

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**The Circumcision & Name of Jesus  
and The New Year**



*January 1, 2023*

**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**

*Joy to the World*

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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.

*Psalm 8:9*



<sup>9</sup>*O | LORD, our Lord,\*  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*

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**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.*

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**C** *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

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**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.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## First Lesson

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

- <sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,  
<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.
- <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.
- <sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 8



<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord,  
*how majestic is your name in | all the earth!\**  
**You have set your glory above the | heavens.**  
<sup>2</sup>*Out of the mouth of babes and infants,*  
*you have established strength because | of your foes, \**  
**to still the enemy and the a- | venger.**  
<sup>3</sup>*When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers, \**  
**the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,**  
<sup>4</sup>*what is man that you are mind- | ful of him, \**  
**and the son of man that you | care for him?**  
<sup>5</sup>*Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings \**  
**and crowned him with glory and | honor.**  
<sup>6</sup>*You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands; \**  
**you have put all things under | his feet,**  
<sup>7</sup>*all sheep and | oxen, \**  
**and also the beasts | of the field,**  
<sup>8</sup>*the birds of the heavens, and the fish | of the sea, \**  
**whatever passes along the paths | of the seas.**  
<sup>9</sup>O | LORD, our Lord, \*  
**how majestic is your name in | all the earth!**

Second Lesson

Colossians 2:8–15

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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**[C]** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:21–40*

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

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

<sup>21</sup>And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

<sup>22</sup>And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

<sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

<sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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

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

Hymn of the Day

*What Child Is This*

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Sermon            “New Life Resolutions”

Nicene Creed

*inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory

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**C** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy  
Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with  
Thy free spirit. Amen.*

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;  
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

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- 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

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### Nunc Dimittis

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- 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

*Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*

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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:* Sharon Kusick, Heather Wiederhoeft, Lori Schock  
*Sick & In Distress:* Mitchell Wagner, Marianne Hagen, Jeff Hagen,  
Rochelle Franzen, Berniece Schultz  
*Homebound:* Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

**Zion**

*Baptism Birthdays:* Tony Brummond, Duane Letcher, Nancy Letcher,  
Gini Brummond  
*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, Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche

**2023 Installation of Officers will be on Sunday, January 8th.**

**ANNUAL REPORTS** can be turned in to the church office or emailed to sjlnorthrop@gmail.com. Please have them submitted before Wed 1/4 for Zion, and before Wed 1/11 for SJL. **Thank you!**



**ANNUAL CHURCH VOTER'S MEETINGS**

**ZION:** Jan 11th @ 7:30 (Supper provided by the LWML @ 6:30)

**SJL:** Jan 18th @ 7:30

**Become 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.

**During the fall of 1987,** our father had heart by-pass surgery. We were blessed by neighbors and our church family as they came with combines, trucks and helping hands to help with harvest. The event was recorded by Leonard Wendt on a VHS tape. Our daughter, Teresa, had the VHS tape converted to a DVD. We are planning on playing the video during the meal before our annual meeting (all church members are invited) on January 11th. Please feel free to come and see some familiar (younger) faces as well as those who are no longer with us. We are blessed by our community and church family.

~Chuck & Wanda Patsche



**Offering Envelopes for 2023** are on the tables in the Narthex. Please do not use until next year, as some numbers have changed. Also, if you give exclusively online or do not want a box of envelopes in the future, please contact the office.

**Donations for Zion Church and Parsonage Repairs** are welcomed. 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

**Benefit for Myron Kietzer**, from Willow Creek, will be held Saturday January 14th, 3-7pm at the Amboy Snowbirds Event Center, 224 Main Street, Amboy. They will be serving Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Pickles, Desserts and Beverages. Free-will donations to help with medical expenses. There also will be a Stretch Raffle with some great prizes. Snow date will be January 21st.



**Weather Related Announcements** can be found on SJL Facebook page, or on KEYC (TV, website, Facebook page). If you are interested, KEYC has an option for notifications for any organization you chose. Download the **KEYC News Now** app on your phone, go to **Settings** and choose **Closings**, then scroll down to **St James Lutheran Church - Northrop or Zion/ Fraser Lutheran - Fairmont**.

#### **LYF**

**Egg fundraiser** continues. Sales will be at SJL after most services or you can call/text Lynn Becker at 230-2700 to arrange a pick up from the farm. 100% of proceeds goes to LYF for expenses and future trips. Please keep returning cartons and just leave in the SJL narthex.

**Epiphany Bonfire Fundraiser - LYF** will once again be picking up live Christmas trees to raise funds for summer activities. Call/text Larissa Hillmer (236-2780) to schedule a pick-up time. They will be having a burning party on Jan 6th.



