

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



Pastor John Henry



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 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 in the name of God —
Father, Son and Holy Spirit —
who created you, saved you and makes you holy. Amen.*

Opening Hymn *Behold a Host, Arrayed in White* **676**

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 119:137, 124



¹³⁷*Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
and right are your | just decrees.*

¹²⁴*Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.*

***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.

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.

C **Amen.**

First Lesson

2 Kings 5:1-14

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ²Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. ⁶And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 25:1–5



¹To you, | O LORD, *

I lift | up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be | put to shame; *

let not my enemies exult | over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame; *

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, | O LORD; *

teach me | your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my sal- | vation; *

for you I wait all the | day long.

Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:18—4:5

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

¹Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ²so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. ³The time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

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

Matthew 22:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

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

<i>The Tree of Life</i>	561
<i>Your Table I Approach</i>	628
<i>Chief of Sinners Though I Be</i>	611

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 *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* 348

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.
Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House.

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 *1 Kings 6:8-20*

On Friday, read *12:7-12*

On Saturday, read *Matthew 18:1-10*

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

Hymn: 522 Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Jennifer Luhmann, Jordan Wiederhoeft,
Dereck Bartz, David Wiederhoeft, Bryce Borkenhagen
Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz,
Myla Roskop, Sandra Luhmann, Bryce Grefe, Lynden Dirksen
Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Silas Henry, Amy Nelson, James Steuber,
Stephanie Zellmer, Emery Armbrust
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

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

Doug & Laurie Quinn are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast in thanksgiving for the birth of granddaughter, Sena Lee Weihe, on Sept 10th to Tanner & Shelby. Sena has been released from the NICU and is home to live a normal, healthy life. All glory to God for His blessings!



October Newsletter Deadline is September 24th.

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



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.

All women are invited to attend the LWML Blue Earth Zone Rally at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Winnebago, October 6, 1:30 program "Moving from Anti-Abortion to Pro-Life Advocacy". Dessert and fellowship after the program.

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

	LWML “Ready to Serve”	
<p>On October 6th, we will celebrate LWML Sunday at Zion with a door offering for the Orphan Grain Train. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness. The door offering for the Orphan Grain Train will go toward their “Project Feed 500” with the goal to ship meals to hungry people all over the world - \$15 ships food for 500, \$150 ships food for 5,000!! May our offerings be blessed for our Lord’s kingdom.</p>		



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

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!

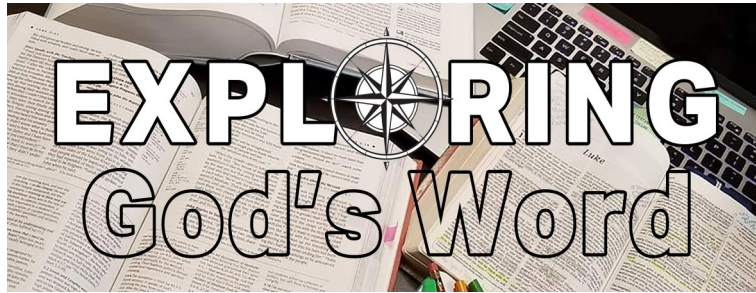
Recycle your wireless phones, PDAs, iPods and printer ink cartridges (no toner). A dropbox is available in the SJL Fellowship Hall next to the greeting card rack. Or you may drop them off at MLHS.

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!

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Yearbook Staff are selling **Simply Sweet Cheesecakes and Sweet Tango Apples** from Center Creek Orchard. Proceeds go to providing every student with a free yearbook. Orders can be placed with any yearbook staff member until September 27th for October 4th delivery. Go to www.martinlutherhs.com for more details or call 507-436-5249.

“All of us who die in Christ are going to come up like cherry tomatoes in July— ‘a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb’ (Revelation 7:9b). I’ll be there, and so will you, all of us celebrating the Lord who loved us and gave Himself for us—He who died like a single seed falling into the earth, and now ‘bears much fruit’ (John 12:24b).” *Dr. Kari Vo – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 9-22	Josh & Joni Howe	Alex Egeness
9-29	Bart & Sandra Johnson	Kimi Hansen
ZION 9-22	Matthew & Jayden Moeller	Luke Henry
9-29	Dion & Teresa Montgomery	Lydia Murphy
SJL Ushers: Dave Rode, Tom Schultz, Bryan Simmering, Keith Hartmann		
Elders: Kevin (Z), Larry (SJ) SJL AG: Linda Becker, Dru Egeness		



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 as we start the "That the World May Know" video series to discover how God guides His people to a specific place to impact the world, both in ancient times and today.

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

9/22 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

"All He Has to Say" The story of Jacob's Ladder is not a prompt for us to climb higher; it's a promise that God comes down to our level. (Genesis 28:15)



THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Sept 22– 29, 2024

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon - 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	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	NO LYF	
Tuesday	October Newsletter Deadline	
	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 BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM
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

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Sept 15, 2024
Attendance	87 (HC 59)	Home	\$1,910.00
Loose Plate	\$55.25	Missions	\$325.00
MLHS	\$615.00		
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$8,500.00			

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Sept 15, 2024
Attendance	113 (HC 84)	Home	\$14,091.97
Loose Plate	\$387.00	Missions	\$215.00
Online	\$2,086.70	SJLS Misc	\$300.00
Tuition	\$100.00	Memorials	\$70.00
MLHS	\$425.00	Tuition Angel	\$250.00
SJLC Misc	\$46.00		
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 \$48,248.26 Shortage (\$0.00)			