

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



*Pastor John Henry*



**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

*November 10, 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.*

*Family of Christ, welcome to worship!  
May you sense Jesus' presence  
and be strengthened in his love.*

**Opening Hymn**      *For the Fruits of His Creation*      **894**

**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 95:6*



<sup>6</sup>*Oh come, let us worship and | bow down; \*  
let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!  
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 pgs. 152-153*

*Repeated 4 times:*

**P** *...pray to the Lord.*

**C** *Lord, have mercy.*

**P** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C** *Amen.*

**This is the Feast**

*LSB pg. 155*

**C** *(Refrain): This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)*

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (Refrain)*

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:*

*Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)*

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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

**C** *And also you with you.*

**P** *Let us pray.*

O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; 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**

*2 Chronicles 36:11–21*

<sup>11</sup>Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD his God. He did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God. He stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>14</sup>All the officers of the priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations. And they polluted the house of the LORD that he had made holy in Jerusalem.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. <sup>16</sup>But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, until there was no remedy.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand. <sup>18</sup>And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. <sup>19</sup>And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels. <sup>20</sup>He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, <sup>21</sup>to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive**     *From the Lamentations of Jeremiah, chapters 1 and 3*

- P** How lonely sits the city  
that was full of people!  
She who was a princess among the provinces  
has become a slave.
- C** **Let us test and examine our ways,  
and return to the Lord!  
Let us lift up our hearts and hands  
to God in heaven.**
- P** Judah has gone into exile because of affliction  
and hard servitude;  
The roads to Zion mourn,  
for none come to the festival
- C** **Let us test and examine our ways,  
and return to the Lord!  
Let us lift up our hearts and hands  
to God in heaven.**
- P** Jerusalem sinned grievously;  
therefore she became filthy;  
From the daughter of Zion  
all her majesty has departed.
- C** **Let us test and examine our ways,  
and return to the Lord!  
Let us lift up our hearts and hands  
to God in heaven.**

**Second Lesson**

*2 Peter 3:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, <sup>2</sup>that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, <sup>3</sup>knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup>They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” <sup>5</sup>For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, <sup>6</sup>and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. <sup>7</sup>But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient

toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia & Verse

*LSB pg. 156*

**C** *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

#### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:31–46*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or

thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’<sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’<sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

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

**Sermon Hymn**      *Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*      **585**

**Sermon**

**Apostles' Creed**      *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

**The Prayers**

**Offering**

**Offertory**      *LSB 159*

**C** *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?*

*I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

**The Preface**

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

**C** *And also with you.*

**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. 161*

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:*

*Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

*Hosanna. Hosanna.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

**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. 163*

**C** *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

**Communion Hymns**

<i>The Lamb</i>	<b>547</b>
<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	<b>702</b>
<i>Just as I Am, without One Plea</i>	<b>570</b>

**Thank the Lord**

*LSB pg. 164*

**C** *Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**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 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**

*Abide with Me*

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**Lon & Marilyn Oelke** are sponsoring the bulletins for the month of November, giving thanks to our Lord in remembrance of their birthdays and baptism birthdays for both of them in November. May God continue to bless your lives.

### 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 God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; 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** *Isaiah 1:16-20*  
**On Friday, read** *1 Corinthians 15:20-34*  
**On Saturday, read** *Matthew 25:25:14-30*

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

**Hymn: 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own**



**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 also for helpers to coordinate the costumes/props. Please contact Jody Uttech 507-236-6456.

The **Ladies Eve Circle** would like to thank everyone who helped make our Harvest Dinner a success last Sunday. Special thanks to our Youth Group for helping us bus tables. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated! Donations we received will be used to fund various projects in our church and community in the upcoming year.

**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/>



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



**St James**

*Baptism Birthdays:* None this week

*Serving our Country:* Sean McCroskey

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

*Homebound:* Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Ashlee Oberdieck, Tania Wallace, Alisa Moeller

*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

**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](http://sjlnorthrop.com). All proceeds will go to St James Lutheran School.

**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. 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).

Join us for the **6th Annual Cookie Walk** on Saturday, December 14th, 9-11am, at SJL. Goodies available to purchase by the pound. Containers will be provided, or bring your own if you wish. Please contact Linda Becker (236-1316) to sign up to help with donations of goodies or to help at the sale.



**In preparation for Christmas, Dee's Floral & Designs** is taking orders for red or white Poinsettias. Deadline to order is **Monday, November 11th**. (507-235-9856). (6" pot/1 plant: \$15, 7" pot /2 plants \$25, 10" pot/3 plants:\$45)

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

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.