**SUPER BOWL PIZZA TIME!** Order forms are at the back of the church and must be turned in by January 8th.

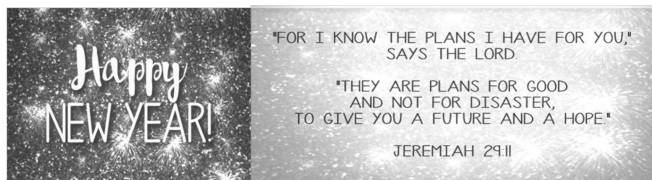
## MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

**MLHS is looking for Thrivent Members** who are willing to apply for the Thrivent \$250 Community Action dollars. Each Thrivent member can do two events in a year. Contact the MLHS office and we will match you with a project!

**Choice Dollars** charitable grant funds can make a world of difference to MLHS Jr/Sr High School. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members recommend where they feel Thrivent should distribute a portion of its charitable grant funds. Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to [www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice](http://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice) to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice".

**You can give to MLHS Ministry while you shop! Use HyVee Cards.** (Or give them as gifts!) Available in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. Purchase **KWIK TRIP cards** through MLHS. MLHS earns 5% on each Gas and Gift Card. Available in \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$500 increments. They can be used at KWIK TRIP and KWIK STAR. Special KWIK TRIP Grocery Only cards are available in \$100 and \$200 which provides 15% to MLHS on in-store grocery purchases ONLY. *\*\*\*Items not eligible to be purchased with Grocery Only include fuel, tobacco, alcohol, gift cards, lottery/lotto, and stamps.* Both HyVee & KWIK TRIP cards can be purchased from the MLHS School Office during regular office hours. Please call 436-5249 and we will have them ready for you

**The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Knights4Life** is sponsoring a trip to the capital in St. Paul for the 50th annual March for Life on Sunday, January 22. If we have enough people, we will take a bus. We will leave MLHS at 9:00 am and return around 7:00 pm. If you would like to go, please call the school office at 507-436-5249 by Friday, January 13th. There will be a cost for the bus, but that will depend on how many people sign up. Everyone is invited to participate. Even though Roe v Wade was overturned, the battle is in the individual states now and Minnesota sadly is a very pro-choice state. This is a chance to make your pro-life stance known! If you have any questions, contact Miss Rebecca Oerman, Knights4Life Advisor.



## 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.

### Eve Circle



**Thank you** to all who donated food items for Heaven's Table food shelf this season. We collected 136 lbs! Heaven's table was very appreciative of our donations and said "Thank You."



Eve Circle welcomes all who would like to help take down Christmas decorations and the tree on **Wednesday, Jan 4th at 6:30 p.m.**

*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; [sjlnorthop.com](http://sjlnorthop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com)*



Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
<b>SJL 1-1-23</b>	Myla Roskop	Joseph Crissinger
<b>1-8</b>	Garret & Haley Schock	Hailey Simpson
<b>Zion 1-1-23</b>	Jeff & Heather Moeller	John Henry IV
<b>1-6</b>	Matthew & Jayden Moeller <b>7pm</b>	
<b>1-8</b>	Dion & Teresa Montgomery	Sam Marroquin-Balderas

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Jan 1 - 8, 2023**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon**  
**Office phone: 436-5289 Pastor phone: 219-713-1604**  
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>New Years Day</b>		
	Divine Worship		(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School		(SJ) 9:30AM, (Z) 11:00 AM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>School Resumes</b>		
	Chapel		(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)		(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)		(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Jt Elder's Meeting		(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel		(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study		(SJ) 8:00 AM
	<b>Epiphany</b> Divine Service		(Z) 7:00 PM
	LYF Bonfire		(Z) 8:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Installation of Officers</b>		
	Divine Worship		(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class		(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30AM
	NFL		(SJ) 7:00 PM

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>12-24-22</b>
<b>SJL 7PM</b>	130
<b>Z 10PM</b>	Jt 35 (HC24)



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Dec. 25, 2022
Joint Attendance	111 (Z-HC 21)	Home	\$1,825.00
Missions	\$225.00	Loose Plate	\$112.00
Zion Repairs	\$1,000.00	Candlelight Service	\$427.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Dec. 25, 2022
Joint Attendance	111 (SJ-HC 75)	Home	\$2,830.00
Loose Plate	\$163.00	Missions	\$20.00
Online	\$622.18	Memorials	\$5.00
MLHS	\$175.00	SJLC Misc	2,500.00
Tuition Angel	\$500.00	SJLS Misc	\$1,366.57
Tuition	\$4,200.00	Advent II - Luth Hr	\$35.00
Christmas Eve	\$5,047.00	Advent III - SJLS	\$200.00
Christmas Day	\$1,820.00		