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



Pastor John Henry

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 20, 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** Amazing Grace 744

#### **Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- 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.
- **C** Amen.

**Entrance Psalm** 

Psalm 26:2-3



<sup>2</sup>Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;\* test my heart | and my mind.
<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,\* and I walk in your | faithfulness.

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

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.

# This is the Feast

#### LSB pg. 155

**C** (Refrain): *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.* 

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.* (Refrain)

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.* (Refrain)

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with your spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# **C** Amen.

## **First Lesson**

Isaiah 29:18–23

<sup>18</sup>In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book,

and out of their gloom and darkness

the eyes of the blind shall see.

<sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,

and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>20</sup>For the ruthless shall come to nothing

and the scoffer cease,

and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,

<sup>21</sup>who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,

and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

<sup>22</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

"Jacob shall no more be ashamed,

no more shall his face grow pale.

<sup>23</sup>For when he sees his children,

the work of my hands, in his midst,

they will sanctify my name;

they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob

and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

# **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

# Psalm

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

# <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

# The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

# <sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

## Second Lesson

# 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. This is the Word of the Lord.

- [**P**]
- Thanks be to God. С

#### Alleluia & Verse

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

#### **Holy Gospel**

John 9:1–16

LSB pg. 156

[**P**] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

#### С Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. [**P**]

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

Sermon Hymn	Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower	694
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#### 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.
- 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.
- Amen. С

#### **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**

O Lord, We Praise Thee	617
Crown Him with Many Crowns	525
What Wondrous Love Is This	543

#### Thank the Lord

LSB pg. 164

С 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.

#### С Amen

- P The Lord be with you.
- С And with your spirit.
- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- С Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you. **P** 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.

С Amen.

#### Closing Hymn Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise 917

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Thoughts and Prayers
<u>St James</u>
Baptism Birthdays: Lance Becker, Carrie Kluver, Jonah Luhmann,
Magen Borkenhagen, Monty Pettit, Kambria Rode, Teah Stedman,
Taylor Crissinger
Serving our Country: Adam Quade
Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Tom Koeritz, Chris Enevold
Homebound: Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann
Zion
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Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown,
Jesse Peterson
Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Duane Behrens
Homebound: Dale Schwieger, Arlene Darmer, Bill Peymann,
Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche

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 sponsored by Tony & Gini Brummond** in honor of Zachary's birthday on February 21st. God's blessings to you!

You can sponsor the bulletins (\$10 per congregation) or online broadcast (\$25) anytime 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.

**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.

**Vintage Zion Sunday School Records** are available for the taking. They are located on the table in the Narthex. Records date up to the 80's. Help yourself!



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



Welcome to Zachary Fischer who has joined St James Lutheran Church.

**LYF Higher Things Egg Fundraiser:** Free-will donation for farm fresh brown eggs from Lincoln Becker. They will be available after church in the Narthex @ SJL. Thank you for your generous support to help the youth get to Montana in July. Please return empty cartons if possible. If anyone else has a surplus of eggs and would like to contribute to the fundraiser contact Lynn Becker @ 230-2700.

Lutheran Special Education Ministries is looking for a full-time resource room teacher to fill a vacancy at St. Paul Lutheran School, Truman, MN. Applicants should have a valid Minnesota teaching license and a certification/endorsement in special education. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at <u>rschumacher@luthsped.org</u>.

Below, you'll find the link to our on-line employment application. <u>https://luthsped.org/were-looking-for-teachers/</u>

**LCMS Scholarship opportunity:** Eligible candidates for the scholarship should meet the following criteria: 1) Candidates must be members of congregations within the Minnesota South District of the LCMS; 2) Candidates must be in their third or fourth year of study at an undergraduate college or university of the LCMS, or enrolled in a postbaccalaureate program at an LCMS college, university or seminary. Candidates must be enrolled on a full-time basis, based upon the respective institution's definition of "full-time" status. Students are not eligible to apply for their vicarage year; 3) Candidates must be pursuing a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry. More information is available in the church office.

