

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



Pastor John Henry



Holy Cross Day

September 8, 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.*

Processional 2024-25 Sunday School Students and Teachers

Opening Hymn

Lift High the Cross

837

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

Refrain

- 5 *Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain*
- 6 *So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain*

The Holy Baptism of Madden Charles Moeller (Z) *LSB pp. 268-271*

Invocation, Confession & Absolution (SJ)

- 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 98:2



²*The LORD has made known his sal- | vation; *
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.*

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.

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.

C Amen.

Recognition of New Members

First Lesson

1 Kings 19:8–18

⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

⁹There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your

way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 40:1-5



¹*I waited patiently | for the LORD,*
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.*
²*He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the | miry bog,*
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my | steps secure.*
³*He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise | to our God.*
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust | in the LORD.*

⁴*Blessèd is the man who makes
the | LORD his trust,*
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!*
⁵*You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can com- | pare with you!**
*I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than | can be told.*

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through

wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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

John 3:11–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

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

¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*

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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 *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>If God Himself Be for Me</i>	724
<i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i>	761
<i>In Thee Is Gladness</i>	818

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

My Soul Rejoices

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A Guide for Daily Devotions

*On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, use this bulletin for daily devo-
tions. 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

2 Kings 2:1-14

On Friday, read

2 Peter 1:2-11

On Saturday, read

Mark 10:17-27

*You may also want to pray or sing the Hymn of the Day for the coming
Sunday: 732 All Depends on Our Possessing*

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Tom Schultz, Cedar Bohlsen, Jason Schuder
Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz,
Myla Roskop, Sandra Luhmann, Bryce Grefe, Lynden Dirksen
Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Madden Moeller, Kevin Behrens, Mitchell Prafke
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

Kevin & Sherri Roforth are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast this week in thanksgiving for the blessing of another granddaughter, Indy James Garlick. Born to Colby and J'aime on September 1st. She was also welcomed home by her proud big brother, Shay. May God continue to bless the Garlick family.



We welcome Madden Moeller to the family of God through Holy Baptism today at Zion. He is the son of Matthew and Jayden Moeller. His sponsors are Marcus & Alisa Moeller, and Josh & Hannah Haugen are witnesses. May God continue to bless the Moeller family.

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.

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

Zion helpers needed to mow at Martin Luther, September 16-30th.

welcome
to our church family

SJL: Cameron Dressen
Bobbi Sorenson & Christian Drayer
Freyr Foster
Jebidiah Maidl



ZION: Tyler Moulton
Alex Schliesmann
Hailey Leiding
Chelsey Armbrust, Harper & Emery
Alysha Nelson, Addison, Huxley & Kestyn
Alisa Moeller

Thank you to our Sunday School teachers

SJL: Jody Uttech
Sonya Hoewisch
Daryl Hoewisch

ZION: Nicole Nelson
Sarah Wirth
Tonya Hoppe
Marilyn Oelke (music)



Everyone is invited to stay after church today for a congregational meal. SJL will enjoy an Eggbake brunch and Zion will have their annual burger/hotdog picnic.

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.

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.

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 this 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”.

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.

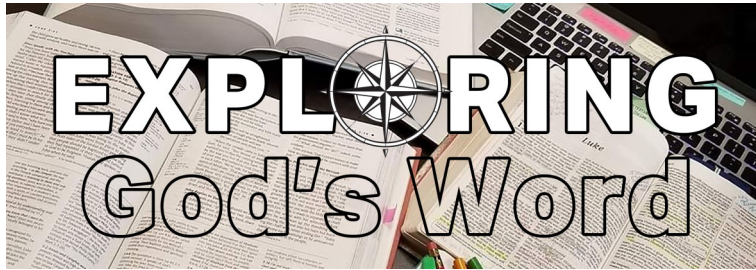
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Fairmont is seeking an office administrator. This would be a full-time position (35-40 hours) with benefits. Benefits include: 100% of health, vision and dental paid for employee, and 50% paid for spouse and dependents, retirement, life, and disability, two weeks vacation 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.

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.

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

“Let us never forget and continue to trust in God as our only resource when we face difficult life issues. Continue to pray for our country as some leaders continue to pursue making laws that jeopardize precious lives and challenge God’s plan for life. Let us put our trust in God, not man.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Sunday morning Adult Bible Class: Zion resumes 9/8 at 8:45am, and SJL on 9/15 at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall .

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

 **Issues, Etc.**

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 9 am

- 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

"Conditioned by the Unconditional" God's forgiving love for you in Christ is love that your accomplishments can't enhance and your failures can't diminish. (Genesis 25:23)

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	9-8	Neal & Sue Senne	Oakley Bohlsen
	9-15	Daryl & Sonia Hoewisch	Christian Drayer
ZION	9-8	Lucas & Bethany Miller	Max Wirth
	9-15	Jeff & Heather Moeller	Harper Armbrust
SJL Ushers: Dave Rode, Tom Schultz, Bryan Simmering, Keith Hartmann			
Elders: Kevin (Z), Larry (SJ)			

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Sept 8 - 15, 2024

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

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Sunday	New Member Recognition & Sunday School Kick-off Sunday	
	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
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	LWML @ Dorie's	1:30 PM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Zion Trustees's Meeting	(Z) 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
	NFL	(SJ) 7:00 PM

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Sept 1, 2024
Attendance	77 (HC 55)	Home	\$2,515.00
Loose Plate	\$462.00	Missions	\$250.00
Windows	\$2,100.00	MLHS	\$50.00
SJL School	\$115.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Sept 1, 2024
Attendance	87 (HC 68)	Home	\$7,050.00
Loose Plate	\$160.00	Missions	\$600.00
Online	\$636.80	SJLS Misc	\$1,608.79
Tuition	\$13,050.00	Memorials	\$750.00
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 \$22,505.59	Shortage (\$24,540.41)