

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



Pastor John Henry



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 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.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ ... according to the riches of his grace” (Ephesians 1:3, 7, NRSV). Amen.

Opening Hymn *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus* **729**

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 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

Psalm 28:8–9



⁸*The LORD is the strength of his | people; *
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.*

⁹*Oh, save your people and bless your | heritage! *
Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.*

Gloria Patri

LSB pg. 186

C *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-
out end. Amen.*

Kyrie

LSB pg. 186

C *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.*

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB pgs. 186-189

P *Glory be to God on high:*

C *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.*

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day (Sung)

P *The Lord be with you.*

C *And with thy spirit.*

P *Let us pray.*

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in
heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all
hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

First Lesson

Exodus 20:1–21

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

¹⁸Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” ²¹The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:1-8



¹Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless, *
who walk in the law | of the LORD!

²Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies, *
who seek him with their | whole heart,

³who also | do no wrong, *
but walk | in his ways!

⁴You have commanded your | precepts *
to be kept dil- | igently.

⁵Oh that my ways may be | steadfast *
in keeping your | statutes!

⁶Then I shall not be | put to shame, *
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.

⁷I will praise you with an | upright heart, *
when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.

⁸I will keep your | statutes; *
do not utterly for- | sake me!

Second Lesson

Galatians 3:16-26

¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB pg. 190

C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel (Sung Responses)

Matthew 5:17–30, 43–48

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

C *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* **575**

Sermon

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

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory *LSB pgs. 192-193*

C *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy
Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with
Thy free spirit. Amen.*

The Preface (Sung)

P *The Lord be with you.*

C *And with thy spirit.*

P *Lift up your hearts.*

C *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

P *Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*

C *It good and right so to do.*

P *It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and
saying:*

Sanctus *LSB pg. 195*

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

The Lord's Prayer *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Consecration

Pax Domini (Sung)

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C *Amen.*

Agnus Dei

LSB pg. 198

- C** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Communion Hymns

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| <i>O Lord, We Praise Thee</i> | 617 |
| <i>How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds</i> | 524 |
| <i>How Great Thou Art</i> | 801 |

Nunc Dimittis

LSB pgs. 199-200

- C** *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,*
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving & Benediction (Sung)

- P** *O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.*
C *And his mercy endureth forever.*
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 thy spirit.*
P *Bless we 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, amen, amen.*

Closing Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

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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:

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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

Numbers 21:4-9

On Friday, read

Philippians 3:2-11

On Saturday, read

Luke 10:38-42

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

Hymn: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Hayley Luther

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

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Cadence Montgomery, Braden Roiger,
Vivian Traetow, Debbie Wallace

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

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

SJL: Wednesday July 17th 7PM

Become a Church Voter. All adults (age 18+) can be voters and help make decisions for your church. Members from all generations are needed to ensure the future of our congregations continue forward in faith. Contact an elder if you have questions.

SJL: All church members are urged to attend the upcoming Quarterly Voters' Meeting on July 17th at 7 pm. For the last several months money was borrowed to cover operating expenses. That is not sustainable. Together we need to form a plan for this immediate and ongoing concern. If you are not a voter, you are still encouraged to attend the meeting. Please contact one of the council members with your ideas if you are unable to attend the meeting. Thank you ~SJL Church Council



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.

The windows in the parsonage need to be replaced. Donations toward the parsonage windows are welcome at this time and going forward, as the cost will be significant. Thank you.

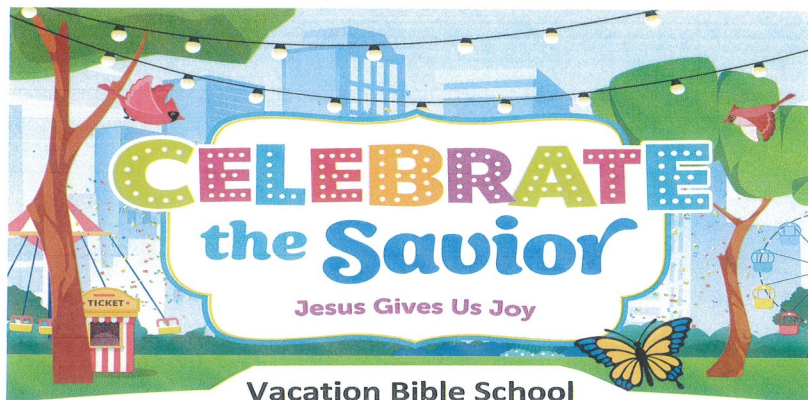
If you wish to reserve the fellowship hall at Zion, please: 1. Contact one of the elders for permission, and 2. Contact Heather in the office to make sure the day and time you want are free. Both of these steps need to be done to complete a reservation. Thank you.

