

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**First Sunday in Advent**  
*November 28, 2021*



**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.*

**Opening Hymn**      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*      **341**

**(SJL) The Baptism of Higgins Gregory Schock**    *LSB pgs. 268-71*

**(Zion) 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** ... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Entrance Psalm

*Psalm 25:1-2*



- P** <sup>1</sup>To you, | O LORD,\*  
I lift | up my soul.  
<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be | put to shame;\*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.
- C** **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

*sung; repeated five times LSB pg 204*

- P** ...let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with your spirit.**  
**P** Let us pray.  
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

## First Lesson

*Malachi 4*

- <sup>1</sup>“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.  
<sup>4</sup>“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.  
<sup>5</sup>“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of fathers

to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm**

*Psalm 24:7–10*



<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of | glory?\***

**The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in | battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of | glory?\***

**The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of | glory!**

**Second Lesson**

*Romans 13:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia & Verse**

*LSB pg 205*

**C** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 21:1–9*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

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

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

**Sermon Hymn**

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

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**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**

*inside the back cover of the hymnal*

**The Prayers**

## Offering

### Offertory for Advent

*LSB pg. 357*

**C** *O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things  
mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to  
go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

### The Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

**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. 208*

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your  
name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

### 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. 210

- C** *O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;*  
*O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.*  
*O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;*  
*Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.*

### Distribution Hymns

<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>	332
<i>Arise, O Christian People</i>	354
<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	543

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB pg 211

- C** *O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,*  
*For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:*  
*A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,*  
*The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.*

*All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,*  
*All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;*  
*For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,*  
*God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.*

### 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 be with you.
- C** And with your spirit.
- P** Let us bless 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.

### Closing Hymn

*The Advent of Our King*

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### In Our Prayers

#### St James

*Baptism Birthdays:* Higgins Schock, Sutton Bohlsen, Tiffany Taylor,  
Michael Stueber, Aaron Graplar, Dale Kosbab

*Serving our Country:* Adam Quade

*Sick & In Distress:* Steven Luhmann, Mitchell Wagner

*Homebound:* Bev Graplar, Adeline Hartmann, Janice Peterson,  
Carl Luhmann

#### Zion

*Baptism Birthdays:* Klay Brown, Levi Nelson, Lucy Lueth

*Serving our Country:* Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown,  
Jesse Peterson

*Sick & In Distress:* Greg Wallace, Duane Behrens, Kathy Bergemann

*Homebound:* Dale Schwieger, Arlene Darmer, Bill Peymann,  
Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche



**Today at SJL we welcome Higgins Gregory Schock into the family of God through Holy Baptism.** His parents are Garrett & Haley Schock and his sister is Hattie. Hanna Geistfeld and Harley Geistfeld are his sponsors. God's richest blessings to your family.

### **Bulletins & Broadcast**

- **SJL: Greg & Lori Schock** in glory to God for the birth and baptism of grandson Higgins Gregory Schock.
- **ZION: Family of Dorie Schwieger** with love and thankfulness for **Dorie** who celebrated her 70th birthday on the 24th. Dorie's family has also placed flowers on the alter.

**NEEDED: Sunday School Superintendent at SJL.** Please contact Paul Tomlinson (236-2143).

**Donations for Zion Kitchen Remodel** are welcomed. Please make checks out to Zion Lutheran and designate to Kitchen Remodel.



**Voices needed for our joint choir.** Practice will be held Wednesday evenings after church at Zion. Contact Heidi Koeritz if you have questions.



**SS Christmas Program Practice begins  
TODAY, SUNDAY 11/28.**

- **SJL:** After church at 9:45 with Sunday School to follow
- **Zion:** After church for an hour

**SJL Eve Circle and Zion LWML** will be collecting non-perishable food and hygiene items for Heavens Table Food Shelf again this year. There is a table in the narthex where you can place your donations now until December 19th. Remember those in need this Advent Season.

**Friday Morning Bible Study Continues** their study of Revelation, led by Pastor Henry in the fellowship hall, beginning at 8:00 AM. If you are unable to join us in person this is available to view live through our website [sjlnorthrop.com](http://sjlnorthrop.com) or on our Facebook page.

**SJL Kindergarten classroom** is in need of 24-100 piece puzzles. If you have some you no longer use, please consider donating. Thank you!

**The Ladies of Zion LWML and SJL Eve Circle are requesting addresses for our College Students.** Please call (436-5289) or email ([sjl\\_office@frontiernet.net](mailto:sjl_office@frontiernet.net)) the office with this information before December 6th.

**ADVENT I: Wednesday December 1st @ Zion  
Eve Circle** will be serving supper from **6-6:45PM**  
Turkey sandwiches, salads, bars and beverages will be served  
**7:00pm Advent Vespers Worship**

**St John's Antrim Church will be having their 6<sup>th</sup> annual Beef Commercial Meal** Sunday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, from 11-12:30 pm. We will once again be offering to go orders, with limited seating in church basement. Pre orders for whole homemade pies, (Apple, Pecan, Cherry, Blueberry) can be done by calling 507-236-7292. **Orders are due by Wed. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.** You can pick up the preordered pies on the day of the meal. **This is a free will donation event.**

**The LWML at St. Paul's in Wilbert** is excited to invite others to join them this year for their annual **Christmas Social on December 9, 2021** at 1:30 p.m. After a short program there will be an opportunity to purchase Craft and Bake Sale items to help the Wilbert LWML fund their mission projects. There will be a small lunch available.



