

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*September 1, 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 this Labor Day weekend.  
May God be in our work and our leisure,  
our fellowship and our praise.*

**Opening Hymn**

*On Eagles' Wings*

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**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 84:10*



<sup>10</sup>*For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand | elsewhere.\*  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.*

***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, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 18:21–39*

<sup>21</sup>And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word. <sup>22</sup>Then Elijah said to the people, “I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal’s prophets are 450 men. <sup>23</sup>Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. <sup>24</sup>And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, he is God.” And all the people answered, “It is well spoken.” <sup>25</sup>Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it.” <sup>26</sup>And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, “O Baal, answer us!” But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. <sup>27</sup>And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, “Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.” <sup>28</sup>And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. <sup>29</sup>And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

<sup>30</sup>Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down. <sup>31</sup>Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, “Israel shall be your name,” <sup>32</sup>and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed. <sup>33</sup>And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.” <sup>34</sup>And he said, “Do it a second time.” And they did it a second time. And he said, “Do it a third time.” And they did it a third time. <sup>35</sup>And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water.

<sup>36</sup>And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. <sup>37</sup>Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.” <sup>38</sup>Then the fire of the

LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. <sup>39</sup>And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*Psalm 91:1–7*



<sup>1</sup>*He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\**  
***will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.***

<sup>2</sup>*I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,\**  
***my God, in | whom I trust.”***

<sup>3</sup>*For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler\**  
***and from the deadly | pestilence.***

<sup>4</sup>*He will cover you with his pinions,*  
*and under his wings you will find | refuge;\**  
***his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.***

<sup>5</sup>*You will not fear the terror | of the night,\**  
***nor the arrow that | flies by day,***

<sup>6</sup>*nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,\**  
***nor the destruction that wastes at | noontime.***

<sup>7</sup>*A thousand may fall at your side,*  
*ten thousand at your | right hand,\**  
***but it will not come | near you.***

### Second Lesson

*1 Corinthians 10:14–22*

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. <sup>15</sup>I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. <sup>18</sup>Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? <sup>19</sup>What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? <sup>20</sup>No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. <sup>21</sup>You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. <sup>22</sup>Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

**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***Luke 10:1–20*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ <sup>12</sup>I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

<sup>13</sup>“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup>But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>15</sup>And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

<sup>16</sup>“The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

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

Sermon Hymn      *O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe*      666

**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**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*      425

*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*      438

*What Is the World to Me*      730

**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 ✠ you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

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**Ken & Rhonda Petrowiak** are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast this week in thanksgiving for 33 years of marriage on the 31st. May God continue to bless your life together.

**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.**

**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.



**Please remove any plants or flowers from SJL Cemetery by September 6th.**

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



**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Daryl Hoewisch, Dar Quade, Arthur Egeness,  
Augusta Egeness, Alexander Egeness, Collin Steuber

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

*Homebound:* Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Milo Thisius, Wanda Patsche

*Seminary Student:* Timothy Schleusener

*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

**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.

**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.

**Confirmation plans for 2024-25 school year** are underway. If you have a 6th-8th grader attending public school and have NOT received an email or a call, please contact the office, 507-436-5289. **Classes begin Wednesday, Sept 11th at St James Lutheran in Northrop.** 6th & 7th graders will meet from 4-4:45pm for a “Bible History & Teaching” class. 8th graders will meet from 5-5:45pm for “Christian Faith & Life”.

**LWML Fall Retreat** at St Johns Lutheran Church in Sherburn on September 14th **has been cancelled.**

**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.





**New Member Recognition  
and Sunday School Rally Day  
Sunday September 8th**



**Zion: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class** will resume on September 8th at 8:45AM. We will also recognize our new members that day. Join us after church for our Annual Church Picnic celebration with Burgers & Hotdogs, AJ's Onion Rings, and O'Scoops Ice Cream. We would love to see you all.

