  
**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: Tues - Fri 8:00 AM - Noon**  
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<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship NO Sunday School NO NFL	<b>(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Office Closed	
<b>Wednesday</b>	NO LWML Z Trustees Meeting	<b>(Z) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	<b>(SJ) 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	ML Play it Again Golf Benefit	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Father's Day</b> Divine Worship NO Sunday School	<b>(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM</b>



*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 church app.*



SJL Online Giving



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			June 2, 2024
Attendance	118 (HC 88)	Home	\$3,420.00
Loose Plate	\$111.25	Missions	\$245.00
Windows	\$100.00	SJL School	\$115.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			June 2, 2024
Attendance	85 (HC 63)	Home	\$7,510.00
Loose Plate	\$582.00	Missions	\$145.00
Online	\$335.44	SJL School	\$300.00
MLHS	\$300.00	Memorials	\$50.00
Lutheran Witness	\$74.91		