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



Pastor John Henry

St. Michael and All Angels
September 27, 2026

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.

This is the Lord's house. The Lord is here to welcome all who have come. Let us join in the spirit of love and peace for all who worship the Creator of us all.

Opening Hymn *Children of the Heavenly Father* **725**

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
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 103:20–21*



*[20]Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,**
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice | of his word!
*[21]Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,**
his ministers, who | do his will!

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 without 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

P *The Lord be with you.*

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

P *Let us pray.*

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

First Lesson *Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3*

10 And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.
11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I
speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he
had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. 12 Then he said to me, "Fear not,
Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled
yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of
your words. 13 The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days,
but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the
kings of Persia, 14 and came to make you understand what is to happen to your
people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come. . . ."
1 "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people.
And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation
till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name
shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the
earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting
contempt. 3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above;
and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 91:11–16*



*11 He will command his angels con- | cerning you**
to guard you in | all your ways.
*12 On their hands they will | bear you up,**
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.
*13 You will tread on the lion and the | adder;**
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
*14 "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will de- | liver him;**
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.
15 When he calls to me, I will answer him;
*I will be with him in | trouble;**
I will rescue him and | honor him.
*16 With long life I will sat- | isfy him**
and show him my sal- | vation."

Second Lesson *Revelation 12:7–12*

7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And
the dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated and there was no
longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that

ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world —he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. [10]And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. [11]And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. [12]Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *LSB pg. 190*

C ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Holy Gospel *Luke 10:17–20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter

C ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

[17]The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" [18]And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. [19]Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. [20]Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

Sermon Hymn *Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise* **522**

Sermon

Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Prayers

Offering

Announcements

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

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 is 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

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

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	**670**
Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken	**521**
Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright	**520**

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

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 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **805**

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Daryl & Sonia Hoewisch are sponsoring the bulletins at SJL and the broadcast for the month of September in thanksgiving for their 25th wedding anniversary on September 22nd. May God continue to richly bless your marriage.

Daryl & Carol Bartz are sponsoring today's broadcast and bulletins in gratitude to God for 66 years of marriage on September 24th. They are also placing flowers on the alter at Zion. May God continue to richly bless your marriage.

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



St James
Baptism Birthdays: Dereck Bartz, Larry Graplar, Hattie Schock
Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Allan Quinn, Jim Becker
Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion
Baptism Birthdays: James Steuber, Stephanie Zellmer, Emery Armbrust, Lettie Nelson
Deaconess Student: Qian Su (Suzie)
Serving our Country: Kory Brown, Jesse Peterson, Lili Bulfer
Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Marsha Peterson, Duane Behrens, Chuck Dobson, Bob Traetow
Homebound: Norma Patsche, Yonsey Karasek, David Hinz

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:
O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 *Ezekiel 34:11-24*
On Friday, read *Ephesians 3:17-22*
On Saturday, read *Luke 15*

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

Hymn: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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.

If you wish to use the basement at Zion, please: 1. Contact one of the elders for permission, and 2. Contact 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.

If you wish to use the fellowship hall or gym at SJL, please contact the office for availability and complete the rental form. Thank you.

Luther Boys' Pumpkins will be available at both churches this week. Free-will donation goes to St James Lutheran School.



St James Lutheran Sunday School is looking for helpers and substitute teachers for the Preschool-1st grade class. Please contact Jody Uttech for more information 507-236-6456.

Zion helpers needed to mow at Martin Luther, September 16-30th.

Large Print Hymnals are available at SJL on the right side of the bulletin boxes, and at ZION on the back table by the communion cards.

LWML Sunday is October 4th, door offerings will collected for MITES.

LWML Fall Mission Gathering "Let the Children Hear" on Sunday, October 4th at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman. Registration begins at 1:30pm. David Stuckwisch, Principal of MLHS, will be the speaker. Gifts from the Heart collection will be for MLHS: Kleenex, Feminine Hygiene Products, Travel-sized personal care items, Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Midol, Band-Aids, or supplies to make posters.

Holy Hotdish Organ Fundraiser on Sunday, October 4th from 11am-1pm at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman, serving in the Church Basement. Assorted hot dishes to choose from. Bread, beverages and cookies provided. Take-outs will also be available. Free-will donation.

Portals of Prayer for Oct-Dec are in your bulletin box. If you would prefer a larger size, please contact the office.

October newsletters are in your bulletin boxes



The Eve Circle and Stewardship Committee will once again have a Rustic Inn Cafe pie fundraiser for the KISS the Pig Benefit. Orders will be taken during the month of October. Order sheets will be available after services in the Narthex. Frozen pies will then be delivered November 21st. Plan now for your holiday desserts.10 popular pies available - Contact Linda Becker 507-236-1316 or Leslie Crissinger 507-236-1354 if you have any questions.

MLHS Faith, Fire & Fellowship dinner is on Saturday, November 21st. Please sign up before November 1st, to help them plan for the meal. RSVP sheets are available in the office and at the back table at both churches. There is NO COST to attend. More information is available on the flyer and in the MLHS announcement box on pg 9.

Upcoming Voter's Meetings: Become a Church Voter. All adults (age 18+) can be voters and help make decisions for your church. Members from all generations are needed to ensure the future of our congregations continue forward in faith. Contact an elder if you have questions.



Zion has voted to include SJL School in their mission offerings. The MN South goal for this year is $5,000. **This amount has been reached,** additional mission giving will automatically be sent to SJL School, unless designated on the check or envelope for MN South. 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.

