

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*July 7, 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!*

*As a family of faith, we come to rest in Jesus' presence,  
sing God's praises and be strengthened  
by the Holy Spirit, our Counselor.*

**Opening Hymn**      *Children of the Heavenly Father*      **725**

**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*



<sup>8</sup>*The LORD is the strength of his | people;\**  
*he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.*  
<sup>9</sup>*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.*

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things,  
graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true reli-  
gion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep  
us in the same; 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 3:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. <sup>16</sup>Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt, <sup>17</sup>and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.'"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 65:1–8



<sup>1</sup>*Praise is due to you, O God, in | Zion, \**  
**and to you shall vows | be performed.**

<sup>2</sup>*O you who | hears prayer, \**  
**to you shall | all flesh come.**

<sup>3</sup>*When iniquities prevail a- | gainst me, \**  
**you atone for our trans- | gressions.**

<sup>4</sup>*Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near,*  
*to dwell | in your courts! \**  
**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,**  
**the holiness of your | temple!**

<sup>5</sup>*By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,*  
*O God of our sal- | vation, \**  
**the hope of all the ends of the earth**  
**and of the | farthest seas;**

<sup>6</sup>*the one who by his strength established the | mountains, \**  
**being girded | with might;**

<sup>7</sup>*who stills the roaring of the seas,*  
*the roaring | of their waves, \**  
**the tumult of the | peoples,**

<sup>8</sup>*so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe | at your signs. \**  
**You make the going out of the morning and the evening to | shout for joy.**

Second Lesson

1 Timothy 1:5–16

<sup>5</sup>The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup>Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

<sup>8</sup>Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup>understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup>in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace

of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

**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 18:9–14*

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

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

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

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

**Sermon Hymn** *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

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**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**  
**The Consecration**

*inside the back cover of the hymnal*

**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>I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table</i>	<b>618</b>
<i>Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing</i>	<b>421</b>
<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	<b>543</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 pre-  
pared 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 with-  
out 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**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**643**

### **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, 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.

**On Thursday, read**

*Exodus 20:1-21*

**On Friday, read**

*Galatians 3:16-26*

**On Saturday, read**

*Matthew 5:17-48*

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

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

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



**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Annabelle Denn

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

*Homebound:* Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Austin Morris, Jared Flohrs, Noah Nelson

*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

**Condolences to the family of Dean Becker**, whose funeral was held at SJL this past week. May God bring you comfort and strength at this difficult time.

**Congratulations to Luke & Becca Becker** at the birth of their son, Leo. May God continue to bless your family.

**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.

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



## **QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETINGS**

**ZION:** Wednesday July 10th, 7PM

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

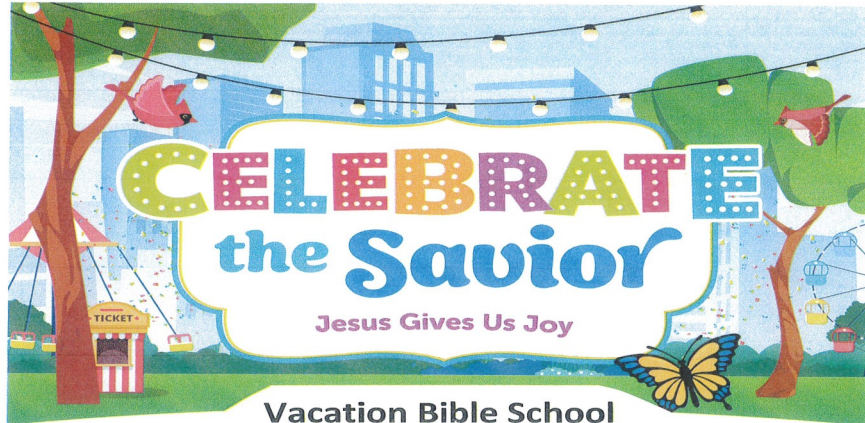
**Heartland LCMS Singles Retreat.** Join us at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (near Iowa City, Iowa) the weekend of July 19-21 for a time of indoor and outdoor recreation, Bible studies, fellowship, and the opportunity to meet other Lutheran singles from the Midwestern states. The conference is open to ages 21-41.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

**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.



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

**Launch Day for the 2024-2025 school year** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School will be held on Wednesday, August 7th from 3 to 7 p.m. School pictures will be taken that day. Final student registration will be held. All students and parents should attend.



**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 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
are welcome!**

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

**Please register by July 17 either online at  
[sjlnorthrop.com](http://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 7** Lutheran Theology and Music - Dr. Dan Zager
- 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**  
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

**"My Pastor"** Like sheep that need a shepherd, followers of Christ need pastors who will come looking for them when they stray. (Acts 20:28)



Those Serving our Lord		
Greeters		
SJL	7-7	Al & Dru Egeness
	7-14	Mike & Samantha Egeness
ZION	7-7	Amanda & Linnette Fehr
	7-14	Dan & Patti Fitzgerald

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: July 7 - 14, 2024**  
**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: Tues - Fri 8:00 AM - Noon**  
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<b>Sunday</b>	Joint Adult Bible Class	<b>(SJ) 8:30 AM</b>
	Joint Divine Worship	<b>(SJ) 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Office Closed	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Z Voter's Meeting	<b>(Z) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	<b>(SJ) 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Joint Adult Bible Class	<b>(SJ) 8:30 AM</b>
	Joint Divine Worship	<b>(SJ) 9:30 AM</b>
	No NFL	

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SJL Online Giving



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			June 30, 2024
Attendance	97 (HC 68)	Home	\$3,827.20
Loose Plate	\$38.80	Missions	\$225.00
Windows	\$105.00	MLHS	\$700.00
Bulletins	\$100.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			June 30, 2024
Attendance	98 (HC 73)	Home	\$4,005.00
Loose Plate	\$248.00	Missions	\$125.00
Online	\$318.83	Tuition	\$4,100.00
Bulletins	\$45.00	Rental	\$75.00
SJLC Misc	\$1,608.79		