**LYF Christmas Party, Dec 5th at 5PM.** We will have pizza, and fellowship together in the St James Lutheran Fellowship Hall. We will be ordering pizza (gluten-free if necessary). Please RSVP to Larissa Hillmer (236-2780) **by Dec 1st** to ensure there is enough food.

### MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

- **SCRIPT gift card** orders can be placed until **Monday, November 29th**. Proceeds will benefit the MLHS Europe Group planning to travel in 2022. Order forms can be found in the church office or the MLHS office.
- **Joy to the World Christmas Concert** featuring the elementary band & high school band and choir, will be Saturday Dec 11th, 7pm, at the Fairmont Opera House. Admission is a free-will donation.
- **Generation-to-Generation Antique Auction** will be on Saturday, January 15, 2022. *Now is the time to clean out those antiques, primitives and collectibles to donate or consign.* Notifications and pictures of items are appreciated. Call MLHS (507-436-5249) for more information.

**Grocery Receipts for SJLS.** Receipts should ONLY be from the Fairmont HyVee or Fareway stores. Thanks for saving your receipts!

**Each \$150,000 in receipts gets us a \$1,000 check.**

HyVee \$50,000      Fareway \$95,000

**Receipts from HyVee can be grocery, gas or pharmacy**



**Heaven's Table Food Shelf** is now providing Food Distribution for area towns. We are excited to announce we have now partnered with the City of Northrop. This service is intended to provide food assistance to both families and individuals in need. If you would like to learn more, or to sign up, please contact Diana Mosloski at 651-270-0397. Once enrolled you will be notified of the date and time for pickup. Thank you and God Bless!



NOVEMBER	24	Z	Thanksgiving Eve	Divine Service	7:00PM
	25		NO Thanksgiving Day Service		
	27		Decorate Churches	Zion @ 8:30AM	SJL @ 9:00AM
	28		1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent	Divine Services	8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
DECEMBER	01	Z	Advent Vespers Service I		7:00PM <i>(Offerings: Dakota Boys Ranch)</i>
	05		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent	Divine Services	8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
	08	Z	Advent Vespers Service II		7:00PM <i>(Offerings: KSUM for Lutheran Hour)</i>
	12		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent	Divine Services	8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
	15	SJ	SJLS Children's Program Chapel		9:00AM
			SJLS Children's Program/Advent Vespers III		7:00PM <i>(Offerings: SJL School)</i>
	19		4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent	Divine Services	8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
	22	Z	Advent Vespers Service IV		7:00PM <i>(Offerings: Options Pregnancy Center)</i>
	24	Z	Christmas Eve Children SS Program		4:00PM <i>(Offerings: Day Schools)</i>
		SJ	Christmas Eve Children SS Program		7:00PM <i>(Offerings: Birthday Offerings)</i>
		Z	Candlelight	Divine Service	10:00PM
	25	SJ	Christmas Day	Divine Service	10:00AM
	26		1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas	Divine Services	8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
	31	SJ	New Years Eve	Divine Service	7:00PM
JANUARY	01		NO New Years Day Service		
	02		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas	Divine Services	8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
	06	Z	Epiphany	Divine Service	7:00PM

**\*\*All Divine Services will have Holy Communion\*\***

*Christ  
IS Coming!*



Join us for our 3rd annual  
**Cookie Walk**

Saturday, December 11th 9am – 11am

St. James Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Northrop  
 Goods will be available for purchase by the pound!

Lots of cookies, candies, etc. to choose from

Containers will be provided, or  
 bring your own if you wish!

Pre-boxed "giftable" cookie batches  
 will be available as well.

Coffee and cider offered for a free will donation  
 to enjoy your cookies with!

"Creation is preaching a message about its Creator. He is wise. Kind. Brilliant. Powerful. Limitless. Combine those qualities with His reckless love for us found on the cross, and you have a God who can strengthen trembling hearts and weak knees. You have a Creator worth worshipping." *Rev. Mike Novotny, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
<b>SJL</b>	<b>11-28</b>	Jason & Jackie Schuder	Bryce Borkenhagen
	<b>12-5</b>	Matt & Melissa Schuder	Ashley Burkey
<b>Zion</b>	<b>11-28</b>	Dave & Heidi Bicknase	John Henry IV
	<b>12-1</b>	7P Kevin & Lori Behrens	_____
	<b>12-5</b>	Doug & Lorna Bicknase	Sam Marroquin-Balderas

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:      Nov 28—Dec 5, 2021**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:    Monday-Friday 8:30AM–1:00PM**

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<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	SS Christmas Program Practice	(Z) After worship (SJ) 9:45 AM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Advent I supper - Eve Circle	(Z) 6:00 PM
	Advent I Vespers Service	(Z) 7:00 PM
	Joint Choir Practice	(Z) 8:00 PM
	Elder's Meeting	(Z) 8:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
	<b>MCLI Basketball Tourney</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	SS Christmas Program Practice	(Z) After worship (SJ) 9:45 AM
	LYF Christmas Party	(SJ) 5:00 PM

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 our website, [sjlnorthrop.com](http://sjlnorthrop.com).



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			November 21, 2021
Attendance	56 (HC 43)	Home	\$2,315.00
Loose Plate	\$30.00	Missions	\$275.00
SJL School	\$50.00	MLHS	\$65.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			November 21, 2021
Attendance	79 (HC 67)	Home	\$3,270.00
Online	\$1,329.89	Tuition Angel	\$50.00
Loose Plate	\$116.00	MLHS	\$125.00
SJL School	\$150.00	Missions	\$10.00
Memorials	\$45.00		