"Grief is not a sign of weak faith; it is the natural response to love and loss. But for those in Christ, grief is always shaped by hope. We do not mourn as those who have no future, no promise, no Savior (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We mourn with the certainty that our loved ones in the faith are with the Lord and that we will see them again." *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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

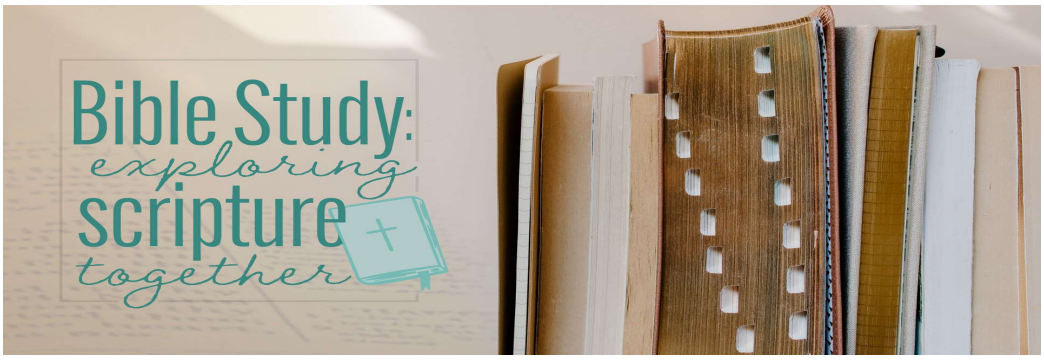
Lutheran Special Education Ministries is looking for a **part-time resource room teacher** at Martin Lutheran High School in Northrop, MN. Applicants must hold a current Minnesota Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

The Fall Rummage and Bake Sale will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on October 15-16-17. Set-up starts Saturday, Oct 10th. Volunteer help is welcome and very much appreciated. Accepting fall & winter items beginning October 10th.

The MLHS National Honor Society students are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, October 19 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Help us reach 100 donors so the students qualify for scholarships. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS and enter MLHSMN to schedule an appointment.You can help save a life and help NHS students earn scholarships.

Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is excited to announce our **Faith, Fire & Fellowship Dinner** on **Saturday, November 21st**! This special friend-raising event will celebrate and affirm the blessings and impact of the MLHS ministry. Guests will enjoy an evening of fellowship, inspiration, and gratitude as we highlight the value of Christian education and the work God is accomplishing through Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School. We are currently seeking **corporate sponsors** to help offset event expenses. We are grateful to **Profinium**, which has already committed as a **$1,000 sponsor**. We are also looking for volunteers willing to **smoke specialty meats** and assist with meal preparation. If you enjoy cooking, serving, or helping behind the scenes, we would love to have you involved. All MLHS families, alumni, supporters, and friends are warmly invited to attend. **There is no cost to attend**, but **RSVPs are required by November 1st** to help us plan for the meal. If you would like to sponsor the event, volunteer, or reserve your place for this exciting evening, please contact the school office. **Join us for an evening of faith, fire, fellowship, and thanksgiving as we celebrate the ministry of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School!**

This is Most Certainly Brew Coffee is available in the MLHS office and at www.thisismostcertainlybrew.com. It is an ongoing enterprise of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School.



Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class:

- Zion bible class uses topics from the Lutheran Witness magazine.
- SJL uses the "That the World May Know" video series. This year begins with "God Heard Their Cry: Discover how God answers the cry of his persecuted people and proclaims himself LORD to them and their oppressors"

Friday Morning Bible Study: 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL. All are welcome to join in studying the Gospel of John.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY
Sundays on KSUM AM 1370 or FM 97.1 @ 11 am
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
"Teachable" To be a disciple is to be a learner. Jesus loves you enough to make you teachable. Matthew 21:31

SERVING THIS WEEK

		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	**9-27**	Jordan & Jennifer Luhmann	------
	10-4	Paul & Hayley Luther	David Gonzalez
ZION	**9-27**	Austin & Amanda Morris	------
	10-4	Tyler & Mikaelah Morris	Hayden Bultman

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Sept 27 – Oct 4, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon - Fri, 8:15 AM - Noon

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Sunday	Divine Worship	**(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM**
	Sunday School/Bible Class	**(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM**
Wednesday	Public School Confirmation (6th & 7th grades)	**(SJ) 4:00 PM**
	Public School Confirmation (8th grade)	**(SJ) 5:00 PM**
	BOCE Meeting	**(SJ) 7:00 PM**
Friday	Joint Morning Bible Study	**(SJ) 8:00 AM**
Sunday	**LWML Sunday**	
Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday	Divine Worship	**(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM**
	Sunday School/Bible Class	**(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM**
	LWML Fall Rally @ SPL Truman	**1:30 PM**

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			**Sept 13, 2026**
Attendance (HC)	143 (92)	SJL School	$225.00
Home	$5,115.00	Loose Plate	$111.00
			Sept 20, 2026
Attendance (HC)	118 (78)	SJL School	$550.00
Home	$3,800.00	Loose Plate	$88.43
MLHS	$500.00		
MN South Mission giving to date: $5,819.75			

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			**Sept 20, 2026**
Attendance (HC)	80 (69)	Missions	$50.00
Home	$10,120.00	Tuition	$320.83
Loose Plate	$687.00	MLHS	$450.00
Online	$860.00	SJL School	$300.00
SJL Church Misc	$282.00		
Annual Operating Expense: $584,000.00 / Average Weekly Need: $11,231.00			
2026 Giving to date: 415,026.92 Projected Shortfall: ($16,068.43)			