

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



*Pastor John Henry*

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

*January 15, 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**

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

**901**

**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** 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.**

**P** ...I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Entrance Psalm

Psalm 36:8–9



<sup>8</sup>*They feast on the abundance | of your house,\*  
and you give them drink from the river of | your delights.*

<sup>9</sup>*For with you is the foun- | tain of life;\*  
in your light do | we see light.*

***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.***

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB pg. 154

**P** *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.*

**C** ***Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

Amos 9:11–15

<sup>11</sup>“In that day I will raise up  
the booth of David that is fallen  
and repair its breaches,  
and raise up its ruins  
and rebuild it as in the days of old,  
<sup>12</sup>that they may possess the remnant of Edom  
and all the nations who are called by my name,”  
declares the LORD who does this.  
<sup>13</sup>“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when the plowman shall overtake the reaper  
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;  
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,  
and all the hills shall flow with it.  
<sup>14</sup>I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,  
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,  
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.  
<sup>15</sup>I will plant them on their land,  
and they shall never again be uprooted  
out of the land that I have given them,”  
says the LORD your God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 104:1–2, 14–15, 27–30



<sup>1</sup>*Bless the LORD, | O my soul!\**

***O LORD my God, you are | very great!***

*You are clothed with splendor and | majesty,\**

***<sup>2</sup>covering yourself with light as with a garment,  
stretching out the heavens | like a tent.***

<sup>14</sup>*You cause the grass to grow for the livestock  
and plants for man to | cultivate,\**

***that he may bring forth food from the earth***

***<sup>15</sup>and wine to gladden the | heart of man,  
oil to make his | face shine\****

***and bread to strengthen | man's heart.***

<sup>27</sup>*These all | look to you,\**

***to give them their food in due | season.***

<sup>28</sup>*When you give it to them, they gath- | er it up;\**  
***when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.***  
<sup>29</sup>*When you hide your face, they | are dismayed;\**  
***when you take away their breath, they die***  
***and return | to their dust.***  
<sup>30</sup>*When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,\**  
***and you renew the face | of the ground.***

## Second Lesson

*Ephesians 5:5–21*

<sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
 and arise from the dead,  
 and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**[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

*John 2:1–11*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.

<sup>8</sup>And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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

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

Sermon Hymn      *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*      394

Sermon      “Light in Darkness: Shame”

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.  
**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*

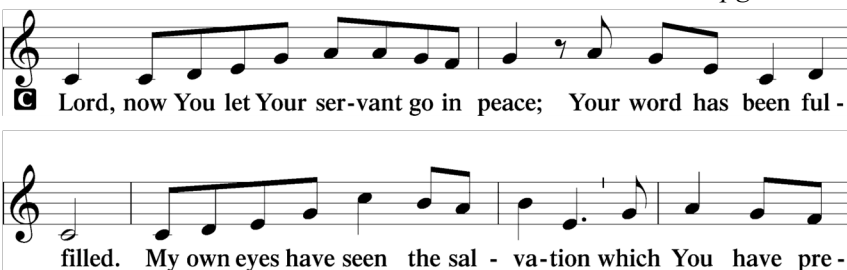
- C** *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

### Communion Hymns


<i>I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table</i>	<b>618</b>
<i>Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing</i>	<b>421</b>
<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	<b>543</b>

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB pg. 165*



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

### 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 *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise* 917

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Rochelle Franzen

*Homebound:* Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

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*Seminary Student:* Peter Preus

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Jesse Peterson

*Sick & In Distress:* Greg Wallace, Lynn Schwieger, Caleb Roiger

*Homebound:* Dale Schwieger, Lenore Wendt, Norma Patsche

**Chuck & Wanda Patsche** are sponsoring the bulletins at Zion this week in celebration of the blessing of 45 years of marriage on the 14th. May God continue to bless your marriage.

**Condolences to the family of Sonia Hoewisch** whose mother, Berniece Schultz, past away last weekend. May God continue to bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

**Zion Offering Envelopes for 2023** are on the tables in the Narthex. Please pick them up and throw away any unused ones from 2022. Also, if you give exclusively online or do not want a box of envelopes in the future, please contact the office.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** - Please pick up your copy in the Narthex. **SJL** members please bring along to the annual meeting. **Thank you!**



