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



Pastor John Henry

All Saints' Day
November 1, 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.***

On this wonderful day that is designated All Saints' Sunday, we have come to invoke the presence of God. We welcome with joy all worshipers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to God throughout the centuries.

Opening Hymn *Oh, How Blest Are They* **679**

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 *Revelation 7:14*



*These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.**
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

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. 154*
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 with you.***

P *Let us 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.

C ***Amen.***

First Lesson *Zechariah 3:1–5*

[1]Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. [2]And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" [3]Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. [4]And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." [5]And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5*



[1]In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
*let me never be | put to shame;**
in your righteousness de- | liver me!

*[3]For you are my rock and my | fortress;**
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me;

*[5]Into your hand I commit my | spirit;**
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Second Lesson *Revelation 7:9–17*

[9]After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10]and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God

who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” [11]And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12]saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

[13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” [14]I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

[15]“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
[16]They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
[17]For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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 5:1–12*

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

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

[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

[2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

[3]“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[4]“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

[5]“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

[6]“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11]"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn *Behold a Host, Arrayed in White* **676**

Sermon

Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

Prayers of the Church, with Remembrance of the Faithfully Departed

P Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Remember your whole pilgrim Church on earth, which longs for paradise, and for the consummation of all things, *[especially....]* Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Give to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Give courage and faith to all who are in any distress, *[especially...]* that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to bear the cross, in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P With joy, we remember those whom you have called to your nearest presence this year: *[Name (toll)]* Receive our thanks for the good they were permitted to give and receive, for all the blessings You bestowed on them in this earthly life, and for all the goodness, truth, and beauty that came to us, from you, through them. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with them we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory *LSB pgs. 159-160*

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 *LSB pg. 160*

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

For All the Saints	**677**
Jerusalem, My Happy Home	**673**
Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise	**680**

Thanksgiving & Benediction *LSB pgs. 164 & 166*

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.

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 *Jerusalem the Golden* **672**

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The Eve Circle and Stewardship Committee will once again have a Rustic Inn Cafe pie fundraiser. Orders are due TODAY. Order sheets will be available after services in the Narthex. Frozen pies will 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.

The annual **Harvest Dinner** is TODAY, November 1st, 10:30-1:00. We invite you to join us for turkey commercials, assorted salads, and homemade pie and desserts. The meal is offered free-will with a suggested donation of $12 for adults and $6 for children under 12. Take-outs available upon request.

The installation service for Rev. John Bennett to serve as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman, MN will be on Sunday afternoon, November 8th at 3:00pm. Rev. Bennett has accepted this second call to St. Paul's as the result of the newly formed Dual Parish Agreement between his present congregation, St. John's Lutheran-Willow Creek and St. Paul's Lutheran-Truman.

KISS THE PIG committee is looking for contact information (phone, physical or email) of SJL Alumni. Please call the office with your family/friends information.

St. Paul Lutheran School in Fairmont is looking for some part time aides in their preschool rooms. You will be working with kids ages 3-5. Mostly morning hours, but some possible afternoons or until 5:30. Experience working with kids would be helpful but not required. Some training required upon hire. Contact Erin Simpson if you're interested! esimpson@splfairmont.org or 507-236-0175



Zion Lutheran

Dennis Neitzke, who died in the Lord, **November 2, 2025**
Myrna Behrens, who died in the Lord, **May 18, 2026**
Charles Dobson, who died in the Lord, **October 16, 2026**

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



St James

Baptism Birthdays: Dru Egeness
Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Allan Quinn, Jim Becker
Homebound: Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Kristen Schoen, Kristeena Thisius
Student: Anna Crismore
Serving our Country: Kory Brown, Jesse Peterson, Lili Bulfer
Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Marsha Peterson, Duane Behrens, 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: 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 *Ezekiel 34:25-31*
On Friday, read *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*
On Saturday, read *Matthew 25:14-30*

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

Hymn: 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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

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. **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!**

The Martin Luther Drama students are presenting two plays on Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. A matinee will be presented on Friday at 12:15 p.m. also. **"Macbeth Mixed Up"** is a one-act spoof on Macbeth. **"The Money in Uncle George's Suitcase"** is a is a hilarious farce of pettiness, slander, and greed that is sure to entertain. Tickets are $12 for adults and $8 for students and may be purchased at the door.

