

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



Pastor John Henry



Second Sunday in Advent
December 5, 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 *Children of the Heavenly Father* **725**
Sung by MLHS Choir at St. James

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.

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”

¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Psalm

Psalm 50:1–2, 22–23



¹The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and sum- | mons the earth*
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

²Out of Zion, the perfection of | beauty,*
God | shines forth.

²²“Mark this, then, you who for- | get God,*
lest I tear you apart, and there be none to de- | liver!

²³The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glo- | rifies me;*
to one who orders his way rightly
I will show the salva- | tion of God!”

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:17–6:2

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

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 3:1–20

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

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”

⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”

¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.”

¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His win-

nowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day *When All the World Was Cursed* **346**

Sermon

Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory "O Come, Emmanuel" *Sung by MLHS Choir at St. James*

Offertory for Advent *Zion only*

C *O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height, In ancient times didst give the Law, In cloud and majesty and awe.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny, That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

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

<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	347
<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	686
<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	739

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.

At St. James, Choir sings Stanza 2 of the closing hymn:

Closing Hymn *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come* **350**

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In Our Prayers

The Family of Steven Luhmann

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Dawn Grefe, Dylan Klug, Tyler Wiederhoeft,
Eden Becker, Seth Becker, Dan Krome

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: Joshua Fitzgerald, Henry Murphy, Lucas Nelson,
Dorie Schwieger, David Moeller, Adley Nelson

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

New Members at SJL

Haley Schock from St Johns, South Branch

Magen Borkenhagen from St Johns, Sherburn

Jason & Melissa Engel Family from East Chain Lutheran

Please make them feel welcomed into our SJL Family.



Flowers on the alter at SJL have been placed by the Gary & Sandra Luhmann Family in memory of Gary's brother Steven who passed away this past week. May God continue to be your source of comfort and strength during this difficult time.

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.



SS Christmas Program Practice

- **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 or on our Facebook page.

ADVENT II: Wednesday December 8th @ Zion

LYF will be serving supper from **6-6:45PM**

Lasagna, Caesar salad, Garlic bread and Strawberry jello salad

7:00pm Advent Vespers Worship

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

LYF Christmas Party, Dec 5th at 5PM. We will have pizza, and fellowship together in the St James Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

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) the office with this information before **December 6th.**

St John's Antrim Church will be having their 6th annual Beef Commercial Meal TODAY, Sunday Dec. 5th, 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. 1st. You can pick up the preordered pies on the day of the meal. **This is a free will donation event.**

St John's Lutheran Church –Sherburn LWML Guest Day will be Wednesday, December 8th @ 2pm. Karis Hagen will share her experiences of growing up as a missionary's child in Africa. There will also be a Christmas Hymn Sing and Coffee & Dessert. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

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.

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

“JOY to the World!” MLHS Christmas Concert presented by the Elementary and high school band and high school choir, will be Saturday Dec 11th, 7pm, at the Fairmont Opera House. The students are under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a free will donation. Everyone is invited to celebrate the Christmas season with us.

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.

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!

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 \$59,000 Fareway \$96,000

Receipts from HyVee can be grocery, gas or pharmacy



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!

Thank you to those who have volunteered to bring treats for the Cookie Walk. Please bring items to the fellowship hall either Friday (12/10) night 5-6:30 or Saturday (12/11) morning at 8am. Volunteers are still needed to help arrange all the goodies. Contact Linda Becker if you have questions (236-1316).



Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	12-5	Matt & Melissa Schuder	Ashley Burkey
	12-12	Tom & Jean Schultz	Joseph Crissinger
Zion	12-5	Doug & Lorna Bicknase	Sam Marroquin-Balderas
	12-8	7P Tony & Gini Brummond	_____
	12-12	Zachary Brummond	Jadyn Montgomery

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:		Dec 5—Dec 12, 2021
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
	SS Christmas Program Practice	(Z) After worship (SJ) 9:45 AM
	Jennie Williamson Christmas Concert @ SPL Truman	4:00 PM
	LYF Christmas Party	(SJ) 5:00 PM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	NO LWML	
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Advent II supper - LYF	(Z) 6:00 PM
	Advent II Vespers Service	(Z) 7:00 PM
	Joint Choir Practice	(Z) 8:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Saturday	SJL Cookie Walk	(SJ) 9-11 AM
	JOY! To the World Christmas Concert	(FOH) 7:00 PM
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 November 24, 2021	
Attendance	Jt @ Zion 62 (HC 56)



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion		November 28, 2021	
Attendance	85 (HC 62)	Home	\$3,475.00
Loose Plate	\$72.00	Missions	\$225.00
SJL School	\$25.00	Christmas Bags	\$30.00
Thanksgiving	\$1,160.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James		November 28, 2021	
Attendance	106 (HC 85)	Home	\$5,010.00
Online	\$601.87	Tuition	\$225.00
Loose Plate	\$215.00	MLHS	\$211.00
Memorials	\$35.00	Missions	\$10.00
Thanksgiving	\$773.00		