**ANNUAL CHURCH VOTER'S MEETINGS**

**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.



**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.



**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**.

**Donations for Zion Church and Parsonage Repairs** are still welcomed. Nearly \$12,000 has been donated towards Zion church and parsonage repairs! Your generosity has helped offset the costs of recently completed work. We are still anticipating to incur a couple of larger expenses in the near future, such as repairs to the bell tower to fix leaks and updating the parsonage windows. Please consider donating to keep our facilities in good condition. Designate donations to "Zion Repairs".  
Thank you! - Zion Trustees

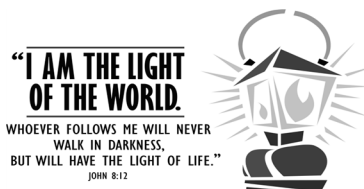


**Pancake Breakfast, Sunday January 22nd, 10AM–Noon**, sponsored by the Board of Christian Education, in celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week (January 22-28th). Please join us for pancakes with all the trimmings (gluten free available). Cost is a free-will donation with proceeds going towards Zion's Parsonage Repairs.

**THANK YOU** to Gary Luhmann, Jordan, Jennifer, Wyatt & Jackson Luhmann for running new cable and hanging our new TVs at SJL. Also, thank you to Paul Luther for all your technical support.

**Bulletins** are available for viewing online ([sjlnorthrop.com](http://sjlnorthrop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com)) under the church tab, or you can have it emailed to you, just contact the office with your preferred email address.

**Contact information updates are appreciated.** Please contact the church office if your information in the Annual Report is incorrect.





## MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

**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.

Everyone is welcome to attend a Historical Experience on **Korea: The Forgotten War** by historian Arn Kind at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Tuesday, January 24th. The free presentations are at 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. for students in grades 5-8 and Noon to 2:15 p.m. for grade 9-12. Adults are welcome either time. The event is provided courtesy of the Martin Luther Parent/Teacher League. Snow date is Tuesday, January 31st.

**“Blessed For Life”** is the theme for Life Week 2023--Sunday, January 15, through Saturday, January 21--which is recognized across the nation. A blessing implies multiplication and abundance. "I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore." Genesis 22:17. Every life has promise and purpose, no matter what size, skills, or circumstances. Our God is the God of Life. In His Story, the Bible, we learn how God created every human in His own image. We ALL are the reflection of God's beauty. The Bible is full of examples of how God preserves, protects, and provides for His people. He loves humankind, His creation, so much that He sent His Son to die for ALL HUMAN LIFE. This makes EVERY HUMAN LIFE important, valuable, and meaningful. Y4Life seeks to equip us to be Gospel-motivated voices 4Life. The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop, Knights4Life group wishes you a blessed Life Week 2023.

**You can give to MLHS Ministry while you shop! HyVee Cards** available in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. **KWIK TRIP cards** available in \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$500 increments. Both can be purchased at the MLHS office during regular office hours. Please call 436-5249 and we will have them ready for you.

## 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. We are continuing our study on hymns of Advent and Christmas.

“Christians are to love their neighbors, including the unborn ... (Proverbs 24:11, 29:8-9) ... This means we can and ought to pray for the unborn, for women who have the choice of preserving or ending the life of their unborn child, for women who have had abortions and who need forgiveness in Christ—freely given through faith, for abortion doctors who are directly responsible for killing these children, and for our governing officials.” *Pastor David Thompson, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Lombard, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



		Those Serving our Lord	
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	1-15	Garrett & Haley Schock	Cedar Bohlsen
	1-22	Jason & Jackie Schuder	Joseph Crissinger
Zion	1-15	Cadence & Jady Montgomery	Caleb Meyer
	1-22	Austin & Amanda Morris	Jady Montgomery

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Jan 15 - 22, 2023**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon**  
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<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30AM
	NFL	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</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
	SJL Voter's Meeting	(SJ) 7:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
<b>Friday</b>	NO Morning Bible Study	
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30AM
	BOCE Pancake Brunch	(SJ) 10:00-Noon
	LYF	(SJ) 6:00 PM

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<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>1-6-23</b>
Jt 36 (HC29)	



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Jan. 8, 2023
Attendance	125 (HC 79)	Home	\$4,575.00
Missions	\$375.00	Loose Plate	\$83.00
Zion Repairs	\$100.00	LYF Gathering	\$20.00
Epiphany Home	\$75.00	Epiphany Loose Plate	\$31.00
Epiphany LYF	\$100.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Jan. 8, 2023
Attendance	85 (HC 70)	Home	\$3,644.00
Loose Plate	\$352.00	Missions	\$780.00
Online	\$546.37	SJLS Misc	\$1,128.00
New Years	\$200.00	Epiphany	\$56.00