**SJL: Sunday School** will resume on September 8th at 9:45AM. We will also be recognizing and welcoming our new church members that day. Everyone is invited to join in fellowship for a Congregation Brunch with Eggbake, Fruit, Rolls and Beverages after the service. Sunday School students can grab their plate of food and eat in class. **Adult Bible Class will resume September 15th.**

**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](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).

**MISSION CENTRAL - Guest Speaker:** Ashley Lehr, LCMS Missionary to Puerto Rico, will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont on Wednesday, September 4th, at 7:00pm. The Women of Immanuel invite you to join them as Ashley shares with us how she is serving the Lord by sharing the Good News of Jesus in word and deed with His people in Puerto Rico. Dessert and fellowship will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Recycle your wireless phones, PDAs, iPods and printer ink cartridges (no toner).** A dropbox is available in the SJL Fellowship Hall next to the greeting card rack. Or you may drop them off at MLHS.

**Kinship Radio presents the 1st Annual “Spearhead Summit: A Gathering of Faithful Men”** on September 28th at Hosanna Church in Mankato. This year’s special guest is Michael Franzese. He is an American former mobster who was a caporegime in the Colombo crime family. He went *From the Godfather to God the Father*. Registration opens on August 26th at kinshipradio.org or by calling 1-800-810-5559. Tickets are \$25 and include teaching sessions, breakfast and worship. Doors open at 7:15am and the conference begins at 8:15am.



#### **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:**

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**On Thursday, read**     *1 Kings 8-18*

**On Friday, read**     *1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

**On Saturday, read**   *John 3:11-20*

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

**Hymn: 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**



**Sunday morning Adult Bible Class** There will be NO Bible Class today (9/1), but please join us as we resume our class at Zion on 9/8 and SJL on 9/15.

**Friday Morning Bible Study** Please join us at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL as we discuss Church & State. Everyone is welcome.

**Sunday School Rally Day** is September 8th.

 **Issues, Etc.**

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

- 9/01 Helping Children Resist Progressive Indoctrination - Katy Faust
- 9/08 Asking Questions of Unbelievers - Greg Koukl
- 9/15 Evangelism Part 1 Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb
- 9/22 Responding to Listener Email & the Issues Etc Comment Line  
Old Testament Prophet, Jonah - Rev Dr. John Brug
- 9/29 Finding Jesus in the Old Testament - Rev. Dr. Andrew Steimann



**THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY**

**Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"The One" The Universe does not have a plan for your life--but God does!  
(Genesis 24:14)



Those Serving our Lord		
Greeters		
<b>SJL</b>	<b>9-1</b>	Keith & Mary Jo Hartmann
	<b>9-8</b>	Neal & Sue Senne
<b>ZION</b>	<b>9-1</b>	Dean & Marilyn Maschoff
	<b>9-8</b>	Lucas & Bethany Miller

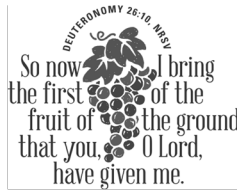
**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Sept 1 - 8, 2024**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - Noon**

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<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
<b>Monday</b>	NO School - Labor Day	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	JT Elder's Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>New Member Recognition &amp; Sunday School Kick-off Sunday</b>	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	SJL Congregational Brunch	(SJ) 9:45 AM
	Zion Church Picnic	(Z) 11:15 AM



SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Aug 25, 2024
Attendance	JT 135 (HC 57)	Home	\$3,267.20
Loose Plate	\$7.25	Missions	\$225.00
Windows	\$300.00	MLHS	\$250.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Aug 25, 2024
Attendance	JT 135 (HC 45)	Home	\$7,720.00
Loose Plate	\$227.50	Missions	\$20.00
Online	\$290.00	SJLS Misc	\$300.00
Tuition	\$17,281.93	Cemetery	\$1,500.00
Bulletins	\$35.00		
Average Monthly Fixed Expenses: \$47,046.00			
July Totals:	Given \$40,161.88	Shortage: (\$6,884.12)	
August Totals:	Given \$39,089.22	Shortage (\$7,956.78)	