

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



Pastor John Henry



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 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!

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10)
So let us come before God in awe and praise.*

Opening Hymn *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* **516**

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 70:1-2



¹Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

²Let them be put to shame and confusion

who | seek my life!*

Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor

who de- | sire my hurt!

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 pgs. 152-153

Repeated 4 times:

P ...pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB pg. 155

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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

1 Kings 17:1-16

¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.” ²And the word of the LORD came to him, ³“Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁴You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” ⁵So he went and did according to the word of the LORD. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan. ⁶And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. ⁷And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 147:1-11



¹*Praise the LORD!*

*For it is good to sing praises | to our God;**

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

²*The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;**

he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

³*He heals the broken- | hearted**

and binds | up their wounds.

⁴He determines the number | of the stars; *
he gives to all of | them their names.

⁵Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power; *
his understanding is beyond | measure.

⁶The LORD lifts up the | humble; *
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving; *
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

⁸He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain | for the earth; *
he makes grass grow | on the hills.

⁹He gives to the | beasts their food, *
and to the young ravens | that cry.

¹⁰His delight is not in the strength | of the horse, *
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,

¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him, *
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

Second Lesson

James 5:13–18

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB pg. 156

C *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:25–34

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

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

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look

at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure* **533**

Sermon

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

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory *LSB 159*

C *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?*

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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. 161

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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. 163

C *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Communion Hymns

<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	686
<i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i>	334
<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	801
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	744

Nunc Dimittis

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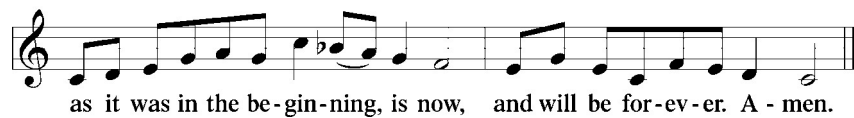
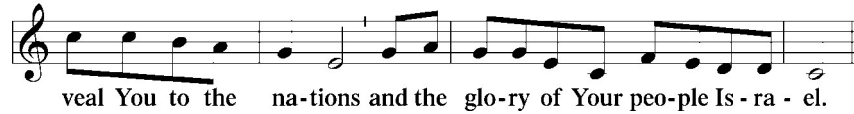
C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



Thanksgiving & Benediction

P Let us pray... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give ✠ you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Onward, Christian Soldiers

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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 or zionfraser.com.** Contact the office if you have questions.

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:

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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 *1 Kings 17:17-24*

On Friday, read *1 Corinthians 15:12-19*

On Saturday, read *Luke 7:11-17*

*You may also want to pray or sing the Hymn of the Day for the coming Sunday: **467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness***

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.

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.



2024-25 Back to School Registration If you were unable to attend our registration night, please contact your child's teacher or the office to set up a time to complete all the necessary paperwork before the school year begins. **New students are still being accepted for all grade levels.** Contact the office for more information.

August Newsletters for Zion members are available on the table in the Narthex, SJL member newsletters are in your bulletin boxes at SJL.

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Kirk Vogt, Rick Uttech
Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz,
Myla Roskop, Sandra Luhmann, Brianna Petrowiak
Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Leo Morris, Dustin Zellmer, Mikaela Morris
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

LYF

- **Egg fundraiser** continues. Call or text Lynn Becker at 230-2700 to arrange a pick up from the farm. 100% of proceeds goes to LYF for expenses and future trips. Please keep returning cartons and leave in the SJL narthex.
- **Extra mozzarella cheese** from the pizza fundraiser available for \$13/5# bag. Contact the church office to get a bag.

Don't Miss the



September Newsletter Deadline....Tuesday, August 20th

SJL Sunday School --Jody Uttech is looking for:

1. A couple of adults or HS students to help with the 3-7 year olds
 2. Someone to teach 3-7yr olds for the many times when Jody is gone
- Contact Jody for more information or if you can help 507-236-6456

ZION Sunday School is in need of another teacher and a few substitutes. Please talk to Pastor Henry or the church office if you are willing to help.

LWML Fall Retreat at St Johns Lutheran Church in Sherburn on September 14th. Registration with coffee begins at 8:30. Program begins at 9:30 with a Bible Study led by Rev. Goodwin. Please RSVP for a lunch count to Sarah Chambers 507-381-0524.

St. Paul Lutheran School of Fairmont is accepting applications for a part-time secretary/administrative assistant. 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.

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.

LWML of St John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn invite you to join them for Tuesday Morning Coffee Hour during the month of August from 8:30-10am.

You are invited to join the congregation at Trinity Fieldon on Sunday, August 25, as they give thanks to God for 135 years of the Ministry of the Gospel. Service is at 10:30 a.m. and a catered lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m.




"Through our vocations, both permanent and temporary, Christians are gifted opportunities to share the Gospel-motivated message that every life is valuable, and in so doing, carry the light of Christ into dark places filled with sin and death. It's true, this work won't always be easy; there may be times when we wonder about the path God has placed us on. But we can be confident that we aren't traveling alone. Christ goes with us, and His grace is sufficient. Always." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class Join us 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.


Sunday School resumes September 8th.

 **Issues, Etc.**

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am

Aug 18 Your Unanswered Bible Questions - Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller and Rev Brian Kahelmeier

25 Kid's Have Questions #3 - Rev. Jonathan Conner

 **THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY**

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

"The Child Glad to Be Born" Archives August: The Child Who wanted to be born can make you glad to be alive! That joy for living comes when you hear His story. (Luke 2)



Those Serving our Lord		
Greeters		
SJL	8-18	Rhonda Hartmann & Camrin King
	8-25	Jan Hartmann & Connie Kakeldey
ZION	8-18	Duane & Nancy Letcher
	8-25	Marroquin-Balderas Family

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Aug 18—25, 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

Sunday Joint Adult Bible Class (Z) 8:30 AM
 Joint Divine Worship (Z) 9:30 AM
Monday Office Closed
Tuesday Newsletter Deadline
Wednesday SJL Council Meeting (SJ) 7:00 PM
Friday Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday Teacher Dedication Sunday
 Joint Adult Bible Class (Z) 8:30 AM
 Joint Divine Worship (Z) 9:30 AM

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SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Aug 11, 2024
Attendance	JT 170 (HC 64)	Home	\$2,490.00
Loose Plate	\$49.00	Missions	\$225.00
Windows	\$730.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Aug 11, 2024
Attendance	JT 170 (HC 49)	Home	\$6,920.00
Loose Plate	\$168.00	Missions	\$40.00
Online	\$1,608.25	Bulletins	\$45.00
Tuition Angel	\$250.00	Memorial	\$20.00
SJLC Misc	\$21.54		
Average Monthly Fixed Expenses: \$47,046.00			
July Totals:		Given \$40,161.88	Shortage: (\$6,884.12)
August Totals:		Given \$10,069.79	Shortage (\$36,976.21)