

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



*Pastor John Henry*



**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*July 28, 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 one day Jesus fed a crowd with a few loaves and fish,  
then calmed both a storm and his disciples (John 6:1-21).  
He is also with you always — whatever your needs and cares.  
Welcome to worship.*

**Opening Hymn**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

**660**

**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 54:1-2*



<sup>1</sup>*O God, save me, | by your name, \**  
*and vindicate me | by your might.*  
<sup>2</sup>*O God, | hear my prayer; \**  
*give ear to the words | of my mouth.*

**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.*

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your  
humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make  
them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

**For James the Elder***observed July 24*

**P** O gracious God, Your servant and apostle James was the first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of Your Church that spirit of self-denying service that they may forsake all false and passing allurements and follow Christ alone, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

**First Lesson***Joshua 24:1–15*

<sup>1</sup>Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. <sup>3</sup>Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac. <sup>4</sup>And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out.

<sup>6</sup>“Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea. And the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. <sup>7</sup>And when they cried to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time. <sup>8</sup>Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. <sup>9</sup>Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the son of Beor to curse you, <sup>10</sup>but I would not listen to Balaam. Indeed, he blessed you. So I delivered you out of his hand. <sup>11</sup>And you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And I gave them into your hand. <sup>12</sup>And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. <sup>13</sup>I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.’

<sup>14</sup>“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And if it is evil in your eyes to

serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 124*



<sup>1</sup>*If it had not been the LORD who was on | our side—\**  
**let Israel | now say—**

<sup>2</sup>*if it had not been the LORD who was | on our side\**  
**when people rose up a- | gainst us,**

<sup>3</sup>*then they would have swallowed us | up alive, \**  
**when their anger was kindled a- | gainst us;**

<sup>4</sup>*then the flood would have swept | us away, \**  
**the torrent would have gone | over us;**

<sup>5</sup>*then over us | would have gone\**  
**the raging | waters.**

<sup>6</sup>*Blessèd | be the LORD, \**  
**who has not given us  
as prey | to their teeth!**

<sup>7</sup>*We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the | fowlers; \**  
**the snare is broken,**

**and we | have escaped!**

<sup>8</sup>*Our help is in the name | of the LORD, \**  
**who made | heaven and earth.**

## Second Lesson

*Ephesians 6:10–20*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all

times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,<sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,<sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**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)**

*Luke 16:1–9*

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

**C** *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

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

**C** *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**Sermon Hymn**

*From God Can Nothing Move Me*

**713**

**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**

<i>The Lamb</i>	<b>547</b>
<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	<b>702</b>
<i>Just as I Am, without One Plea</i>	<b>570</b>

**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**

*Jesus, Lead Thou On*

**718**

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



**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Gary Luhmann

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

*Homebound:* Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Alan Wille, Zoey Sands

*Serving our Country:* Ben Peymann, Kory Brown, Jesse Peterson,  
Lili Bulfer

*Sick & In Distress:* Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger,  
Marsha Peterson, Cairne Eytcheson

*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 declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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**

*2 Samuel 12:1-15*

**On Friday, read**

*Galatians 5:16-6:2*

**On Saturday, read**

*John 8:2-11*

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

### **Hymn: 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive**

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**SJL 2024-25 Back to School Registration Night** will be Monday August 5th, 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall for pre-school age 3 through 6th grade. Remember to complete your ENROLL ME forms online, contact the office if you have questions. If you are unable to be at registration night, please contact your child's teacher or the office to set up a time to complete all the necessary steps before the school year begins.



**August Newsletters: Zion** on Narthex table - **SJL** in your bulletin box

**2024-25 Scholarship Applications** for SJL or Zion members attending a LCMS high school or college are available in the office. Deadline to return them is August 15th.

**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 approximately \$42,000 with up to 50% required up front. Thank you.

**St. Paul Lutheran School of Fairmont 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](mailto:principal@splfairmont.org) or send resume to her attention at St. Paul Lutheran School, 201 Oxford Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church of Fairmont** is seeking an office administrator. This would be a full-time position (35-40 hours) with benefits. Benefits include: 100% of health, vision and dental paid for employee, and 50% paid for spouse and dependents, retirement, life, and disability, two weeks vacation after first year. Please mail or drop off resume to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 211 Budd St., Fairmont, MN 56031 or email to [lrosburg@splfairmont.org](mailto:lrosburg@splfairmont.org).



