

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



Pastor John Henry



**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Sunday**

November 17, 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.*

Welcome!

*The writer of Hebrews urges us to
“not stop gathering together with other believers”
but “encourage each other even more” (10:25).
So let us worship.*

Opening Hymn *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* **545**

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 31:9



⁹*Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;**
my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body | also.

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.*

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.

C *Amen.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 1:16–20

¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
¹⁷learn to do good;
seek justice,
correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause.

¹⁸“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

¹⁹If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
²⁰but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be eaten by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 37:21–29



²¹*The wicked borrows but does | not pay back,*
but the righteous is gener- | ous and gives;*
²²*for those blessed by the LORD shall inher- | it the land,*
but those cursed by him shall | be cut off.*
²³*The steps of a man are established | by the LORD,*
when he delights | in his way;*
²⁴*though he fall, he shall not be cast | headlong,*
for the LORD up- | holds his hand.*
²⁵*I have been young, and | now am old,*
**yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
or his children beg- | ging for bread.***
²⁶*He is ever lending | generously,*
and his children become a | blessing.*

²⁷Turn away from evil | and do good; *
so shall you dwell for- | ever.
²⁸For the LORD loves justice;
 he will not forsake his saints.
 They are preserved for- | ever, *
but the children of the wicked shall | be cut off.
²⁹The righteous shall inher- | it the land*
and dwell upon it for- | ever.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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 25:14–30

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

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

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you deliv-

- 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

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed **560**
Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain **435**
Go to Dark Gethsemane **436**

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

I'm But a Stranger Here

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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:

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

On Thursday, read

Revelation 21:1-7

On Friday, read

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, 5:1-10

On Saturday, read

Matthew 25:1-13

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

Hymn: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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.

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



Heavenly Father, great is Your faithfulness throughout all generations. We thank and praise You for Your continued blessings showered upon Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School. Continue to watch over those who teach and those who learn, that in all things Your name would be glorified and Your kingdom advanced here and around the world. AMEN

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Max Luther

Serving our Country: Sean McCroskey

Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Tom Koeritz, Myla Roskop,
Bryce Grefe, Jeff Roskop, Webb Quade

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Jacob Wirth, Lon Oelke

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

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.

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 TODAY, November 17th at noon. Pork meal 11:30-1pm. 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.

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.

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

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.



- ☛ **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.

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.

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



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

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.

Everyone invited to a **Christmas Concert "Get a Handel on Christmas"** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. Elementary and high school band students will be performing and the high school choir will sing. Students are under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a free-will donation.

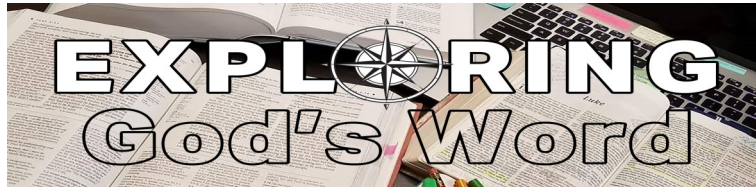
All families are invited to a **Family Winter Carnival** sponsored by the Student Council and National Honor Society students of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, January 26th from 1-3 p.m. in the gym. There will be a Bouncy House, lots of inside games, prizes, snacks and a parents' lounge. Cost is \$5/child or \$15/family (parents are free.)

The Parent/Teacher League of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop is sponsoring a history presentation entitled "**The Great Northfield Bank Raid--Minnesotans Foil the James/Younger Gang**" by historian Arn Kind on Tuesday, January 28. Presentations are grades 5-8 at 9:00-11:15 a.m. and grades 9-12 at noon-1:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School PTL is hosting a information seminar "**Gen Z Mental Health Strategies for Parents, Adults and the Gen Z'er**" lead by Kathleen von Kampen, MA, LMFT, LMHP, DCE Gracepoint Ministries Therapist & Professor of Psychology at Concordia University NE on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Babysitting will be provided with prior reservation by calling 507-436-5249 by January 10th.

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Class of 2025 will be working for tips at the Fairmont **Pizza Ranch on Wednesday, November 20** from 5-9 p.m. Proceeds will go toward their Class Trip to Nashville in the spring.

Chili and Oyster Stew Dinner will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church basement, 1200 N North Ave, Fairmont, MN, on Friday, November 22nd from 5-8pm. Join us before or after the "Glows Parade"! Menu: Chili, Oyster Stew, Crackers, Breadsticks, Assorted Bars, Hot Chocolate, Milk, Coffee. Cost: Adult \$10, Child (6-12) \$5, Child (5 & under) FREE. Takeouts available! Hosted by Immanuel's Men's Club & Youth Groups. Proceeds go to support Immanuel's ministries. Everyone is welcome to attend!



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

- 11/17 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

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Album-Worthy" If everything you've ever thought or done was captured in a photo, how many of them would you save for all to see? Hear how God redeems all our snapshots--even those that don't seem "album-worthy." (Genesis 35:3)

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	11-17	Jordan & Jennifer Luhmann	Alex Egeness
	11-24	Paul & Hayley Luther	Kimi Hansen
ZION	11-17	Evan & Ashlee Oberdieck	Lydia Murphy
	11-24	Lon & Marilyn Oelke	Alex Pittman
	11-27	Chuck & Wanda Patsche 7pm	_____
SJL Ushers: Greg Raabe, Paul Tomlinson, Jayden Garlick, Lonny Becker			
Elders: Chuck (Z), Daryl (SJ) SJL AG: Sherri Roforth, Cindi Tomlinson			

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:		Nov 17 - 24, 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
	Kiss the Pig Fundraiser	(SJ) 11:30 AM-1 PM
Tuesday	December Newsletter Deadline	
	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
	SJL Council Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Adult Bible Class	(Z) 7:00 PM
	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
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

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Nov 10, 2024
Attendance	84 (HC 64)	Home	\$3,535.00
Loose Plate	\$46.47	Missions	\$200.00
Windows	\$1,030.00	SJLS Misc	\$50.00
Parsonage Window Total Donations: \$14,805.00			

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Nov 10, 2024
Attendance	85 (HC 65)	Home	\$2,165.00
Loose Plate	\$312.00	Missions	\$65.00
Online	\$578.83	SJLS Misc	\$125.00
Tuition	\$1,000.00	Tuition Angel	\$250.00
Memorials	\$10.00		
Average Monthly Fixed Expenses: \$47,046.00			
October Totals:		Given \$37,668.95	Shortage (\$9,377.05)
November Totals:		Given \$11,191.08	Shortage (\$35,854.92)