

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Dec 11 - 18, 2022**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon**  
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**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 (SJ) 8:40 AM  
**Wednesday** NO LWML  
 Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM  
 Confirmation Class (8th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM  
 Supper - PTL (SJ) 5:45 PM  
 ADVENT III/SJL School Christmas Program (SJ) 7:00 PM  
 Choir Practice (Z) 8:00 PM  
 Zion Trustee's Meeting (Z) 8:00 PM  
**Thursday** Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM  
**Friday** Morning Bible Study (SJ) 8:00 AM  
**Saturday** MLHS Christmas Concert @ Fmt Opera House 7:00 PM  
**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*

**Wednesday Nov. 30, 2022**

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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Dec. 4, 2022
Attendance	102 (HC 65)	Home	\$2,585.00
Missions	\$225.00	Loose Plate	\$59.00
MLHS	\$50.00	Christmas Bags	\$50.00
Zion Repairs	\$4,000.00	Kitchen Remodel	\$10.00
Advent I/MLHS	\$775.00	Advent I/Repairs	\$100.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Dec. 4, 2022
Attendance	89 (HC 67)	Home	\$5,910.00
Loose Plate	\$78.00	Missions	\$10.00
Online	\$571.37	Advent I/MLHS	\$163.00
Memorials	\$60.00		

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**Third Sunday in Advent**

*December 11, 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.***

**"Sing We Now of Christmas"**

*sung by the Choir*

#### **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

from Philippians 4



Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*  
again I will say, | Rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.\*  
The Lord | is at hand;

**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

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**"Born in Bethlehem!"**

sung by the Choir

## First Lesson

1 Samuel 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>And Hannah prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in the LORD.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>2</sup>"There is none holy like the LORD;  
there is none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God.

<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

<sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble bind on strength.

<sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD kills and brings to life;



## WORSHIP with us

DECEMBER	11	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 (Offerings: SJL School)
	18	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent	Divine Services	8:30AM (SJ); 10:00AM (Z)
	21	Z Advent Vespers Service IV		7:00PM (Offerings: Options Pregnancy Center)
	24	Z Christmas Eve Children SS Program		4:00PM (Offerings: Day Schools)
		SJ Christmas Eve Children SS Program		7:00PM (Offerings: Birthday Offerings)
		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!*

Dear friends in Christ,

From the bottom of our hearts thank you for all of the amazing desserts provided for the Schweiger/Roiger Benefit. It was truly a spectacular turnout and great show of support for the Schweiger family. We so greatly appreciate the donation of desserts and the help serving on the day of the benefit. We very much appreciate all who attended, donated auction items, and those who have prayed for this family. God has blessed the work of your hands!

In Christ, The Schweiger/Roiger Benefit Committee

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
<b>SJL 12-11</b>	Doug & Laurie Quinn	Cedar Bohlsen
<b>12-14</b>	Albert & Dru Egeness	
<b>12-18</b>	Dave & Kris Rode	Bryce Borkenhagen
<b>Zion 12-11</b>	Duane & Nancy Letcher	Jadyn Montgomery
<b>12-18</b>	Marcus & Alisa Eytcheson	James Steuber



## 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. Contact the MLHS office and we will match you with a project! We have many of them all year long! Thrivent members are also encouraged to direct their Thrivent CHOICE DOLLARS to MLHS also. For more information contact the school office at 507-436-5249.

**Choice Dollars** charitable grant funds can make a world of difference to Concordia 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 Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School 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. Give them as gifts also! 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.*

### Grocery Receipts for SJLS.

HyVee \$75,000      Fareway \$50,000  
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.*



he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.

<sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.

<sup>9</sup>"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,  
for not by might shall a man prevail.

<sup>10</sup>The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;  
against them he will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king  
and exalt the power of his anointed."

