

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



Pastor John Henry

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 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.*

*The church is always being called to reform,
to become more loving,
o resemble more closely the kingdom of God.
Welcome to worship this (Reformation) Sunday!*

Opening Hymn *O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe* **666**

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 119:46



⁴⁶*I will also speak of your testimonies be- | fore kings*
and shall not be | put to shame,*

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.*

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.

C *Amen.*

SJL Students Sing

First Lesson

2 Kings 22:3–4, 8–11; 23:1–3

³In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the LORD, saying, ⁴“Go up to Hilkiyah the high priest, that he may count the money that has been brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people.

⁸And Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, “I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD.” And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. ⁹And Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, “Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD.” ¹⁰Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, “Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it before the king.

¹¹When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes.

¹Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. ²And the king went up to the house of the LORD, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of the LORD. ³And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 46:1–7



¹God is our ref- | uge and strength, *
a very present help in | trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way, *
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

³though its waters | roar and foam, *
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, *
the holy habitation of the | Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved; *
God will help her when | morning dawns.

⁶*The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter; *
he utters his voice, the | earth melts.*

⁷*The LORD of hosts is | with us; *
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.*

Second Lesson

Galatians 3:1–14

¹O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ²Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? ⁵Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— ⁶just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

⁷Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁰For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹²But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

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)

John 8:31–36

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

C *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

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

Sermon

Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Prayers

Offering

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

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice **556**

Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying **597**

The Church's One Foundation **644**

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 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* **655**

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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 everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

On Thursday, read

Revelation 7:2-17

On Friday, read

Hebrews 12:1-2, 18-24

On Saturday, read

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Hymn: 677 For All the Saints

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 and Broadcast are sponsored today by Greg & Lori Schock in thanksgiving for the birth of grandson Hance Troy Schock to Garrett & Haley this past week. May God continue to bless your family.



Thank you for all the cards, get-well wishes, calls and prayers during my surgeries and recovery. I am so thankful for such a caring church family. May God bless you all! ~Sandra Luhmann

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

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Oakley Manzke, Deb Rabbe, Brooke Mortenson,
Kay Vogt, Liz Denn, Richard Wiederhoeft

Serving our Country: Sean McCroskey

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

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Lydia Murphy, Kristen Schoen

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, Mike Sandersfeld

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



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.

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/>

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. Pork meal 11:30-1pm, pig kissing at noon. Donation boxes available in the narthex, use the QR code on the posters or visit the website, sjlnorthrop.com. All proceeds will go to St James Lutheran School.



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.

German Dinner at Immanuel Lutheran (1200 N North Ave, Fairmont) Sunday, Oct 27th 11:30-1pm. Serving Homemade Schwein Schnitzel (breaded pork cutlet), German Potato Salad, Sweet & Sour Cabbage/Cole Slaw, Rolls, German Chocolate/Chocolate Cake, and Beverage. Cost: \$10 adults, kids 6-12 \$5, 5 and under are free. Take-outs available! All proceeds go to Youth Ministries.

Fall Festival Luncheon and Bake Sale will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church basement, (1200 N North Ave, Fairmont) on Saturday, November 2nd, from 11am-1pm. Chicken and Stuffing Squares, Cranberry Relish, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Pies, and Coffee will be served. Cost: \$10. Take-outs will also be available. Come for the Bake Sale too! This event is sponsored by the Women of Immanuel-LWML. Everyone is welcome!

Zion-Fraser Lutheran Women in Mission will be gathering Christmas cards to send to the veterans home in Luverne, MN. If anyone would like to thank a veteran and sign a card to contribute to the package, please drop it off in the basket in the narthex at Zion before Nov 10th.

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.

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



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

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.

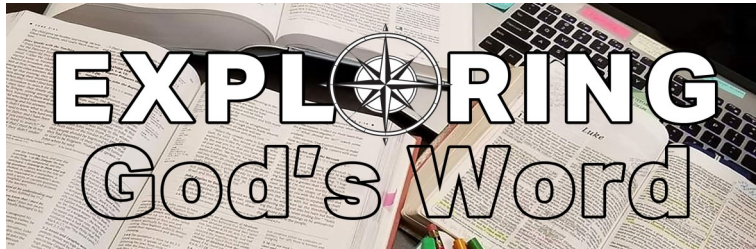
Tickets are on sale for the **Mission Possible Benefit Knight** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Saturday, November 9th. 2007 Alum Amanda Gahler Feltman is our guest speaker sharing her life-story as an advocate for stillbirth prevention. The Garms Family Music Group is the featured entertainment. 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.

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 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).

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; silnorthop.com or zionfraser.com, or through the tithe.ly church app.



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

10/27 Kids Have Questions - Pastor Jonathan Conner



THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"God-Struggles" It's been said, everyone you meet is fighting an unseen battle. God calls us to enter the struggle of those around us because, in Jesus, God has entered our struggle. (Genesis 38:28)

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 10-27	Roger & Sharon Kusick	Kimi Hansen
11-3	Kelly & Kathy Lenz	Oakley Bohlsen
ZION 10-27	Jo & Amy Nelson	Max Wirth
11-3	Lucas & Nicole Nelson	Harper Armbrust
SJL Ushers: Garrett Schock, Matt Schuder, Mike Steuber, Josh Howe		
Elders: Doug (Z), Jason (SJ) SJL AG: Cheryl Becker, Dar Quade		

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Oct 27 - Nov 3, 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
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
Thursday Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM
 Adult Bible Class (Z) 7:00 PM
Friday Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday **All Saints Sunday**
 Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
 Sunday School/Bible Class (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
 Harvest Dinner (SJ) 10:30-1:00 PM
 LYF (Z) 5:00 PM

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Oct 20, 2024
Attendance	72 (HC 55)	Home	\$2,270.00
Loose Plate	\$33.75	Missions	\$275.00
Windows	\$1,130.00	MLHS	\$700.00
Thrivent income	\$173.33		
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$12,025.00			

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Oct 20, 2024
Attendance	182 (HC 106)	Home	\$9,437.53
Loose Plate	\$556.50	Missions	\$15.00
Online	\$578.54	SJLS Misc	\$50.00
Tuition	\$500.00	MLHS	\$150.00
Tuition Angel	\$50.00	Memorials	\$75.00
Church Misc	\$800.00	Transportation	\$156.24
Average Monthly Fixed Expenses: \$47,046.00			
3 rd Qtr Totals: Given \$145,675.94 Shortage: (\$0.00)			
October Totals: Given \$28,062.28 Shortage (\$18,983.72)			