

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



Pastor John Henry



Third Sunday in Advent
December 12, 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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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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

Isaiah 45:8



⁸“Shower, O heavens, from |above,*

and let the clouds rain down right-|-eousness;

let the earth open, that |salvation * and righteousness |may bear fruit;

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19



¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph | like a flock! *
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.
²Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- | nasseh, *
stir up your might
and come to | save us!

³*Restore us, | O God;*
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!*

⁴*O LORD | God of hosts,*
how long will you be angry with your | people's prayers?*

⁵*You have fed them with the | bread of tears*
and given them tears to drink in full | measure.*

⁶*You make us an object of contention for our | neighbors,*
and our enemies laugh a- | mong themselves.*

⁷*Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!*

¹⁷*But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,*
the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!*

¹⁸*Then we shall not turn | back from you;*
give us life, and we will call up- | on your name!*

¹⁹*Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts!*
Let your face shine, that we | may be saved!*

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:7–18

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

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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 11:2–10

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

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

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

The Night Will Soon Be Ending

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers

Offering

Offertory for Advent

C *O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing
nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death’s dark shadows
put to flight. 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

- 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.*

Communion Hymns

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| <i>The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns</i> | 348 |
| <i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i> | 384 |
| <i>Joy to the World</i> | 387 |

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

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

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In Our Prayers

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Cooper Steuber, Leslie Crissinger, Jaxen Garlick,
Mary Jo Hartmann, Kathy Klug, Sandy Cooley, Christine Bartz

Serving our Country: Adam Quade

Sick & In Distress: Dan Becker, Web Quade, Mitchell Wagner

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

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Myrna Behrens, Wesson Morris, Jennie Oberdieck,
Pat Steuber, Sarah Wirth, Doug Bicknase

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

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

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

THANK YOU to our church family for all the prayers and support during Web's recent hospital visit. He is recuperating now at home and continued prayers for healing would be appreciated. ~Web & Dar Quade and Family

ADVENT III: Wednesday December 15th @ St James Lutheran

PTL will be serving supper from 6-6:45PM

Cheesy Potatoes with Ham, Green Beans, Dinner Roll & Cookie

9:00am & 7:00pm Advent Worship/SJL School Christmas Program



SS Christmas Program Practice

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

LYF is raising money to go to the Higher Things Youth Gathering in Bozeman, MT, this summer. As a fundraiser, they are offering to collect Christmas trees after Christmas (real trees only). Collection will run until January 6th (Epiphany). If you are interested in helping the kids raise money and having them haul away your tree, please contact Larissa Hillmer (236-2780).

Grocery Receipts for SJLS.
 HyVee \$73,000 Fareway \$101,000
Receipts from HyVee can be grocery, gas or pharmacy

Remember to use Amazon Smile as you shop as another way to financially help the school. Talk to Heather if you have questions.




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

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.

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

- **The Martin Luther High School, Northrop, Europe 2022 group** will be working for tips at the **Pizza Ranch** in Fairmont on Monday, December 13. Come and enjoy the buffet!
- **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.

| Those Serving our Lord | | | |
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|  | | Greeters | Acolyte |
| SJL | 12-12 | Tom & Jean Schultz | Joseph Crissinger |
| | 12-15 | 7P Warren & Carole Schultze | _____ |
| | 12-19 | | Mason Engel |
| Zion | 12-12 | Zachary Brummond | Jadyn Montgomery |
| | 12-19 | Kristi Bulfer & Lili Bulfer | Braden Roiger |

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Dec 12—Dec 19, 2021

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:30AM–1:00PM

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| Sunday | 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 |
| | NFL | (SJ) 7:00 PM |
| Tuesday | Chapel | (SJ) 8:40 AM |
| Wednesday | Advent III Worship/SJL School Christmas Program | (SJ) 9:00 AM |
| | Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) | (SJ) 4:00 PM |
| | Confirmation Class (8th grade) | (SJ) 5:00 PM |
| | Advent III supper - PTL | (SJ) 6:00 PM |
| | Advent III Worship/SJL School Christmas Program | (SJ) 7:00 PM |
| | Joint Choir Practice | (Z) 8:00 PM |
| Thursday | Chapel | (SJ) 8:40 AM |
| | Church Council Meeting | (SJ) 7:30 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 |
| | SS Christmas Program Practice | (Z) After worship (SJ) 9:45 AM |

Wednesday December 1, 2021

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| Attendance | Jt @ Zion 50 |
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| Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion | | | December 5, 2021 |
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| Attendance | 86 (HC 60) | Home | \$2,955.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$23.00 | Missions | \$265.00 |
| SJL School | \$50.00 | Kitchen Remodel | \$1,000.00 |
| CFS | \$28.79 | Dakota Boys Ranch | \$246.00 |
| MLHS | \$500.00 | | |

| Reflecting our Stewardship – St James | | | December 5, 2021 |
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| Attendance | 100 (HC 78) | Home | \$1,055.00 |
| Online | \$500.56 | Tuition | \$3,500.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$145.00 | Transportation | \$150.00 |
| Mem Tuition Angel | \$5.00 | Missions | \$25.00 |
| Dakota Boys Ranch | \$240.00 | SJLS Misc | \$1,258.92 |