St. Paul Lutheran School is accepting applications for a part-time secretary/administrative assistant and a part-time paraprofessional. Candidates must be able to pass a background check and maintain strict confidentiality. Interested parties may contact Elaine Lieder at principal@splfairmont.org or send resume to her attention at St. Paul Lutheran School, 201 Oxford Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

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.

Heartland LCMS Singles Retreat. Join us at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (near Iowa City, Iowa) the weekend of July 19-21 for a time of indoor and outdoor recreation, Bible studies, fellowship, and the opportunity to meet other Lutheran singles from the Midwestern states. The conference is open to ages 21-41. \$100 per person for two nights and four meals. Please register at <https://www.faithwinterset.org/registration/>

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman, will be holding their annual salad luncheon on Wednesday, July 17th, from 11:00-12:30 in the church basement. Assorted salads, sandwiches, and dessert will be served. Take-outs available. Cost is \$8. Everyone is invited!



**Vacation Bible School
St. James Lutheran Church**

108 S. James St., Northrop

Sunday-Thursday, July 21-25, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Light supper served 5:35-6:00

**All children age 3 – entering 6th grade
are welcome!**

Children age 3-4 must be accompanied by an adult.

Please register by July 17 either online at

sjlnorthrop.com or call the church office at

507.436.5289



Please consider helping!

We need help with prepping and serving supper, crafts, and playtime.

We'll also gladly accept any donations toward expenses!


Please contact the church office or Heidi Koeritz if you are able to help.

JOINT SUNDAY SERVICES
Adult Bible Class @ 8:30am, Divine Worship @ 9:30am
July @ SJL August @ ZION

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class 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 “Celebrate the Savior: Jesus Gives us Joy” will be held July 21-25th at SJL. See flyer for more information.


 **Issues, Etc.**

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am

July 14 Your Unanswered Questions - Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller and Pastor Brian Kachelmeier

July 21 Encore: The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession - Dr. Detlev Schulz

July 28 Encore: The Evening Hymn, “Abide With Me” - Dr. Arthur Just

 **THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY**

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

"Words of Grace Build Us Up" The gracious words of God change our lives for the better, tell us of our inheritance, and remind us that we are part of a much larger family. (Acts 20:32)



| Those Serving our Lord | | |
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| Greeters | | |
| SJL | 7-14 | Mike & Samantha Egeness |
| | 7-21 | Jayden & Mariah Garlick |
| ZION | 7-14 | Dan & Patti Fitzgerald |
| | 7-21 | Jared Flohrs & Marcus Moeller |

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: July 7 - 14, 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

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| Sunday | Joint Adult Bible Class | (SJ) 8:30 AM |
| | Joint Divine Worship | (SJ) 9:30 AM |
| Monday | Office Closed | |
| Wednesday | SJ Voter's Meeting | (SJ) 7:00 PM |
| Friday | Morning Bible Study | (SJ) 8:00 AM |
| Sunday | Joint Adult Bible Class | (SJ) 8:30 AM |
| | Joint Divine Worship | (SJ) 9:30 AM |
| | VBS Supper (Sunday—Thursday) | (SJ) 5:35 PM |
| | VBS | (SJ) 6:00 PM |



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 | | | July 7, 2024 |
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| Attendance | JT 116 (HC 36) | Home | \$1,325.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$72.00 | Missions | \$225.00 |
| Windows | \$50.00 | | |

| Reflecting our Stewardship – St James | | | July 7, 2024 |
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| Attendance | JT 116 (HC 46) | Home | \$1,985.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$72.00 | Missions | \$50.00 |
| Online | \$318.83 | Tuition | \$1,000.00 |
| MLHS | \$300.00 | Transportation | \$5,080.80 |
| SJLC Misc | \$53.68 | SJLS Misc | \$415.00 |
| Memorials | \$1,135.00 | Tuition Angel | \$250.00 |