

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Jan 22 - 29, 2023**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00AM–Noon**  
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Lutheran Schools Week</b>	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30AM
	BOCE Pancake Brunch	(SJ) 10:00-Noon
	LYF	(SJ) 6:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	SJL Voter's Meeting	(SJ) 7:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Eve Circle	(SJ) 7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
<b>Saturday</b>	LLL Event	(SJ)
<b>Sunday</b>	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30AM
	Winter Carnival @ MLHS	(ML) 1-3:00 PM

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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Jan. 15, 2023
Attendance	92 (HC 59)	Home	\$2,525.00
Missions	\$275.00	Loose Plate	\$33.15
Kitchen	\$100.00	Christmas Bags	\$10.00
Bulletins	\$10.00	MLHS	\$565.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Jan. 15, 2023
Attendance	89 (HC 71)	Home	\$7,114.00
Loose Plate	\$104.00	Missions	\$25.00
Online	\$1,882.95	SJLC Misc	\$3,941.37
Tuition Angel	\$200.00	Tuition	\$850.00
Memorials	\$35.00	MLHS	\$125.00

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



Pastor John Henry

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

January 22, 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**      *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*      **902**

#### 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 71:20



<sup>20</sup>*You who have made me see many troubles and calamities  
will revive | me again; \*  
from the depths of the earth  
you will bring me | up again.*

**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, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## St. James School Kids Sing

at St. James only

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"  
"Grace"

## 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. NO Class on the 22nd. On Sunday 1/29 we will begin a new study entitled, "*What's Your Mission*.... God gave an assignment to His people thousands of years ago: Bring "lost sheep" back into the love and safety of His kingdom. It's still our task today. Discover the mission that can give your life, and the lives of those around you, greater meaning than you ever imagined."

**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.



## MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

SJL & Zion are full association members

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.

**All families are invited to the "Children's Winter Carnival** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, January 29th from 1 to 3 p.m. Come for an afternoon of fun, games, prizes and snacks. The event hosted the ML Student Council and National Honor Society students. Parents can sit back and relax while kiddies have fun. Cost is \$5/child or \$15/family. (Parents are free.)

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	1-22	Jason & Jackie Schuder	Joseph Crissinger
	1-29	Matt & Melissa Schuder	Ashley Burkey
Zion	1-22	Dennis & Debbie Neitzke	Jadyn Montgomery
	1-29	Tyler & Mikaela Morris	James Steuber



# St James Lutheran

## National Lutheran School's Week

(January 22-29)



All Week:

- 1) **Rock, Paper, Scissors**
- 2) **Medallion Hunt**
- 3) **Online Trip to India**

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023:

**Children Sing at SJL** (8:30 a.m.)  
**Pancake Breakfast** to follow church

Monday, Jan. 23, 2023:

**Pajama Day/Comfy Clothes Day**  
**Science with Mason** in the Morning  
**Snowshoeing** in afternoon

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023:

**School Color Day**  
**Compliment Day**-Give as many compliments to others as possible.  
**5/6 History @ MLHS**  
**Snowshoeing** in afternoon

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023:

**Black Out/ White Out**- Wear all black or all white clothes if possible!  
**Pete the Cat** (Fairmont Opera House) (K-4)

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023:

**Wear Camouflage or Plaid**  
**Grandparents Day/Bingo/Chapel**(8:30-10:45)  
**Rock Paper Scissor Championship** after lunch

Friday, Jan. 27, 2023:

**Hat Day**-wear your favorite hat-baseball or stocking hat  
**Skating** (9:30-11:00)-**Help and drivers** needed to transport students to ice skating rink in Fairmont and to help tie laces. Dress warm! Wear tall socks! Wear snow-pants, boots, gloves, and hats!  
**Movie Day** in the afternoon

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023

**Children Sing at Zion** (10:00 a.m.)  
**Children's Winter Carnival at MLHS**  
(1:00-3:00)

Please let us know if you are willing to **help make or donate snacks** for the children during National Lutheran Schools Week!!! We have around 50 students! And hungry teachers!



St James Lutheran School Students and Staff wish to  
**THANK YOU** for your continued prayers and support!

### First Lesson

*Jonah 1:1—2:1*

<sup>1</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” <sup>3</sup>But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up.

<sup>5</sup>Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup>So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

<sup>7</sup>And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup>Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” <sup>10</sup>Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

<sup>11</sup>Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup>He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” <sup>13</sup>Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” <sup>15</sup>So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup>Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish,

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsive Psalm

from Jonah 2



*I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,  
and he an- | swered me;\**

*out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
and you heard | my voice.*

<sup>3</sup>*For you cast me into the deep,  
into the heart of the seas,  
and the flood su- | rrounded me;\**  
*all your waves and your billows  
passed | over me.*

<sup>4</sup>*Then I said, "I am driven away | from your sight;\**  
*Yet I shall again look  
upon your holy | temple."*

<sup>5</sup>*The waters closed in over me to take my life;  
the deep su- | rrounded me;\**

*weeds were wrapped a- | bout my head*

<sup>6</sup>*at the roots of the mountains.  
I went down to the land  
whose bars closed upon me | forever;\**  
*yet you brought up my life from the pit,  
O | LORD my God.*

<sup>7</sup>*When my life was fainting away,  
I remem- | bered the LORD,\**  
*and my prayer came to you,  
into your holy | temple.*

<sup>8</sup>*Those who pay regard to | vain idols\**  
*forsake their hope of | steadfast love.*

<sup>9</sup>*But I with the voice of thanksgiving  
will sacri- | fice to you;\**

*what I have vowed I will pay.  
Salvation belongs | to the LORD!*

## Second Lesson

Colossians 1:13–23

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

<sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God

**Condolences to the family of Greg Raabe** whose mother, Doreen Rabbe, past away earlier this month. May God continue to bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

**Offering Envelopes for 2023**....Please pick them up and throw away any unused ones from 2022. Also, if anyone from either congregation gives exclusively online or does not want a box of envelopes in the future, please contact the office.

**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.

**Bulletins** are available for viewing online (sjlnorthrop.com or 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.



**Life Sunday, January 22, 2023** "Blessed for Life: A blessing is neither earned nor deserved but received. A blessing comes from God and connects to Him. Life is what God blesses us with and what He blesses us for - life together and life forever!"

## 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  $\dagger$  you peace.
- C Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

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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:* Cindi Tomlinson, Mike Egeness  
*Sick & In Distress:* Mitchell Wagner, Marianne Hagen, Jeff Hagen,  
Rochelle Franzen  
*Homebound:* Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

### Zion

*Baptism Birthdays:* Mercedes Moeller  
*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

**You can sponsor the bulletins** (\$10 per congregation) or **online broadcast** (\$25) anytime throughout the year, in honor of a special event or giving thanks to God. Call the church office with your request.

**At Zion we welcome Linnette Fehr** to our church family. Please introduce yourself, invite her to join in our activities and make her feel welcome.

**February Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday, January 24th.**

was pleased to dwell,<sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

**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 9:1-17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

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

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

Sermon Hymn      *Entrust Your Days and Burdens*      754

Sermon      "Light In Darkness: Fear"

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


*Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior*      619


*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*      610


*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*      710


Nunc Dimittis      *LSB pg. 165*


  
**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

  
filled. 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.