

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



Pastor John Henry



First Sunday after Christmas
December 26, 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 *Joy to the World* **387**

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



- P** *The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!**
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

Gloria Patri

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- 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:
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*
C *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 your spirit.**
P Let us pray.
O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

First Lesson

1 Chronicles 17:1–15

¹Now when David lived in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, “Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under a tent.” ²And Nathan said to David, “Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you.”

³But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁴“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: It is not you who will build me a house to dwell in. ⁵For I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up Israel to this day, but I have gone from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling. ⁶In all places where I have moved with all Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’” ⁷Now, therefore, thus shall you say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people Israel, ⁸and I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ⁹And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall waste them no more, as formerly, ¹⁰from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I declare to you that the LORD will build you a house. ¹¹When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹²He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. ¹³I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you, ¹⁴but I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.’” ¹⁵In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Proverbs 8:22–32

²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.

²³**Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.**

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
 when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵**Before the mountains had been shaped,
 before the hills, I was brought forth,**
²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields,
 or the first of the dust of the world.
²⁷**When he established the heavens, I was there;
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,**
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
 when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹**when he assigned to the sea its limit,
 so that the waters might not transgress his command,**
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman,
**and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,**
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the children of man.
³²**“And now, O sons, listen to me:
 blessed are those who keep my ways.**

Second Lesson

Hebrews 1:1–3, 6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Luke 2:30, 32

P Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

Alleluia

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C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel*John 1:1–18***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.****Hymn of the Day***Of the Father’s Love Begotten***384****Sermon****Nicene Creed***inside the back cover of the hymnal***The Prayers****Offering**

Offertory

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- 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 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. 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

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- 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.*

Distribution Hymns

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| <i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i> | 334 |
| <i>Thy Strong Word</i> | 578 |
| <i>Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord</i> | 352 |

Nunc Dimittis

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- 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** 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 *By All Your Saints in Warfare* 517

- 1 *By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne.*

- 7 *St. Stephen, Martyr (December 26)*
Praise for the first of martyrs
Who saw You ready stand
To help in time of torment,
To plead at God's right hand.
Like You, our suff'ring Savior,
His enemies he blessed,
With "Lord, receive my spirit,"
His faith, by death, confessed.
- 8 *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (December 27)*
For Your belov'd disciple
Exiled to Patmos' shore,
And for his faithful record,
We praise You evermore.
Praise for the mystic vision
Through him to us revealed;
May we, in patience waiting,
With Your elect be sealed.
- 9 *Holy Innocents, Martyrs (December 28)*
All praise for infant martyrs,
Whom Your mysterious love
Called early from their warfare
To share Your home above.
O Rachel, cease your weeping;
They rest from earthly cares!
Lord, grant us crowns as brilliant
And faith as sure as theirs.
- △ 3 *Then let us praise the Father*
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.

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In Our Prayers

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Rachel Mortenson, Britten Swanson, Jameson Wolter,
Joseph Crissinger, Alyssa Bremer

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: Lili Bulfer, Brian Steuber, Evan Oberdieck,
Tony Brummond, Nancy Letcher

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

Bulletins and Broadcast are sponsored by Larry & Linda Becker in celebration and thankfulness for their 54th Wedding Anniversary on Dec 30th. May God continue to bless your marriage.

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.



Installation of 2022 Officers will be Sunday, January 2nd during both church services.

Dear Friends in Christ--members, teachers, families, and leadership of Zion & St. James: Thank you for another blessed and fruitful year of ministry under Christ. We appreciate the support, the friendship, and the generosity we continue to experience, and we give thanks to God for all of you. We pray you all are experiencing a blessed and Merry Christmas season, and that the coming year will be filled with an abundance of grace for us all. **Thank you,**
~**Pastor & Laura Henry, John, Luke, Silas, Molly.**

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL 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.

The Panther Press is available to view online at sjlnorthrop.com. Check out all the wonderful happenings at the school. Hover over the School Tab across the top of the home page and in the dropdown menu you will find Panther Press, then just choose a date.

