

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



Pastor John Henry



Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 19, 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.*

"Three English Carols" *Sung by the Choir*

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

Philippians 4:4-5



⁴Rejoice in the Lord | always*; again I will say|, Rejoice.

⁵Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.* The Lord is | at hand;

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 and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

"Only a Baby Came" *Sung by the Choir*

First Lesson

1 Samuel 2:1-10

¹And Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in the LORD.

My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.

²“There is none holy like the LORD;
there is none besides you;
there is no rock like our God.

³Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

⁴The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble bind on strength.

⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low and he exalts.

⁸He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s,
and on them he has set the world.

⁹“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,

but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,
for not by might shall a man prevail.
¹⁰The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;
against them he will thunder in heaven.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

"Sing We Now of Christmas" *Sung by the Choir*

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4–9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Luke 1:39–56

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

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

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.
⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
 and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he has sent empty away.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,
 to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*
Sermon

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Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory for Advent

C *O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind; Bid
 Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*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!*

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.*

Distribution Hymns

O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is 372

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring 353

Creator of the Stars of Night 351

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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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In Our Prayers

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Warren Schultze, Edison Schuder, Dustin Kosbab, Jay Juhl,
Lynn Petrowiak

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: Mike Sandersfeld, Carol Bartz, Teresa Montgomery,
Lynn Schwieger, Joseph Fitzgerald, Danielle Nelson, Connie Peymann,
Ramona Schott

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

ADVENT IV: Wednesday December 22th @ Zion

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

Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Cheesy Potatoes, & Dessert

7:00PM Advent Vespers Worship

Bulletins and Broadcast are sponsored by Doug & Laurie Quinn in glory to God for **Liam Robert Schrader** who was welcomed into the world by Miranda and Spencer Schrader on November 13th and blessed as a child of God through Baptism on December 12th. We thank God for the wonderful miracle of birth!

THANK YOU for all the prayers and support for Steven Luhmann during his hospitalization and for the family as he went on to live with his Lord & Savior. We have been truly blessed by you. ~**Family of Steven Luhmann**

THANK YOU for all the wonderful donation of candy, cookies and other goodies and for everyone who helped with the Cookie Walk. We had a fabulous selection and attendees shared many great compliments. It was the best sale so far, even with the uncooperative weather. **Also, THANK YOU to Gary Luhmann** for clearing the snow so everyone could safely attend.

~**Cookie Walk Committee**

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 by having them haul away your tree, please contact Larissa Hillmer (236-2780).

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are on the tables in the Narthex.

ANNUAL REPORTS can be turned in to the church office or emailed to sjl_office@frontiernet.net. Please have them submitted before Wed 1/5 for Zion, and before Wed 1/12 for SJL **Thank you!**

Donations for Christmas Bags on Christmas Eve can be given to an Elder at either church or placed into the offering plate earmarked “Christmas Bags”. Thank you!

SJL Special Christmas Birthday Offering. The offering at the Children’s service on Christmas Eve is an opportunity to thank God for the many years He has blessed you. Consider a thank you gift of one dollar (\$1.00) for every year our Lord has graciously bestowed upon you.



DEC 19	4 th Sunday in Advent	Divine Services	8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
21	SJ	SJLS Children’s Program (RESCHEDULED)	10:45AM
		<i>(Offerings: SJL School)</i>	
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 st Sunday aft Christmas	Divine Services	8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
31	SJ	New Years Eve	Divine Service 7:00PM

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 12-19		Bryce Borkenhagen
12-24	7pm Bryan Simmering & Judi Polzin	_____
12-25	10am Paul & Cindi Tomlinson	Camrin King
12-26	Dayna Sinn & Chase Hillmer	Jackson Luhmann
Zion 12-19	Kristi Bulfer & Lili Bulfer	Braden Roiger
12-22	Duane & Nancy Letcher	_____
12-24	4pm Cairne Eytcheston	_____
	10pm Dan & Patti Fitzgerald	_____
12-26	Dean Maschoff	James Steuber

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Dec 19—Dec 26, 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
Monday	Board of Christian Education Mtg	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Tuesday	SJL School Christmas Program (rescheduled)	(SJ) 10:45 AM
Wednesday	NO After School Confirmation Class	
	Advent IV supper - LYF	(Z) 6:00 PM
	Advent IV Worship	(Z) 7:00 PM
Friday	NO Morning Bible Study	
	SS Christmas Eve Program	(Z) 4:00 PM (SJ) 7:00 PM
	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	(Z) 10:00 PM
Saturday	CHRISTMAS DAY Divine Service	(SJ) 10:00 AM
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM

Wednesday December 8, 2021

Attendance	Jt @ Zion 65
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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			December 12, 2021
Attendance	96 (HC 58)	Home	\$2,919.20
MLHS	\$600.00	Missions	\$515.00
Zion Misc	\$35.25	Christmas Bags	\$155.00
ADV II KSUM	\$520.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			December 12, 2021
Attendance	90 (HC 68)	Home	\$5,139.00
Online	\$800.56	Tuition	\$6,200.00
Loose Plate	\$76.00	Tuition Angel	\$160.00
Mem SJL School	\$25.00	Missions	\$635.00
Bulletins	\$35.00	SJLS Misc	\$125.00
ADV I Boys Ranch	\$30.00	ADV II KSUM	\$217.00
ADV III SJL School	\$30.00		