

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



Pastor John Henry

Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 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

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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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 O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P ... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 45:10-11



¹⁰ *Hear, O daughter, and consider, and in- | cline your ear:**
forget your people and your | father's house,
¹¹ *and the king will desire your | beauty.**
Since he is your lord, | bow to him.

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, alle-
luia, 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 forev-
er. 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 Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the
bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought

upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sunday School Sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings" Zion Only

First Lesson

Revelation 21:1–8

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 45:1, 6–11, 13–15

¹My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

⁶Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

⁷you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

⁸your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

⁹daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;

at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

¹⁰Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:
forget your people and your father's house,
¹¹and the king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him.

¹³**All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.**

¹⁴In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.

¹⁵**With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.**

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:16–18; 5:1–11

¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

[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

Matthew 25:1–13

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* 516

Sermon

Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory *LSB 159*

C *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the
name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness **636**
Beautiful Savior **537**

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 *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* **348**

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Lutheran Schools in Martin County
St James Lutheran School, Martin Luther High School
All Schools and places of learning

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Tyson Schuder, Reece Riegel, Jon Hurlburt,
Sam Hurlburt, Lukas Krome, Hayden Solberg, Andrea Wiederhoeft
Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Marianne Hagen, Jeff Hagen,
Rochelle Franzen, Berniece Schultz, Annette Bremer
Homebound: Bev Graplar, Janice Peterson, Carl Luhmann

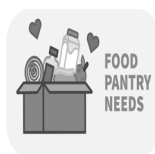
Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Lon Oelke, Jaxton Roberts
Seminary Student: Peter Preus
Serving our Country: Ben Peymann, Dalton Fette, Kory Brown,
Jesse Peterson
Sick & In Distress: Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger
Homebound: Dale Schwieger, Arlene Darmer, Lenore Wendt,
Norma Patsche

Bulletin Sponsors

- **Lon & Marilyn Oelke** are sponsoring bulletins at both congregations for the month of November, in honor of their birthdays and baptismal birthdays. May God continue to bless you both.
- **Larry & Linda Becker** are sponsoring the bulletins at both congregations this week in celebration of the marriage of their grandson, Luke Becker to Rebecca Calison, on Saturday, November 19th. God's richest blessings on your marriage.

Adult Choir Practice practices will be at Zion after Thanksgiving and Advent Services. **We will sing on December 11th.** All skill levels are welcome! Come join the team!



Remembering those in need this Advent Season we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Heaven's Table Food Shelf now through December 18th. If you would like to contribute items there is a table in the narthex to place your donations. Thank you!

*****December Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday November 22nd.*****

Christmas Eve Program Practice



ZION: Practice for the Christmas Eve Sunday School Program at Zion will begin on Sunday, November 27th. We will practice after the Sunday service through the Advent season. Practice will last for one hour. Please let Debbie Wallace know if your child(ren) will not be able to attend.

SJL: All children ages 3 yrs - 8th grade are encouraged to participate in the Christmas Eve Program. Please contact Jody Uttech if your child(ren) will be participating 507-236-6456. Practice will begin Sunday, November 27th, right after Sunday School until 11:30AM.

Donations for Zion Church and Parsonage Repairs are welcome. Zion voting members recently approved nearly \$10,000 of improvements to be completed on the church and parsonage. Areas of the church and parsonage recently received a fresh coat of paint at a cost of \$6,620. The parsonage garage doors and openers will also be replaced at a cost of approximately \$3,300. Please consider donating to help us reach our goal of \$10,000 to offset these costs. Designate donations to "Zion Repairs". - Zion Trustees

St John's Willow Creek invites you to a Pancake Dinner, November 20th 11AM-1PM.

Five Sisters Project presents *Repeat the Sounding Joy*, Jason Gray with special guest Joshua Edwards, Saturday December 3rd, 6pm, at the USC Auditorium, 600 11th St SW, Wells. Tickets are \$35 and available through the website fivesistersproject.com. Proceeds support the work of Five Sisters Project: Help, Healing, and Hope to women and families in crisis.

St Paul's Lutheran Church LWML of Wilbert will have their Christmas Social with a Program, Light Lunch and Bake & Craft Sale on December 8th beginning at 1:30pm.

"In the Christian calendar, secular time is swallowed up in Sacred Time, which is a foreshadowing of the eternal Day of the Lord, when all that we have foolishly sought after and worried about will vanish as will the night vanish on the dawning of the Lord's Day. Rejoice, the Lord is near." *James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



