

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



Pastor John Henry

Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 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

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

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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 42:1a, Psalm 2:7



Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.*

*I will tell of | the decree:**

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

Gloria Patri

LSB pg. 186

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:*

C *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*

*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.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You
proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy
Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling

as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1–7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 29:1–2, 10–11



¹*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly | beings,*
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.*

²*Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name,*
worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness.*

¹⁰*The LORD sits enthroned o- | ver the flood;*
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | ever.*

¹¹*May the LORD give strength to his | people!*
May the LORD bless his people | with peace!*

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:2–14

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day*Mark 1:11b*

Alleluia. You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

Alleluia*LSB pg. 190*

C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel*Matthew 3:13–17*

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

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

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn*God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It***594****Sermon****Nicene 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. 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

LSB pg. 198

- 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.*

Communion Hymns

<i>Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying</i>	597
<i>Salvation unto Us Has Come</i>	555

Nunc Dimittis

LSB pgs. 199-200

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

Kyrie! God, Father

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In Our Prayers

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Sonia Hoewisch, Justin Pichner, Sherri Roforth,
Nicolas Schultze, Shawn Graplar, Jada Mahoney

Serving our Country: Adam Quade

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

Homebound: Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: JoAnn Hilgendorf, Marcus Miller, Kevin Prafke,
Brandon Steuber

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



Annual Church Meetings

Zion 1/12 @ 7:30—(Supper provided by the LWML @ 6:30)

SJL 1/19 @ 7:30

Please consider becoming a Church Voter. All adults (age 18+) can be voters and help make decisions for your church. Members from all generations are needed to ensure the future of our congregations continue forward in faith. Contact an elder if you have questions.

SJL ANNUAL REPORTS can be turned in to the church office or emailed to sjl_office@frontiernet.net. Please submit before Wed 1/12. **Thank you!**

ZION 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.

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.

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



NEEDED: Sunday School Superintendent at SJL. Please contact Paul Tomlinson (236-2143).

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

The 15th annual Generation to Generation Antique Auction will be held in the gymnasium at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Saturday, January 15th at 9:30 a.m. This is a huge, all-day auction with many donors and consignors. Lunch will be available. For pictures and sale bill go to <https://www.martinlutherhs.com/antique-auction.html>. This auction is a benefit for the Student Tuition Aid Funds.



KEEP SEEKING HIM

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 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.

LYF Events

- **Super Bowl Pizza Planning Meeting**, Sunday Jan 9th, 6pm @ SJL.
Epiphany Bonfire to follow the meeting @ Zion
- **Pizza Making Day**, Saturday Feb 12th @ TBA

Grocery Receipts for SJLS.

HyVee \$99,000 Fareway \$109,000
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.



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.

“[E]very human life, no matter the size, level of development, environment, or degree of dependency, is indispensable in fulfilling God’s plans.” *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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.**

Biblical resolutions

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)
Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)
Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

—Gus Nichols (adapted)

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Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 1-9	Mike & Heidi Steuber	Bryce Borkenhagen
1-16	Rick & Jody Uttech	Ashley Burkey
Zion 1-9	Chuck & Nita Dobson	John Henry IV
1-16	Cairne Eytcheson	Sam Marroquin-Balderas

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Jan 9—16, 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
	LYF Pizza Planning Meeting/Epiphany bonfire	(SJ) 6:00 PM
	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
	Zion Voter's meeting supper	(Z) 6:30 PM
	Zion Annual Voter's Meeting	(Z) 7:30 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	NO School - End of Quarter	
	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Saturday	MLHS Antique Auction	9:15 AM
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM

Joint New Years Eve	
Attendance	35 (HC 30)



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion		January 2, 2022	
Attendance	74 (HC 47)	Home	\$1,827.70
Loose Plate	\$18.25	Missions	\$265.00
SJL School	\$50.00	MLHS	\$1,100.00
New Years Eve	\$505.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James		January 2, 2022	
Attendance	78 (HC 62)	Home	\$3,847.00
Online	\$500.56	Missions	\$625.00
Loose Plate	\$103.00	Memorials	\$10.00
Bulletins/Broadcast	\$100.00	New Years Eve	\$3,350.00
New Years Day	\$1,020.00		