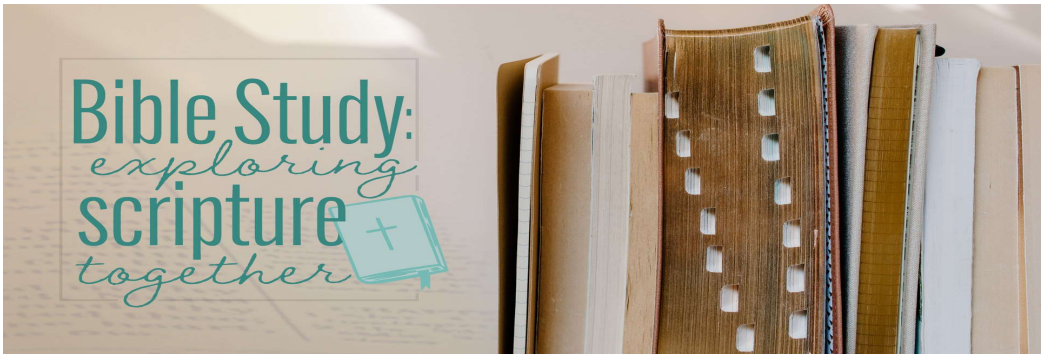
This is Most Certainly Brew Coffee is available in the MLHS office and at www.thisismostcertainlybrew.com. It is an ongoing enterprise of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School.

The **MLHS Sophomore Class** will be working for tips at the Fairmont Pizza Ranch on Tuesday, November 17 from 5-9 p.m. Please come and support them.

St Paul Lutheran Gala Event is being held November 13, 2026, at the Fairmont Event Center (Torge's) and is only weeks away! The 50's Theme, food, games, fabulous desserts and the live and silent auctions will guarantee a fun-filled night beginning at 5:00pm. The menu will be sliced roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, sliced candied carrots, family style house salad and dinner rolls. And special soft drinks at bar of Cherry Cola & Root Beer. Tickets ($50 each) will be on sale in the church office, Dee's Floral located in Downtown Plaza, or by contacting Nancy Ritter (507-236-0373).

You are invited to the **Installation Service of Rev. Anthony Bertram** as Senior Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Fairmont:2:00 PM, Sunday, November 1. Cupcakes and coffee will be served in the Church Basement following the Service.

Fall Festival Luncheon and Bake Sale will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church basement, 1200 N. North Ave., Fairmont, on Saturday, November 7th, from 11am-1pm. Chicken and Stuffing Squares, Cranberry Relish, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Pies, and Coffee will be served. Cost: $10. Takeouts available. Come for the bake sale too! This event is sponsored by the Women of Immanuel-LWML. Everyone is invited.



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. Our next video is "Shaped in the Desert: Discover how God teaches the Israelites what it means to be part of a community that loves Him and the lessons we can begin to live out in our lives today."

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

"What We Will Be" What we will be has not yet appeared. But even now, we are God's adopted children, through faith in Christ. 1 John 3:2

SERVING THIS WEEK

		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	**11-1**	Dan & Lynn Petrowiak	Edison Schuder
	11-8	Ken & Rhonda Petrowiak	Lincoln Pavich
ZION	**11-1**	David & Alysha Nelson	Jakob Wirth
	11-8	Joe & Amy Nelson	Braxton Roberts
SJL Ushers: Lee Baarts, Paul Kosbab, Rick Uttech, Jayden Garlick			
Elders: Gary (Z), Daryl (SJ)		**SJL AG:** Cindy Wolter, Abby Wolter	

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: **Nov 1 - 8, 2026**
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: **Mon - Fri, 8:15 AM - Noon**
Office phone: 436-5289 **Pastor phone:** 219-713-1604
Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com **Website:** sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com

Sunday	**All Saints Day**	
	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 AM - 1:00 PM**
Wednesday	Public School Confirmation (6th & 7th grades)	**(SJ) 4:00 PM**
	Public School Confirmation (8th grade)	**(SJ) 5:00 PM**
	Joint Elders' Meeting	**(SJ) 7:00 PM**
Friday	Joint 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**



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.

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			**Oct 25, 2026**
Attendance (HC)	131 (76)	SJL School	$250.00
Home	$2,970.00	MLHS	$500.00
Loose Plate	$223.00	MN South	$800.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			**Oct 25, 2026**
Attendance (HC)	77 (57)	Missions	$10,250.00
Home	$4,959.79	Online	$715.00
Loose Plate	$333.00	Memorial	$60.00
Transportation	$265.47		
Annual Operating Expense: $584,000.00 / Average Weekly Need: $11,231.00			
2026 Giving to date: 465,754.23 Projected Shortfall: ($20,762.33)			