

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

*October 20, 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.*

*Beloved of Christ, welcome to worship,  
faith education and Christian fellowship this day.  
May you sense the embrace of God's love  
through the people you interact with here.*

**Opening Hymn**      *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*      **496**

**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** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**  
**P** ... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**Entrance Psalm**

*Psalm 66:1-2*



<sup>1</sup>*Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\**  
<sup>2</sup>*sing the glory of his name;*  
*give to him | glorious praise!*

**Gloria Patri**

*LSB pg. 186*

**C** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-  
out end. Amen.*

**Kyrie**

*LSB pg. 186*

**C** *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,  
have mercy upon us.*

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB pgs. 186-189*

**P** *Glory be to God on high:*

**C** *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*

*We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,*

*we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.*

*O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*

*that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy  
upon us.*

*For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.*

*Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,*

*art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day (Sung)**

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** *And with thy spirit.*

**P** *Let us pray.*

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness  
that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities  
and devoutly given to serve You in 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.*

**SJL Students Sing**

## First Lesson

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.  
<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?  
<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briars and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice,  
but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness,  
but behold, an outcry!

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:41–48



<sup>41</sup>Let your steadfast love come to me, | O LORD, \*  
**your salvation according to your | promise;**  
<sup>42</sup>then shall I have an answer for him who | taunts me, \*  
**for I trust | in your word.**  
<sup>43</sup>And take not the word of truth utterly out | of my mouth, \*  
**for my hope is in your | just decrees.**  
<sup>44</sup>I will keep your law con- | tinually, \*  
**forever and | ever,**  
<sup>45</sup>and I shall walk in a | wide place, \*  
**for I have sought your | precepts.**  
<sup>46</sup>I will also speak of your testimonies be- | fore kings \*  
**and shall not be | put to shame,**  
<sup>47</sup>for I find my delight in your com- | mandments, \*  
**which | I love.**  
<sup>48</sup>I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, | which I love, \*  
**and I will meditate on your | statutes.**

Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:1–10

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB pg. 190

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel (Sung Responses)***Matthew 20:1-16***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter**C** *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** *Praise be to thee, O Christ.***Sermon Hymn***By Grace I'm Saved***566****Sermon****Apostles' Creed***inside the back cover of the hymnal***The Prayers****Offering****Presentation of the Certificate of Accreditation**

**Offertory**

*LSB pgs. 192-193*

- C** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

**The Preface (Sung)**

- P** *The Lord be with you.*  
**C** *And with thy spirit.*  
**P** *Lift up your hearts.*  
**C** *We lift them up unto the Lord.*  
**P** *Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*  
**C** *It good and right so to do.*  
**P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and saying:*

**Sanctus**

*LSB pg. 195*

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*inside the back cover of the hymnal*

**The Consecration**

**Pax Domini (Sung)**

- P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*  
**C** *Amen.*

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB pg. 198*

- C** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

**Communion Hymns**

<i>O Lord, We Praise Thee</i>	<b>617</b>
<i>How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds</i>	<b>524</b>
<i>Salvation unto Us Has Come</i>	<b>555</b>

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB pgs. 199-200

**C** *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

### Thanksgiving & Benediction (Sung)

**P** *O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.*

**C** *And his mercy endureth forever.*

**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 thy spirit.*

**P** *Bless we 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, amen, amen.*

### Closing Hymn

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

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**Bulletins this week are sponsored by Carole Lohmann & Barb Schultze** in memory of their brother David, who was called home to his Lord this past week. Funeral services will be on November 2nd at Trinity Church in Long Lake, MN. May God bring your family peace at this difficult time.

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



**Annual Harvest Dinner** sponsored by the Eve Circle will be on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 10:30-1:00, complete with turkey commercials, assorted salads, pies and desserts. We need your help! Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex for salad, pie, and dessert donations, as well as work shifts for setup, food prep, table waiting, and cleanup. There's a job for anyone willing. You can also contact the church office or Heidi Koeritz with any offers of assistance.

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



**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Micah Gonzalez, Jordan Luhmann, Jeff Crissinger,  
Larissa Hagen

*Serving our Country:* Sean McCroskey

*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:* Isaiah Wallace

*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, Ashley Becker

*Homebound:* Dale Schwieger, Norma Patsche, Violet Lueth,  
Yonsey Karasek, David Hinz

**Zion Women in Mission** would like to thank everyone for your generous contributions to the exit basket on LWML Sunday. We received \$375 which was sent to the Orphan Grain Train. Thank you for blessing others through your gifts and prayers. To see how your gifts are used by OGT, <https://www.ogt.org/>

Zion Women in Mission will be collecting nonperishable food items for the **Heaven's Table Food Shelf** in Fairmont until November 17. Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex. If you wish to make a monetary donation, see Dorie Schwieger or Lori Behrens. To learn more about this program <https://heavenstable.org/>



*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 21<sup>st</sup> and nominations taken until Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.fairmontroofing.com) & click on the **SEASON OF GIVING** tab. You can also call our office at 507-236-4928.