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.

St James Lutheran PTL will be serving a meal before the **Epiphany Service** on Thursday January 6th at Zion. They will be serving Cheesy Potatoes with Ham, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, and Cookies.

LYF Events

- **Epiphany Bonfire** after church at Zion on Thursday, Jan 6th
- **Super Bowl Pizza Planning Meeting**, Sunday Jan 9th @ 6pm
- **Pizza Making Day**, Saturday Feb 12th @ TBA

Friday Morning Bible Study Continues their study of Revelation, led by Pastor Henry in the SJL 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 or on our Facebook page.

Sunday Morning Bible Study at SJL is going through a video series from Focus on the Family entitled **That The World May Know**. The current volume is **With All Your Heart**. *Do you remember where your blessings come from? In Exodus, God warned Israel to remember Him when they left the dry desert and reached the fertile fields of the promised land. But we quickly discover how quickly the Israelites forgot God and began to rely on themselves.* **Everyone is welcome to bring your coffee/juice/snack to the fellowship hall after church for the video and discussion.**

Sunday Morning Bible Study at Zion meets at 8:45am. Everyone is welcome to start your Sunday morning in fellowship with God's Word.

Grocery Receipts for SJLS.
HyVee \$91,000 Fareway \$105,000
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.






Annual Church Meetings
Zion 1/12 @ 7:30—(Supper provided by the LWML @ 6:30)
SJL 1/19 @ 7:30

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!**

Please update your contact information with the office. Check the list located by the offering envelopes so our records are up to date. **Thank you!**

“Where are your eyes today? ... Gaze at the baby Jesus in the manger—born into humanity for you. Watch as Jesus teaches, heals, comforts, and calls lost people to Himself. Fix your eyes on Him as He hangs on that cross for you. And look joyfully at Him as He meets you after the resurrection—loving you, forgiving you, and sending you out into His world to share His love with others ... Let’s fix our eyes on Jesus!” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

|  | | Those Serving our Lord | |
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| | | Greeters | Acolyte |
| SJL | 12-26 | Dayna Sinn & Chase Hillmer | Jackson Luhmann |
| | 12-31 | Diana Mosloski | _____ |
| | 1-2-2022 | Greg & Deb Raabe | Cedar Bohlsen |
| Zion | 12-26 | Dean Maschoff | James Steuber |
| | 1-2-2022 | Darren & Caitlin Balcom | Kayden Glidden |

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| THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: | | Dec 26—Jan 2, 2022 |
| CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: | | Monday-Friday 8:30AM–1:00PM |
| Office phone: 436-5289 | | Email: sjl_office@frontiernet.net |
| | | Website: sjlnorthrop.com |
| Sunday | Divine Worship | (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM |
| | Sunday School | (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM |
| Wednesday | NO After School Confirmation Class | |
| Friday | NO Morning Bible Study | |
| | New Years Eve Divine Service | (SJ) 7:00 PM |
| Saturday | New Years Day | |
| Sunday | Installation of Officers | |
| | 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 our website, sjlnorthrop.com.

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| Wednesday December 21, 2021 | |
| Attendance | Jt @ SJL 171 |



| Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion | | | December 19, 2021 |
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| Attendance | 103 (HC 63) | Home | \$4,975.00 |
| MLHS | \$65.00 | Missions | \$165.00 |
| Memorials -Kitchen | \$300.00 | Christmas Bags | \$20.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$107.00 | | |

| Reflecting our Stewardship – St James | | | December 19, 2021 |
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| Attendance | 99 (HC 82) | Home | \$4,705.00 |
| Online | \$1,320.58 | Tuition | \$1,125.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$128.25 | Tuition Angel | \$50.00 |
| Memorials | \$150.00 | Missions | \$10.00 |
| Bulletins/Broadcast | \$80.00 | SJLS Misc | \$2,700.00 |
| MLHS | \$625.00 | Ruth Draut Estate | \$21,875.00 |