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.

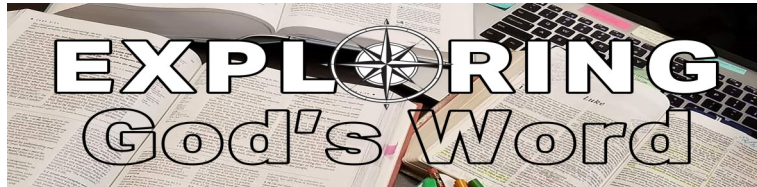
**Remembering those in need this Advent Season. SJL will be collecting non-perishable food items and personal care items** such as shampoo, soap, body wash, toothpaste, etc. for Heaven's Table Food Shelf, now through December 15th. If you would like to contribute any of these items there is a table in the narthex to place your donations. Thank you.

**Thank you** for all the prayers and support for Mike and our family since his accident in October. ~Ron Sandersfeld Family



- **2025 Offering envelopes** will be here soon. **Please contact the church office by Dec 1st if you DO NOT want a box of envelopes.** A number will still be assigned and contributions recorded for online giving.
- **Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Cancelled your landline?** Please contact the office with your updated contact information.

*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](http://sjlnorthop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com), or through the [tithely](http://tithely.com) 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**

- 11/10 Lord’s Prayer Part 2 - Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller
- 11/17 Lord’s Prayer Part 3 - Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller
- 11/24 Encore: Psalm 67 for a Day of Thanksgiving – Dr. Timothy Saleska




**THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY**

**Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am**

**Guest Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

**"My Name Is Now Yours"** God comes to renew us with His forgiving love, rename us in Baptism, and remain with us through His Word. (Genesis 35:10-11)

<b>Those Serving our Lord</b>		
	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
<b>SJL 11-10</b>	Lois Lenz & Diana Mosloski	Christian Drayer
<b>11-17</b>	Jordan & Jennifer Luhmann	Alex Egeness
<b>ZION 11-10</b>	Brent & Jennie Oberdieck	Luke Henry
<b>11-17</b>	Evan & Ashlee Oberdieck	Lydia Murphy
<b>SJL Ushers:</b> Greg Raabe, Paul Tomlinson, Jayden Garlick, Lonny Becker		
<b>Elders:</b> Chuck (Z), Daryl (SJ) <b>SJL AG:</b> Sherri Roforth, Cindi Tomlinson		

<b>THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:</b>		<b>Nov 10 - 17, 2024</b>
<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - Noon</b>		
<b>Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604</b>		
<b>Email: <a href="mailto:sjlnorthrop@gmail.com">sjlnorthrop@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://sjlnorthrop.com">sjlnorthrop.com</a> or <a href="http://zionfraser.com">zionfraser.com</a></b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	<b>(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM</b>
	Sunday School/Bible Class	<b>(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM</b>
	NFL	<b>(SJ) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Veterans Day</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chapel	<b>(SJ) 8:40 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chapel	<b>(SJ) 8:40 AM</b>
	LWML @ Zion	<b>(Z) 7:00 PM</b>
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	<b>(SJ) 4:00 PM</b>
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	<b>(SJ) 5:00 PM</b>
	Zion Trustees Meeting	<b>(Z) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	<b>(SJ) 8:40 AM</b>
	Adult Bible Class	<b>(Z) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	<b>(SJ) 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	<b>(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM</b>
	Sunday School/Bible Class	<b>(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM</b>
	Kiss the Pig Fundraiser	<b>(SJ) 11:30 AM—1:00 PM</b>

<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion</b>			<b>Nov 3, 2024</b>
Attendance	82 (HC 51)	Home	\$2,980.00
Loose Plate	\$21.50	Missions	\$200.00
Windows	\$1,000.00	Bulletins	\$80.00
SJLS Misc	\$200.00	MLHS	\$700.00
<b>Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$13,775.00</b>			

<b>Reflecting our Stewardship – St James</b>			<b>Nov 3, 2024</b>
Attendance	141 (HC 102)	Home	\$5,240.00
Loose Plate	\$267.00	Missions	\$140.00
Online	\$588.25	SJLS Misc	\$300.00
Tuition	\$100.00	MLHS	\$300.00
Bulletins	\$75.00	SJLC Misc	\$430.00
<b>Average Monthly Fixed Expenses: \$47,046.00</b>			
October Totals: Given \$37,668.95 Shortage (\$9,377.05)			
November Totals: Given \$7,000.25 Shortage (\$40,045.75)			