## November Newsletter Deadline Tuesday, October 22nd.

**The St Paul Lutheran LWML of Fairmont is sponsoring a Gala Event** on November 15, 2024, at the Fairmont Event Center (Best Western). There will be great food, games, silent and live auctions, all beginning at 5:00 pm. The theme this year is Gala-Western, so informal attire is appropriate. The cost of the tickets is \$50.00 per person. This year you have an opportunity to buy a whole table for \$350.00. This would save you \$50.00. If you take advantage of this opportunity, you would need to pay the total price at the time you purchase the tickets. Tickets can be bought starting October 5th. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support projects of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and St Paul Lutheran School in Fairmont. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Pat Hall (507-236-4921).

**KISS THE PIG** fundraiser for St James Lutheran School. Larry Bremer or Lon Oelke, who would you like to see *Kiss the Pig*? Whoever raises the most money gets to pucker up on November 17th. Donation boxes available in the narthex, use the QR code on the posters or use the link on *St James Lutheran Northrop* Facebook page. All proceeds will go to St James Lutheran School. Watch for more details.

### 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:**

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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 22:3-23:3*  
**On Friday, read** *Galatians 3:1-14*  
**On Saturday, read** *John 8:31-36*

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

**Hymn: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**



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

**The MLHS Freshman Class is selling Watkins** products until October 21st. Contact a student or the school to order.

The **Association Delegate Meeting** will be held at MLHS on Sunday, October 20 at 1:00 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend.

The National Honor Society students are hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, October 21st from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Scholarship awards to students increase with the more donors that sign up at MLHS. Please help us reach our goal of 100! Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter MLHSMN to schedule an appointment.

**All 7th & 8th grade students** are invited to visit MLHS on October 25 from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students will host visitors for a day of mini class activities and Olympic games. Free pizza will be served. Please RSVP at 507-436-5249 by October 16.

Tickets are on sale for the **Mission Possible Benefit Knight** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Saturday, November 9th. 2007 Alum Amanda Gahler Feltman is our guest speaker sharing her life-story as an advocate for stillbirth prevention. The Garms Family Music Group is the featured entertainment. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with valet parking. A dinner of Grilled Beef Tenderloin will be served at 6:00 p.m. with Kiehl's Bakery Pink Champagne Torte for dessert. Tickets are \$60 and must be purchased in advance. A \$10,000 Exit Challenge for Student Tuition Aid is being offered. Tickets are available from area church offices, MLHS and at [www.martinlutherhs.com/Special Events](http://www.martinlutherhs.com/Special%20Events). Please lend your valuable support to the MLHS Ministry by joining us for this uplifting evening.

Mark your calendars: **All youth are invited to Zion Lutheran Parsonage on Sunday, November 3 from 5-8pm, for our first Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) event of the year.** This is a joint event with Youth Groups from all of the area Lutheran churches. There will be--weather permitting--a bonfire, games, Taco-in-bag supper, and fun. (If weather is bad, we'll move to St. James Lutheran in Northrop.) Hope you can come. If your kid(s) plan(s) to attend, please let me know. ~Pastor Henry (219) 713-1604



**SJL Sunday School** wants to act out the Christmas Nativity Story with costumes for this year's Christmas Eve service. They are looking for ideas and suggestions where to get costumes and props and helpers to coordinate the costumes/props. Please contact Jody Uttech 507-236-6456.



**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, Sanctuary. Bring your coffee and join us as we use 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.

**Thursday Adult Bible Class** at 7pm for Men & Women at Zion.

**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



**THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY**

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez**

**"Children of God--No Longer Losers"** God turns lost losers into forgiven sons and daughters. Through Christ, we too become children of God's kingdom, members of His household. (Hosea 12:2-6)

<b>Those Serving our Lord</b>		
	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
<b>SJL 10-20</b>	Joe & Jill Leimer	Alex Egeness
<b>10-27</b>	Roger & Sharon Kusick	Kimi Hansen
<b>ZION 10-20</b>	Dennis & Debbie Neitzke	Gavin Schoen
<b>10-27</b>	Jo & Amy Nelson	Max Wirth
<b>SJL Ushers:</b> Garrett Schock, Matt Schuder, Mike Steuber, Josh Howe		
<b>Elders:</b> Doug (Z), Jason (SJ) <b>SJL AG:</b> Cheryl Becker, Dar Quade		

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Oct 20 - 27, 2024**

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

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Accreditation Presentation Sunday</b>	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	ML Delegate Meeting	(ML) 1:00 PM
	NFL	(SJ) 6:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November Newsletter Deadline</b>	
	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM
	Adult Bible Class	(Z) 7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM

<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion</b>			<b>Oct 13, 2024</b>
Attendance	87 (HC 54)	Home	\$3,035.00
Loose Plate	\$86.65	Missions	\$275.00
Windows	\$600.00		
Parsonage Window Total Donations:			\$10,895.00

<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – St James</b>			<b>Oct 13, 2024</b>
Attendance	94 (HC 73)	Home	\$3,240.00
Loose Plate	\$119.00	Missions	\$100.00
Online	\$2,175.53	SJLS Misc	\$4,576.40
Tuition	\$100.00		
<b>Average Monthly Fixed Expenses:</b>			<b>\$47,046.00</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr Totals: Given \$145,675.94			Shortage: (\$0.00)
October Totals: Given \$16,562.01			Shortage (\$30,483.99)