> Grocery Receipts for SJLS. HyVee \$132,000 Fareway \$123,000 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.

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#### **MARTIN LUTHER**

# 2022-2023 school year enrollment is now open for students in grades 9-12 at Martin Luther High

**School, Northrop.** Students can learn in a place where Christ is the focus and excellence is the standard. MLHS offers a complete high school education in a safe, family-like environment where every student is valued. Interested students and parents are invited to come see what a difference Jesus in the classroom--everyday makes in the lives of teens. All students are welcome at MLHS. Call 507-436-5249. www.martinlutherhs.com

All 5th & 6th Graders are invited to Martin Luther High School, Northrop for a day of Brain Busting Activities and the MLHS's Got Talent Show on Friday, February 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free Subway lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to 507-436-5249.

**The MLHS Class of 2022** will be hosting a **Waffle Feed** on Sunday, February 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is a free will donation. Proceeds will help fund their Class Trip.

**The MLHS Post Prom Committee** is holding a **Drive-Thru Chili Sale** with pick up on Sunday, March 13 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10 for a 32 oz container. Please pre-order by Tuesday, March 8th at 507-436-5249 or through a committee member.

The Freshmen Class of MLHS invites all 8th grade students and their families to a "Getting to Know You KNIGHT" on Tuesday, March 15th at 5:30 p.m. A free supper of pulled pork sandwiches and sides will be served. Students and parents will provide tours and answer questions. New students enrolling that evening will have a "Signing with MLHS" Ceremony and photo-op. Call 507-436-5249. www.martinlutherhs.com

**The MLHS Association Delegate Meeting** will be held on Sunday, March 20th at 1:00 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend.

**The Spring Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on March 31, April 1 & 2. Setup begins Saturday, March 26th.

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		09	LENT II Ve	espers		7:00PM (Z)	(KSUM Broadcast for local Pastors)
		13	Divine Se	rvice		8:30AM (SJ)	; 10:00AM (Z)
			(D	aylight Saving	begins)		
		16	LENT III V	espers		7:00PM (Z)	(Lutheran Bible Translators)
		20	Divine Se	rvice		8:30AM (SJ)	; 10:00AM (Z)
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		15		IDAY Vespers		7:00PM (SJ)	
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Those Serving our Lord				
Greeters		Greeters	Acolyte	
SJL	2-20	Paul & Cindy Wolter	Cedar Bohlsen	
	2-27	Lee Baarts	Bryce Borkenhagen	
Zion	2-20	Duane & Nancy Letcher	Kayden Glidden	
	2-20	Juan Marroquin & Veronica Balderas	John Henry	

	IS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: CH OFFICE HOURS: Mond	,	
	ne: 436-5289 Email: sjl_office @front		
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM	
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM	
	NFL	(SJ) 7:00 PM	
Monday	No School - Presidents' Day		
	Individual Prayer & Absolution	(SJ) 8-8:30 AM	
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM	
Wednesday	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM		
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM	
	Board of Christian Education Me	eeting (SJ) 7:00 PM	
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM	
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM	
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM	
	Individual Prayer & Absolution	(SJ) 9:15-9:45AM	
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM	
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM	
	Class of '22 Waffle Breakfast	(ML) 10-12:30 PM	



Reflect	February 6, 2022		
Attendance	70 (HC 50)	Home	\$4,054.20
Loose	\$3,180.00	Missions	\$1,035.00
Kitchen	\$2,500.00	Bulletins	\$100.00
SJL School	\$50.00	MLHS	\$500.00
Reflect	February 13, 2022		
Attendance	83 (HC 60)	Home	\$3,065.00
Loose	\$16.00	Missions	\$200.00
SJL School	\$50.00		

Reflecting	February 13, 2022		
Attendance	103 (HC 80)	Home	\$3,632.00
Online	\$1,604.89	Missions	\$145.00
Tuition	\$250.00	Loose Plate	\$110.03
SJLS Misc	\$350.00	Tuition Angel	\$160.00
Memorials	\$310.00	MLHS	\$350.00
Facility Rental	\$50.00		