



MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

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.

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.

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."

Friday Morning Bible Study is held at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL. For the next few weeks we will be focusing on hymns of Advent and Christmas

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



Pastor John Henry

First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 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 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* 341

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.

Those Serving our Lord

	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 11-27	Brianna & Bethany Petrowiak	Joseph Crissinger
12-4	Judi Polzin & Bryan Simmering	Hailey Simpson
Zion 11-27	Marcus Moeller & Jared Flohrs	Sam Marroquin-Balderas
11-30	Dan & Patti Fitzgerald 7pm	
12-4	Maurice & Tina Gagnon	Caleb Meyer

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 25:1-2



¹To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.

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 *sung; repeated five times. LSB pg. 204*

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson

Malachi 4

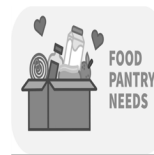
¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



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!

LYF Egg fundraiser will continue after many Sunday services at SJL. Lincoln & I have doubled the flock and we have EGGS, EGGS, & MORE EGGS! 100% of proceeds goes to LYF for expenses and future trips. In 10 months of sales, your generous donations have totaled over \$1,300 for LYF! Please keep returning cartons and just leave in the narthex. Can always call/text me at 230-2700 to get direct from the farm also — Lynn J Becker

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.



**ADVENT I: 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

Donation of goodies and helpers still needed for the Cookie Walk.
Contact Linda Becker (236-1316).



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!**



THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Nov 27 - Dec 4, 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
 Christmas Program Practice (SJ) 10:30 AM, (Z) 11:00 AM
Tuesday Chapel followed by Indiv Prayer & Absolution (SJ) 8:40 AM
 NO Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM
 Confirmation Class (8th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM
 Supper - Eve Circle (Z) 6:00 PM
 ADVENT I Vespers Service (Z) 7:00 PM
 Choir Practice (Z) 8:00 PM
Thursday Chapel followed by Indiv Prayer & Absolution (SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM
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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
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
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

Psalm

Psalm 24:7–10



⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
 And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.
⁸Who is this King of | glory?*
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in | battle!
⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
 And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.
¹⁰Who is this King of | glory?*
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of | glory!

Second Lesson

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Matthew 21:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
 ‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
 humble, and mounted on a donkey,
 and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* **334**

Sermon “Can I Borrow Your Donkey?”

Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory for Advent

G *O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord’rest all things mightily;
 To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Bulletin & Broadcast 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.
- **Rick & Jody Uttech** are sponsoring the bulletins and broadcast for both congregations in Thanksgiving to God for the birth of a healthy granddaughter, Adriana Dugan, to Jenifer & Chris Dugan on Nov. 22nd. Blessings to the new family.

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!

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

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.

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 Advent of Our King

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

St James

Baptism Birthdays: Heidi Koeritz, Sutton Bohlsen, Higgins Schock,
Mike Steuber

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: Klay Brown, Levi Nelson, Marilyn Oelke,
Lucy Lueth

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

Flowers at SJL have been placed by Larry and Annette Bremer in honor of Aly and Zac's wedding last weekend. God's blessings to them.

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

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- 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>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>	332
<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	384
<i>O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright</i>	395

Nunc Dimittis

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- 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.*