WORSHIP with us

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| NOVEMBER | 23 | Z | Thanksgiving Eve | Divine Service | 7:00PM |
| | 24 | | NO Thanksgiving Day Service | | |
| | 26 | | Decorate Churches | Zion @ 8:30AM | SJL @ 9:00AM |
| | 27 | 1 st | Sunday in Advent | Divine Services | 8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z) |
| | 30 | Z | Advent Vespers Service I | | 7:00PM (<i>Offerings: TBD</i>) |
| DECEMBER | 04 | 2 nd | Sunday in Advent | Divine Services | 8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z) |
| | 07 | Z | Advent Vespers Service II | | 7:00PM (<i>Offerings: KSUM for Lutheran Hour</i>) |
| | 11 | 3 rd | Sunday in Advent | Divine Services | 8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z) |
| | 14 | SJ | SJLS Children's Program Chapel | | 9:00AM |
| | | | SJLS Children's Program/Advent Vespers III | | 7:00PM (<i>Offerings: SJL School</i>) |
| | 18 | 4 th | Sunday in Advent | Divine Services | 8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z) |
| | 21 | Z | Advent Vespers Service IV | | 7:00PM (<i>Offerings: Options Pregnancy Center</i>) |
| | 24 | Z | Christmas Eve Children SS Program | | 4:00PM (<i>Offerings: Day Schools</i>) |
| | | SJ | Christmas Eve Children SS Program | | 7:00PM (<i>Offerings: Birthday Offerings</i>) |
| | | Z | Candlelight | Divine Service | 10:00PM |
| | 25 | SJ | Christmas Day | Divine Service | 10:00AM |
| | 31 | SJ | NO New Years Eve Service | | |
| JANUARY | 01 | | New Years Day | Divine Services | 8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z) |
| | 06 | Z | Epiphany | Divine Service | 7:00PM |
| | 08 | | The Baptism of Our Lord | Divine Services | 8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z) |

****All Divine Services will have Holy Communion****

*Christ
is Coming!*



Join us for our 4th annual
Cookie Walk
 Saturday, December 10th 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!



Join us for the **4th Annual Cookie Walk** on Saturday, December 10th, 9-11am, at SJL. Please contact Linda Becker (236-1316) to sign up to help with donations of goodies or to help at the sale.

ADVENT II: Wednesday November 30th @ Zion
Eve Circle will be serving supper from **6-6:45PM**
 Turkey Sandwiches, Salads, Desserts and Beverages
7:00pm Advent Vespers Worship

Dear Friends, I am very grateful for the kind words, cards, and acts of care that I have received over the last few weeks. Since we have moved here and joined the Zion and St. James community, my family and I have always felt very loved and appreciated. Most precious has been the assurances of your prayers for us and for me. **Thank you.**
 ~Pastor J. Henry



Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class.

Zion: 8:45am, Narthex. Please join us as we study topics in The Lutheran Witness. Please bring your Lutheran Witness magazine if possible. Extra copies are available.

SJL: 9:45am, Fellowship Hall. We will begin a study entitled, *“Walking with God in the Desert....Are you going through a difficult period of life? The loss of a loved one? Unemployment? A crisis of faith? During these desert times, it’s easy to think God has disappeared. Instead, discover that it’s only when we are totally dependent on Him that we find Him closer than ever and can experience God’s amazing grace and provision.”*

Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study, 7pm at Zion. November 22nd will conclude our study from the book of Ephesians. We will be taking a break over the winter, so this is the last week until spring.

Friday Morning Bible Study is held at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL. For the next few weeks we will continue our study of the Trinity.

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

Martin Luther High School is looking for Thrivent Members who are willing to apply for the Thrivent \$250 Community Action dollars to help supplement the various activities. Each Thrivent member can do two events in a year. Thrivent members are encouraged to direct their Thrivent CHOICE DOLLARS to MLHS also. For more information contact the school office at 507-436-5249.

The Martin Luther JR/SR High School Music Department invites everyone to **"O Magnum Mysterium"** a Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Opera House. Elementary and high school musicians in band and choir will perform under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a free will offering.

| Those Serving our Lord | | |
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| | Greeters | Acolyte |
| SJL 11-20 | Ken & Rhonda Petrowiak | Ashley Burkey |
| 11-27 | Brianna & Bethany Petrowiak | Joseph Crissinger |
| Zion 11-20 | Cairne Eytcheson | John Henry IV |
| 11-23 | Chuck & Nita Dobson 7pm | |
| 11-27 | Marcus Moeller & Jared Flohrs | Sam Marroquin-Balderas |

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: November 20 - 27, 2022
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon
Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604
Email: sjlnorthrop@gmail.com Website: sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com

Sunday Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
 Sunday School/Bible Class (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30AM
 NFL (SJ) 10:30-1:30PM
Tuesday Chapel followed by Indiv Prayer & Absolution (SJ) 8:40 AM
 Ladies Bible Study (Z) 7:00 PM
Wednesday Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM
 Confirmation Class (8th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM
 Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service (Z) 7:00 PM
 Choir Practice (Z) 8:00 PM
Thursday **Thanksgiving**
Friday **NO** Morning Bible Study
Saturday Decorate the Church (Z) 8:30 AM, (SJ) 9:00 AM
Sunday Divine Worship (SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
 Sunday School/Bible Class (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30AM
 Christmas Program Practice (SJ) 10:30 AM, (Z) 11:00 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 the website; sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com



| Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion | | | Nov. 13, 2022 |
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| Attendance | 79 (HC 56) | Home | \$3,020.00 |
| Missions | \$275.00 | Loose Plate | \$57.50 |
| MLHS | \$500.00 | Kitchen | \$100.00 |

| Reflecting our Stewardship – St James | | | Nov. 13, 2022 |
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| Attendance | 81 (HC 69) | Home | \$6,622.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$46.00 | Missions | \$70.00 |
| Online | \$846.37 | Cemetery | \$400.00 |
| Tuition | \$350.00 | SJL School Misc | \$364.53 |