

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



Pastor John Henry

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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.

God told Moses to raise a bronze serpent on a pole so people who were sick could look at it and be healed (Numbers 21:4-9).

Likewise, we look to Christ, raised up on a cross, and our souls are healed.

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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 86:3, 5



³*Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.*

⁵*For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.*

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

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P ...let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!*

Gloria in Excelsis

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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, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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

2 Kings 2:1-14

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 103:1–5



¹*Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me,
bless his | holy name!*

²*Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and forget not all his | benefits,*

³*who forgives all your in- | iquity,*
who heals all your dis- | eases,*

⁴*who redeems your life | from the pit,*
who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,*

⁵*who satisfies | you with good*
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.*

Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:2–11

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

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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

Mark 10:17–27

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

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

¹⁷And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn *All Depends on Our Possessing*

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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

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- 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

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- 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

<i>For All the Saints</i>	677
<i>Salvation unto Us Has Come</i>	555
<i>The Tree of Life</i>	561

Nunc Dimittis

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- 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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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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:

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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 Kings 5:1-14

On Friday, read

1 Peter 3:18-4:5

On Saturday, read

Matthew 22:1-14

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

Hymn: 573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

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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: Sandra Luhmann, Levi Becker,
Laurie Quinn, Jean Schultz
Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz,
Myla Roskop, Sandra Luhmann, Bryce Grefe, Lynden Dirksen
Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Brooklyn Pittman, Kristi Prafke, Juan Marroquin,
Samuel Marroquin Balderas, Viktoria Marroquin-Balderas,
Santiago Marroquin-Balderas, Max Wirth, Peggy Wille
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



Zion helpers needed to mow at Martin Luther, Sep-
tember 16-30th. Contact Gary Peymann if you are
willing and able to help. Thank you.

Chair lift available to whomever could use it. Please contact Marilyn
Maschoff 605-351-9109.

The windows in the parsonage need to be replaced. Donations to-
ward the parsonage windows are welcome at this time and going for-
ward, as the cost will be approximately \$42,000 with up to 50% re-
quired up front. Thank you.

“I pray that you will recognize and value those people in your life who
were blessed by God so they could be a blessing to you! I especially pray
that you will then use the blessings God has bestowed on you to bless
those around you and to pass these blessings on to your own descend-
ants to a thousand generations. Now is the time to pass on the gift. Now
is the time to pass the baton to the next runner in the race! To God be all
the glory!” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from
Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



October Newsletter Deadline is September 24th.

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.

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.

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.



SJL Board of Christian Education sponsored Pancake Breakfast, October 6th, 10am-Noon. Gluten Free option also available.



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SJL Online Giving





MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

SJL & Zion are full association members

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Senior Class is selling **Pastry Puffins**. To order contact any senior, call the school office or complete the contact form at www.martinlutherhs.com. Sale ends September 16.

Give while you shop! You can support the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Ministry by purchasing **HyVee or KWIK Trip Gift Cards** from the school office. Just give us a call at 507-436-5249 and we can have them ready for you. MLHS receives a portion of every card used---at no cost to you!

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.

The **Fall Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held Thursday-Saturday, October 17-19. Donations of fall and winter clothing in good condition and household items will be accepted beginning Saturday, Oct 12th until noon on Oct 16th. We welcome garden produce, plants and baked goods also. Volunteer helpers are invited to assist with set up, work the sale, and take down. Thank you!

GROCERY RECEIPTS FOR ST JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

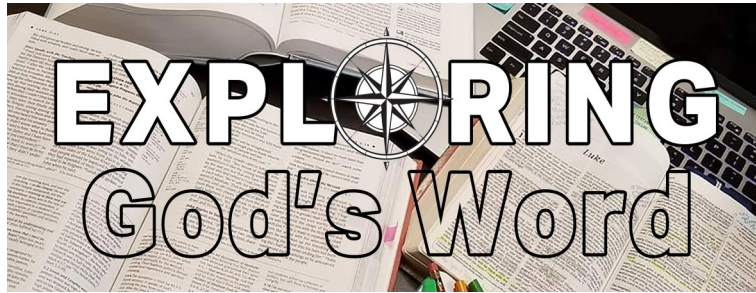
*Keep receipts coming in, it's an easy fundraiser!
Collection boxes are available at each church or in the office.*

HY-VEE: \$106,000 FAREWAY: \$85,000

HyVee receipts can be grocery, gas, or pharmacy
All receipts must be from the Fairmont locations, but they DO NOT expire.

Thank you for your ongoing participation.

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 9-15	Daryl & Sonia Hoewisch	Christian Drayer
9-22	Josh & Joni Howe	Alex Egeness
ZION 9-15	Jeff & Heather Moeller	Harper Armbrust
9-22	Matthew & Jayden Moeller	Luke Henry
SJL Ushers: Dave Rode, Tom Schultz, Bryan Simmering, Keith Hartmann		
Elders: Kevin (Z), Larry (SJ)		



Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class.

- **Zion:** 8:45am, Narthex. Please join us as we study topics in The Lutheran Witness. Please bring your Lutheran Witness magazine if possible. Extra copies are available.
- **SJL:** 9:45am, Fellowship Hall. Bring your coffee and join us.

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



Issues, Etc.

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am

- 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

"Bent Necks and a Better Brother" The Book of Genesis is no fairy tale. It depicts real people--people like us, with half-truths, crooked ways, and sore necks--but also the God Who created us and bears with us because He loves us. (Genesis 27:35-36)

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Sept 15– 22, 2024

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

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Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	NFL	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	SJL Council Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	LYF	(SJ) 6:00 PM

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Sept 8 , 2024
Attendance	155 (HC 87)	Home	\$3,980.00
Loose Plate	\$6,168.50	Missions	\$230.00
Windows	\$465.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Sept 8, 2024
Attendance	119 (HC 82)	Home	\$6,105.00
Loose Plate	\$286.00	Missions	\$195.00
Online	\$875.00	SJLS Misc	\$350.00
Tuition	\$1,080.00	Memorials	\$35.00
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)	
September Totals:	Given \$31,236.59	Shortage (\$15,809.41)	