

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



Pastor John Henry



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
LWML Sunday**

October 6, 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.*

*“You are a chosen people,
a royal priesthood, ... God's special possession.”
Welcome to worship, where we are invited to
“declare the praises of him who called [us] out of darkness into his
wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9, NIV).*

Opening Hymn *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* **498**

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



¹*Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;**
²*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.*

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.

C *Amen.*

First Lesson

Amos 8:9–12

⁹“And on that day,” declares the Lord GOD,
 “I will make the sun go down at noon
 and darken the earth in broad daylight.
¹⁰I will turn your feasts into mourning
 and all your songs into lamentation;
 I will bring sackcloth on every waist
 and baldness on every head;
 I will make it like the mourning for an only son
 and the end of it like a bitter day.
¹¹“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD,
 “when I will send a famine on the land—
 not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water,
 but of hearing the words of the LORD.
¹²They shall wander from sea to sea,
 and from north to east;
 they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD,
 but they shall not find it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:25–32



²⁵*My soul clings | to the dust;**
give me life according | to your word!
²⁶*When I told of my ways, you | answered me;**
teach me your | statutes!
²⁷*Make me understand the way of your | precepts,**
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.
²⁸*My soul melts away for | sorrow;**
strengthen me according | to your word!
²⁹*Put false ways | far from me**
and graciously teach | me your law!
³⁰*I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;**
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.
³¹*I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD;**
let me not be | put to shame!
³²*I will run in the way of your com- | mandments**
when you en- | large my heart!

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:1–5; 4:1–8

¹But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ²For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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 13:1–9, 18–23

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

C *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon Hymn

Thy Strong Word

578

Sermon

Apostles' 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

<i>Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior</i>	619
<i>Lord Jesus, Think on Me</i>	610
<i>The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want</i>	710

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 pre-
pared 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 with-
out 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.*

LWML League Pledge

- C** In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Closing Hymn

On What Has Now Been Sown

921

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.

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.

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.

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Chase Hillmer, Paul Leimer, Jacob Crissinger,
Jessica Wiederhoeft

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: Joe Nelson

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



SJL Board of Christian Education sponsored Pancake Breakfast TODAY, October 6th, 10am-Noon. Gluten Free option also available.

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.

The Northrop Fire Department will hold it's annual **Fire Prevention Poster Contest and Fire Safety Night** on Tuesday, Oct 8th at 6:30pm in the SJL Fellowship Hall. Prizes awarded to PreK - 6th Grade.

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.

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

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:

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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 18:1-6

On Friday, read

Hebrews 11:1-16, 39-40

On Saturday, read

Mark 10:46-52

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

Hymn: 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



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 **Fall Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held at MLHS on Thursday, October 17 from 4-8 p.m.; Friday, October 18, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 19, 8 a.m. to noon. Donations of fall and winter clothing and shoes, household items, furniture, garden produce, and baked goods can be brought beginning Saturday, October 12. Volunteer workers are asked to please sign up at [www.martinlutherhs.com/Special Events/Rummage Sale](http://www.martinlutherhs.com/Special%20Events/Rummage%20Sale). Donations will be accepted until Wednesday noon (or until we are full). Those times are listed on the website.

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.

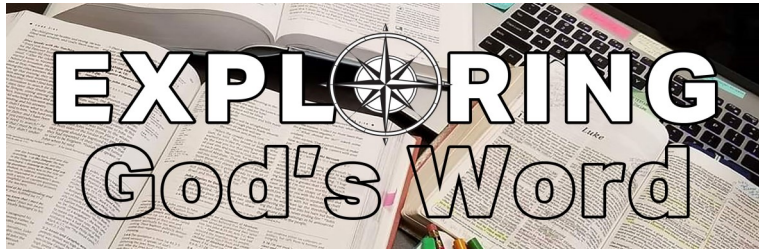
The National Honor Society students of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop are hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, October 21st from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Scholarship awards to students increase with the more donors that sign up at MLHS. Please help us reach our goal of 100! Call 1-800-733-2767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



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.

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 here in Fairmont. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Pat Hall (507-236-4921).




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



THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY

Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Fit to Be Tied" A strong knot in the right place holds everything together. God made Jesus to be the "Master Point" to bind all people to Himself through faith. (Genesis 30:8)

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 10-6	Dale & Jacy Kosbab	Oakley Bohlsen
10-13	Paul & Sharon Leimer	Christian Drayer
ZION 10-6	Austin & Amanda Morris	Alex Pittman
10-13	Tyler & Mikaelah Morris	Brooklynn Pittman
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 6 - 13, 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	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
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Fire Prevention Night	(SJ) 6:30 PM
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Zion Voter's Supper	(Z) 6:00 PM
	Zion Voter's Meeting	(Z) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday	Pastor Appreciation 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 29 , 2024
Attendance	106 (HC 83)	Home	\$3,072.20
Loose Plate	\$32.00	Missions	\$225.00
Windows	\$1,100.00	Bulletins	\$35.00
SJLS	\$4,461.40		
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$10,165.00			

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Sept 29, 2024
Attendance	126 (HC 85)	Home	\$3,940.00
Loose Plate	\$207.00	Missions	\$200.00
Online	\$578.54	SJLS Misc	\$1,608.79
Tuition	\$4,100.00		
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 \$66,424.84 Shortage (\$0.00)			