

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



Pastor John Henry

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 2022



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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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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.

Psalm 56:13



*¹³For you have delivered my soul from death,
yes, my feet from | falling,*
that I may walk before God
in the | light of life.*

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.*

LSB pgs. 152-153

Repeated 4 times:

P ...pray to the Lord.

C *Lord, have mercy.*

P *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

C *Amen.*

LSB pg. 154

P *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.*

C *Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
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.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

St. James Only

First Lesson

Micah 7:15–20

¹⁵As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt,
I will show them marvelous things.

¹⁶The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might;
they shall lay their hands on their mouths;
their ears shall be deaf;

¹⁷they shall lick the dust like a serpent,
like the crawling things of the earth;
they shall come trembling out of their strongholds;
they shall turn in dread to the LORD our God,
and they shall be in fear of you.

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities under foot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

²⁰You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

¹This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse*LSB pg. 156*

C *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Holy Gospel*Mark 2:1–12*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the second chapter.

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

¹When [Jesus] returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷“Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic—¹¹“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹²And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness***563****Sermon****Apostles' Creed***inside the back cover of the hymnal***The Prayers****Offering**

Offertory for Epiphany

LSB pg. 537

C *Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!*

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. 161

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
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

LSB pg. 163

C *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Communion Hymns

<i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i>	761
<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	702
<i>Chief of Sinners Though I Be</i>	611

Thank the Lord

LSB pg. 164

- C** *Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

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

I Know My Faith Is Founded

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Jesse Peterson
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Bulletins are sponsored by Lynn J Becker to the glory of God and in honor of ALL the Becker family birthdays during the month of January: Linda (9th), Larissa (22nd), Lynn J (23rd), Lance (24th), Taylor (28th), & Larry (31st).

You can sponsor the bulletins (\$10) or online broadcast (\$25) any-time throughout the year, in honor of a special event or giving thanks to God. Call the church office to reserve the week of your choice.

Our condolences to the family of John Hilgendorf who went to live with his Lord, Sunday, January 16th. John's funeral will be held at Zion on Saturday, Jan 22nd at 1:30pm with visitation starting at noon. Please keep his family in your prayers.

ANNUAL REPORTS are available and waiting for you to pick up on the table in the Narthex.

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are on the table in the Narthex at Zion or in your bulletin boxes at SJL. Please throw away any extras from 2021 because your number may have changed.

Please update your contact information with the office. Check the list located in the annual reports so our records are up to date. **Thank you!**

Bulletins are emailed weekly. If you are not on the list and would like to be, please contact the office. **Bulletins can also be found on the website sjlnorthrop.com.** Contact the office if you have questions.

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

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).

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

Children's Winter Carnival at MLHS on Sunday January 23 from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$5/child or \$15/family. The NHS and Student Council will be hosting a variety of games. Snacks, a toddler room and parent lounge will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

SUBS FOR SUPER BOWL SUNDAY! The Martin Luther High School Europe Group is selling homemade sub sandwiches. They are approximately 10-12" long, layered with sliced ham, turkey, and two kinds of cheese. *Subs are made without lettuce, pickles, or mayonnaise so they freeze well. Cost is \$6.00 each. Order before Monday, January 31. Sandwiches can be picked up between 1-3 pm on Saturday, February 12--or they can be delivered upon request. To order, call the MLHS office at 507-436-5249 or a form is also available in the church office.

Fresh-made Cheese Balls for your Super Bowl Party sold and made by the MLHS class of 2023. The Cheese Balls are approximately 14 ounces and are being sold for \$12 each. There are three kinds from which to choose.

- Bacon Cheddar Cheese Ball
- Dill Pickle Wrap Cheese Ball
- Chocolate Chip Cheese Ball

Orders are due by noon on Wednesday, February 9th. Contact Tom Taylor at 436-5249. Cheese Balls can be picked up at MLHS between 1:00 and 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 12th.

Pancake Breakfast

*National
Lutheran
Schools
Week*



When: January 23rd, 2022
Where: St. James Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Time: 9:30am -12:00pm
Cost: Free Will Donation

Gluten free pancakes available upon request!

**Proceeds designated
for the purchase of new computers at SJL school**



January 23-29, 2022

Global Kid Fund partners with Lutheran Schools and communities in Zambia, Kenya and Madagascar to provide backpacks, workbooks, school supplies and Christian books which help at risk kids stay in school and learn about the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We will be watching a LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES Visit Zambia series during NLSW to learn more about these schools and kids. Our weekly offerings will go to towards this backpack mission. Every \$90 raised fills 6 backpacks!

