

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



Pastor John Henry

St. Michael and All Angels

September 29, 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.*

*God has gathered us here out of all different circumstances.
Whether you carry joy or heaviness in your heart,
I encourage you to lay it at the feet of Jesus.
Give your whole self to God in worship.*

Opening Hymn *Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken* **521**

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 103:20–22



²⁰ *Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,*
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice | of his word!*

²¹ *Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,*
his ministers, who | do his will!*

²² *Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his do- | minion.*
Bless the LORD, | O my soul!*

***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.

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by

Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson

2 Kings 6:15–20

¹⁵When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” ¹⁶He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” ¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, “Please strike this people with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. ¹⁹And Elisha said to them, “This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.” And he led them to Samaria.

²⁰As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, “O LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see.” So the LORD opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 148:1–6, 13–14



¹*Praise the LORD!*

*Praise the LORD from the | heavens; **

praise him | in the heights!

²*Praise him, all his | angels; **

praise him, | all his hosts!

³*Praise him, | sun and moon, **

praise him, all you | shining stars!

⁴*Praise him, you highest | heavens, **

and you waters above the | heavens!

⁵*Let them praise the name | of the LORD! **

For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.

⁶*And he established them forever and | ever; **

he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is ex- | alted; *
his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for | all his saints, *
for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson

Revelation 12:7–12

⁷Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹²Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

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 18:1–11

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

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

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!
⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise* **522**

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

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord **637**

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones **670**

Salvation unto Us Has Come **555**

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 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **805**

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A Guide for Daily Devotions

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, use this bulletin for daily devotions. On 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 merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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

Amos 8:9-12

On Friday, read

2 Timothy 3:1-5, 4:1-8

On Saturday, read

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Hymn: 578 Thy Strong Word

Daryl & Carol Bartz are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast and have placed flowers on the alter at Zion in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary on the 24th and for all of God's blessings.

In honor of Rollo Kosbab's 88th birthday on September 26th, the family is sponsoring the bulletins and hosting today's coffee and treats. Please join us in wishing Rollo a Happy Birthday!

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.

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Larry Graplar, Hattie Schock, Greg Rabbe,
Rollo Kosbab

Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz,
Myla Roskop, Sandra Luhmann, Bryce Grefe, Lynden Dirksen,
Jeff Roskop

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Dale Schwieger, Elon Eytcheson

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.

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.



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.

Large Print Hymnals are available at SJL above the bulletin rack, and at ZION on the back table by the communion cards.



Upcoming Voter's Meetings

ZION: October 9th, 7:00pm
(Supper served by LWML @ 6:00)

On the ballot: **Chairman:** Gary Peymann, Alan Wille; **Financial Secretary:** Connie Peymann, Lorna Bicknase; **Elder:** Wayne Wille, Lon Oelke; **Trustee:** Dylan Thisius, Joe Nelson

SJL: October 16th, 7:00pm

On the ballot: **Mission Treasurer:** Jayden Garlick; **Finance:** Laurie Quinn, Garrett Schock; **Elder:** Jason Schuder, Andy Gonzalez; **Board of Ed:** Paul Tomlinson, Leanna Mahoney; **Trustees:** Dan Petrowiak; **Stewardship:** Jackie Schuder, Sandra Johnson



Thanksgiving Dinners

As we move forward into the holiday season, Fairmont Roofing is excited to start taking nominations for deserving families to receive ALL of the fixings to prepare a FULL Thanksgiving meal. Meals are set to be delivered on Nov 21st and nominations taken until Nov. 12th. Nominations are open to families in financial hardship, who are experiencing difficult life events or those who usually go-above-&-beyond for others. Nominations can be received by scanning the QR code on the flyer or by going to www.fairmontroofing.com & click on the **SEASON OF GIVING** tab. You can also call our office at 507-236-4928.

SJL will have a door offering on LWML Sunday (10\6) for mites, which are used for projects such as the grant awarded to MLHS.



LWML

"Ready to Serve"



Lutheran Women in Mission

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.



**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!

Everyone is invited to attend a **Q & A Meeting with MN Representative Bjorn Olson** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Are you in need of help with meals? **St James Lutheran Stewardship Committee Meal-train** is for SJL members who wish to have some help with meals for a short time. This could be due to an illness, a hospital stay, a birth of a child, a death in the family, or for any other reason. Contact Jody Uttech (507-236-6456) if you wish to have a meal-train started for you and/or your family. Also, if you are willing to help by furnishing a meal for a meal-train family when it works with your schedule, please let Jody know.

Online giving is an easy and reliable method to contribute to your church while you are out of town, or if you are interested in eliminating the need to remember your envelope on Sunday morning. You can make a one time donation or save time and schedule recurring contributions. This option is available for either congregation through the website; sjlnorthop.com or zionfraser.com, or through the [tithe.ly](#) church app.

DEUTERONOMY 26:16, 18
So now I bring
the first of the
fruit of the ground
that you, O Lord,
have given me.



SJL Online Giving




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

9/29 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

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

"Love at First Sight, Love That Lasts" God loved us at first sight, from eternity. And He has given us Jesus so that we can know His love. (Genesis 29:20)

Those Serving our Lord			
	Greeters	Acolyte	
SJL	9-29	Bart & Sandra Johnson	Kimi Hansen
	10-6	Dale & Jacy Kosbab	Oakley Bohlsen
ZION	9-29	Dion & Teresa Montgomery	Lydia Murphy
	10-6	Austin & Amanda Morris	Alex Pittman
SJL Ushers: Dave Rode, Tom Schultz, Bryan Simmering, Keith Hartmann			
Elders: Kevin (Z), Larry (SJ) SJL AG: Linda Becker, Dru Egeness			

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Sept 29–Oct 6, 2024

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

Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604

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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
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
	Joint Elder's Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday	LWML Sunday	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	Pancake Breakfast	(SJ) 10:00 AM - Noon
	LWML Fall Mission Rally - Winnebago	1:30 PM

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Sept 22, 2024
Attendance	81 (HC 53)	Home	\$4,735.00
Loose Plate	\$60.00	Missions	\$225.00
Windows	\$565.00		
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$9,065.00			

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Sept 22, 2024
Attendance	64 (HC 56)	Home	\$7,000.00
Loose Plate	\$109.00	Missions	\$115.00
Online	\$588.25	Bulletins	\$45.00
Tuition Angel	\$50.00	MLHS	\$50.00
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 \$55,990.51 Shortage (\$0.00)			