## "One Small Child"

*sung by the Choir*

## Second Lesson

*Philippians 4:4-9*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

## Psalm

*Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13*



<sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a | new song;\*  
*sing to the LORD, | all the earth!*

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, | bless his name;\*  
*tell of his salvation from | day to day.*

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the | earth rejoice;\*  
*let the sea roar, and all that fills it;*

<sup>12</sup>*let the field exult, and every- | thing in it!*

*Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
<sup>13</sup>before the LORD, | for he comes,\*  
 for he comes to | judge the earth.  
 He will judge the world in | righteousness,\*  
 and the peoples in his | faithfulness.*

#### 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

Luke 1:39–56

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

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

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

<sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

## 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

**SJL Special Christmas Birthday Offering.** The offering at the Children’s service on Christmas Eve is an opportunity to thank God for the many years He has blessed you. Consider a thank you gift of one dollar (\$1.00) for every year our Lord has graciously bestowed upon you.



### **ADVENT III: Wednesday December 14th @ SJL**

**PTL** will be serving supper from **5:45-6:45PM**

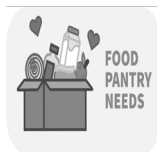
Ham & Hashbrowns Casserole, Green Beans, Applesauce, Rolls, Cookie, & Beverage

**7:00pm SJL School Christmas Program**

“As sure as Christmas will come again on December 25, our Lord will come again. As we look forward to the Last Day, let’s dress for the occasion, putting on godliness and repentance. Let’s celebrate everything He did the first time He came to assure us of our home of righteousness. Let’s be spiritually awake and alert for His coming again, knowing that we will enjoy God’s perfect paradise, our eternal home.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**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

**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



**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!

**St John’s Lutheran Church LWML of Sherburn** invite you to their LWML Guest Day on Wednesday December 14th @ 2pm. There will be a short program followed by Coffee & Dessert with a time of fellowship.

**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.

**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 talk to the office.

**DEADLINE for January newsletter is December 20th.**

**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!**

<sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

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

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

**Hymn of the Day**

*My Soul Rejoices*

**933**

**Sermon** “We Are Not Our Feelings and Thoughts”

**Nicene Creed**

*inside the back cover of the hymnal*

**The Prayers**

**Offering**

**Offertory for Advent**

*Zion only*

**C** *O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai’s height  
In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree, Free them from Satan’s tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save, And give them vict’ry o’er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**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. 208*

**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>O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is</i>	<b>372</b>
<i>Joy to the World</i>	<b>387</b>
<i>Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord</i>	<b>352</b>

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB pg. 211

- 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.*

### 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

*In Thee Is Gladness*

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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:* Eden Becker, Seth Becker, Dan Krome,  
Cooper Steuber, Leslie Crissinger, Jaxen Garlick,  
Mary Jo Hartmann, Kathy Klug, Sandy Cooley  
*Sick & In Distress:* Mitchell Wagner, Marianne Hagen, Jeff Hagen,  
Rochelle Franzen, Berniece Schultz  
*Homebound:* Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

### Zion

*Baptism Birthdays:* Adley Nelson, Myrna Behrens, Wesson Morris,  
Jennifer Oberdieck, Pat Steuber, Sarah Wirth  
*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

**Our Condolences to the family of Arlene Darmer** who went to live with our Lord and Savior on Tues., Dec 6th. Funeral services will be at Zion on Monday, Dec 12th at 2pm, with visitation beginning at 1pm.

**Larry & Annette Bremer** are sponsoring the broadcast for the month of December, in thanksgiving for God's healing hand & for all the support they received from our friends at SJL & Zion. God bless your on-going health.

### Christmas Eve Program Practice



**ZION:** Practice for the Christmas Eve Sunday School Program at Zion will be after the Sunday service and will last for one hour.

**SJL:** Practice for the Christmas Eve Sunday School Program at SJL will be right after Sunday School until 11:30AM.

**Donations for Christmas Bags on Christmas Eve** can be given to an Elder at either church or placed into the offering plate earmarked "Christmas Bags". Thank you!

**Thank you** to the choir and Heidi Koeritz for sharing your time and talents with us this morning with special Christmas worship music.