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Board of Christian Education, Sunday January 23rd at SJL 9:30-Noon. Gluten free pancakes available upon request. Free-will donations will be used to purchase new computers.

The congregation is invited to our **National Lutheran Schools Week opening chapel service at 8:40 am on Monday, January 24**. Our students will be singing songs and selected students will be reading their personal essays, "What Jesus Means to Me". You are welcome to join us!

SJL National Lutheran Schools Week FUN

MONDAY : Ice Skating
TUESDAY: Lego Party
WEDNESDAY: Wacky Wednesday PE
THURSDAY: Rad Zoo
FRIDAY: Comfy Day
Mission Madness Pie-in-the-Face Contest
SATURDAY: MCLI Boys Basketball Tourney



Martin Luther High School KNIGHTS for LIFE

Dear Editor,

Martin Luther High School in Northrop has a Y4Life chapter, the youth branch of Lutherans for Life. In this group, we strive to learn about different life issues and how we can address them. Life issues extend beyond the infamous issue of abortion. They also include homelessness, human trafficking, marriage, abstinence, self-harm, suicide, pornography, family, contraception, end-of-life care, homosexuality, transgender, and so much more. A recent project that our group took part in was packing seventy personal-care kits for the homeless, which we gave to the Salvation Army in Mankato to distribute. There is so much information about life issues being tossed around, whether true or false. We seek to sort out fact from fiction and learn to respect the other side without compromising the truth.

Sunday, January 16 through Saturday, January 22 is Life Week. This letter is meant to spread awareness of Life Week and its message. Y4Life's national theme this year is "God Chose You," based on John 15:16 – "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit" (ESV). God has chosen each one of us from the beginning of creation. God has also chosen our body to be a temple. He gave us the beautiful gift of a body, and we are called to be stewards of that body, to take care of it and be aware of what we do with it. God also chooses each one of us to belong. We all have a spot and purpose in God's family; not one of us is useless or random. God chose us with a purpose. Nothing He does is random. He is intelligent, caring, and purposeful. He knows you, and He knows your talents. God chose us with forgiveness. No one is perfect. We all do bad things, and we all have insecurities. God knows who He is choosing, and He knows that we are not perfect. God chose us for life in Christ. God does not want anyone to go to Hell. He forgives, and He wants you to be part of His family. God chose you for Life together. God does not want anyone to be alone. Humans need other humans to love. God gives us marriage, children, and friends to create the beautiful gift of family. We have the opportunity to create strong bonds and love between many people.

Today, we often find lines, divisions and hate. With this letter, we hope to spread a little love and a little hope. Life is a valuable gift at all ages and all stages of life, and it should be protected.

Sincerely,
Kambria Steinhaus and the Knights 4 Life

Mission Statement

Preparing students for discipleship until Christ's return.



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. Currently they are using the Lutheran Witness for topics of discussion.

"The Lord called all things into being, from the greatest to the least, with His mighty mere Word. But He formed the human bodies with His own fingers and His very breath. He lovingly, intimately, and meticulously knits us together in our mothers' wombs." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	1-23	Kirk & Kay Vogt	Joseph Crissinger
	1-30	Coty & Brittany Weiss	Mason Engel
Zion	1-23	Marcus & Alisa Eytcheson	Jadyn Montgomery
	1-30	Maurice & Tina Gagnon	Braden Roiger

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:		Jan 23—30, 2022
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:		Monday-Friday 8:30AM–1:00PM
Office phone: 436-5289		Email: sjl_office@frontiernet.net
		Website: sjlnorthrop.com
Sunday	LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM
	BOCE Pancake Breakfast	(SJ) 9:30 - Noon
Monday	NFL	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Saturday	MCLI Boys Basketball Tournament	
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM

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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			January 16, 2022
Attendance	86 (HC 58)	Home	\$2,705.00
Loose	\$50.25	MLHS	\$65.00
Kitchen	\$10,500.00	Missions	\$100.00
SJL School	\$50.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			January 16, 2022
Attendance	83 (HC 63)	Home	\$8,345.00
Online	\$786.17	Missions	\$10.00
Loose Plate	\$60.00	Tuition Angel	\$50.00
Tuition	\$1,900.00	MLHS	\$100.00