**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.

**Immanuel Lutheran School 125th Anniversary Celebration:** Immanuel Lutheran School in Lakefield is celebrating 125 years. All are welcome at this special event August 17-18. The festivities begin on Saturday, August 17, at 3:30 p.m. with an Open House, Meal, and a fun evening of Memories. Festivities will be led by Doyle Zellar, former ILS Principal. A closing devotion will be led by Rev. Evan Schiller, former ILS Teacher. A special worship service will be held on Sunday, August 18, at 9:00 a.m. Former students and classmates Rev. Kurt Klaus and Rev. Dustin Lappe will lead this service. Following the service, a presentation will be led by Rev. Fred Hinz, Public Policy Advocate for the LCMS Minnesota South and North Districts. All are welcome to join us at this special presentation. Immanuel Lutheran School is located at 620 Bush Street in Lakefield, Minnesota.



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**Honoring Christ...Welcoming All**

All families are invited to come see what a difference Christ on the campus and Christ in the classroom can make in your child's life. Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop encourages your family to join us for the 2024-2025 school year. Enrollment for students in grades 7-12 is still open. Final registration day is on Wednesday, August 7th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Classes begin on August 27th.

MLHS teaches that every boy and girl are fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image. Students take Religion classes every day taught by area pastors who have written new curriculum and are vested in the education of our young men and women. Grades 7 and 8 will develop their faith and character by studying Bible History under the guidance of Rev. John Henry (St James, Northrop and Zion, Fraser). Freshmen will dig deep into the Bible as they study the Old and New Testaments with Rev. Timothy Chase (St Paul's, Truman). Sophomores will explore the story of Christianity with Rev. Alexander Goodwin (Immanuel, Fairmont) and Rev. Gregory Volbrecht (Salem, Madelia). Juniors will examine the letters and teaching of St. Paul and use them as patterns to understand and solve problems in our time with Rev. John Henry as their instructor. Seniors will solidify their faith and be equipped with tools to challenge anti-Christian ideologies, learn to see the big picture and be encouraged to be Christian leaders in their study of Apologetics as clarified by Rev. Wade Daul (Immanuel, Fairmont).

All other classes and activities at MLHS are Christ-centered as well. Seven rostered church workers are on the teaching staff. Several teachers have Master's Degrees in their areas of expertise. All are members of area Lutheran churches.

In addition to accruing high school credits under the guidance of the dedicated MLHS teachers, qualifying students can graduate with many college credits on their resume. MLHS offers a wide variety of fine arts, athletics and extracurriculars as well.

MLHS is pleased to announce that Principal David Stuckwisch will be leading the school into the future. He has his degree as Director of Christian Education from Concordia University in Austin, TX and is excited to use high school education as a platform to carry out the mission of the church. Another new member on the team is Amber Diekmann. She has been hired as Guidance Director and has a Masters of Social Work from the University of Northern Iowa.

At MLHS students are prepared--not protected--to face the challenges the world lays before them with the assurance that their Lord is with them as they journey through life. All students are welcome to enroll no matter what religion they are. Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is focused on Generating a JESUS Generation and preparing students for discipleship until Christ's return.

Choose now to place your student in a school where they will flourish for the next school year and beyond.

Call 507-436-5249 to set up a visit to discuss this educational opportunity. Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is Partnered with Families and Congregations, Empowered by the Gospel, Academically Accredited, Christ-Centered and Cross-Curricular, and Engaged in Excellence. [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com).


**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 continuing our study on our liturgy. Please join us, everyone is welcome.



**Joint Sunday morning services for the month of August will be at Zion.** Bible class will meet in the church basement starting at 8:30am. Pastor Henry will lead our discussion on different hymns.

 **Issues, Etc.**

**Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am**  
**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**  
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

**"Thus and So Spoke the Girl from Israel"** Jesus is making His people into a light for a world that's crying for help. He came to make God's light shine on us so that all people might see the face of God. (2 Kings 5:4)



Those Serving our Lord		
Greeters		
SJL	7-28	Andy & Katy Gonzalez
	8-4	
ZION	7-28	Maurice & Tina Gagnon
	8-4	Sarah Glidden & Kayden

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:** July 28 - Aug 4, 2024  
**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:** Tues - Fri 8:00 AM - Noon  
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<b>Sunday</b>	Joint Adult Bible Class	(SJ) 8:30 AM
	Joint Divine Worship	(SJ) 9:30 AM
<b>Monday</b>	Office Closed	
<b>Wednesday</b>	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	Joint Adult Bible Class	(Z) 8:30 AM
	Joint Divine Worship	(Z) 9:30 AM



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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			July 21, 2024
Attendance	JT 139 (HC 52)	Home	\$3,215.00
Loose Plate	\$144.00	Missions	\$375.00
Windows	\$1,00.00	MLHS	\$565.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			July 21, 2024
Attendance	JT 139 (HC 71)	Home	\$5,915.00
Loose Plate	\$194.00	Missions	\$120.00
Online	\$820.00	Memorials	\$145.00
Bulletins/Broadcast	\$60.00	MLHS	\$125.00
Tuition Angel	\$50.00	Curriculum	\$2,100.00
VBS	\$50.00		