

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



Pastor John Henry

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 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, Open Now My Heart to Hear* **908**

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 71:15–16



¹⁵ *My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
of your deeds of salvation | all the day,*
for their number is past my | knowledge.*

¹⁶ *With the mighty deeds of the Lord God | I will come;*
I will remind them of your righteousness, | yours alone.*

***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

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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

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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 God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 Zion only

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

“Grace”

First Lesson

Jonah 2:10—3:10

¹⁰And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,
²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

⁷And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 27:1–6



¹*The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom | shall I fear?**

***The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I | be afraid?***

²*When evildoers assail me
to eat | up my flesh,*
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stum- | ble and fall.*

³*Though an army encamp against me,
my heart | shall not fear;*
though war arise against me,
yet I will be | confident.*

⁴*One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek | after;**
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his | temple.**

⁵*For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of | trouble;**
**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high up- | on a rock.**

⁶*And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with | shouts of joy;**
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

¹This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

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[C] *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

John 9:17–34

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

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

¹⁷So 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.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do

not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)

²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.”

²⁵He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”²⁸And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.”²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”³⁰The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.”³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.

³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn Evening and Morning 726

Sermon “Light in Darkness: Anger”

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

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- 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

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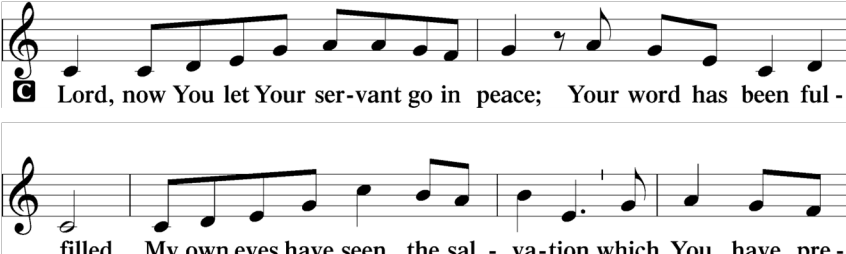
- C** *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Communion Hymns

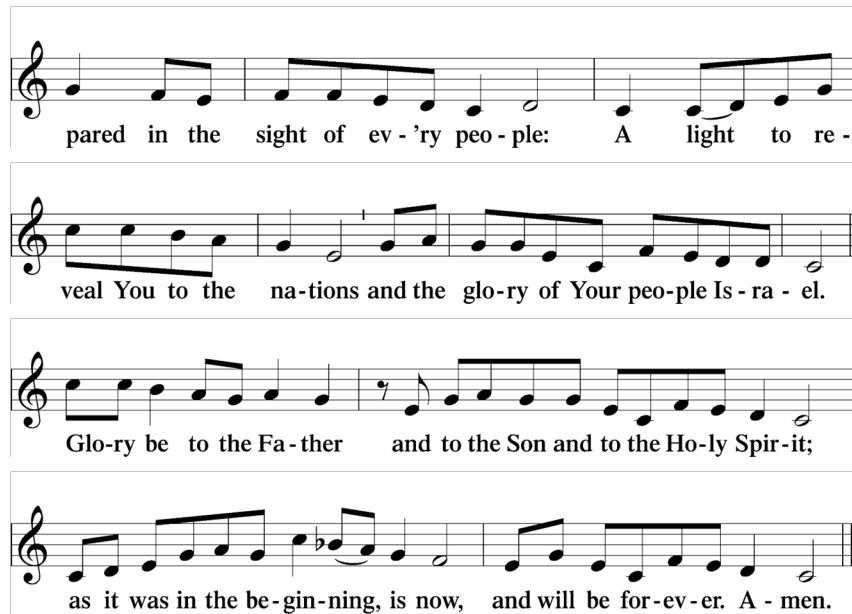
<i>Your Table I Approach</i>	628
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<i>Chief of Sinners Though I Be</i>	611

Nunc Dimittis

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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

On What Has Now Been Sown

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Condolences to the Family of Paul Leimer at the death of Paul's sister, Cindy Squier, on January 22nd. May God be your source of 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**.



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

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

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Contact information updates are appreciated. Please contact the church office if your information in the Annual Report is incorrect or if you can help fill in some of the missing information.

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.

CREST is currently in need of more volunteers to help provide non-professional services to those in need in Martin County. Volunteers shop, cook, drive or just check in on many people with long-term health care needs. Even just a few hours a month can make a world of difference. Find out how good it feels to volunteer by calling the CREST office for more information today at 235-3833.

Knights of Columbus Fish Boil Dinner, 920 E 10th St, Fairmont, MN. Friday February 24th & March 10th, 5-7:30 pm. Suggested \$15 donation to benefit Orphan Grain Train, Veterans Services and local organizations. All you can eat Codfish, Baby Potatoes, Pearl Onions, Cole-slaw, French Bread, Dessert & Beverages.

"Pre-born babies are patients who deserve the rights and protections applicable to children and adults." Dr. William Lile, Pensacola, Florida – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
SJL & Zion are full association members

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.)

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.

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 to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice".

2023-24 Enrollment is now OPEN. Experience the MLHS difference. Welcoming all students in grades 7-12. Enrollment discounts are available until March 15th. Contact the MLHS office for more information 507-436-5249.

Fresh-made Cheese Balls for your Super Bowl Party sold and made by the MLHS class of 2023. The Cheese Balls are approximately 14 ounces and are being sold for \$12 each. There are three kinds from which to choose.

- Bacon Cheddar Cheese Ball
- Dill Pickle Wrap Cheese Ball
- Chocolate Chip Cheese Ball

Orders are due by noon on Wednesday, February 8th. Contact the MLHS office to order 436-5249. Cheese Balls can be picked up at MLHS between 1:00 and 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 11th.

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 are starting a new study today 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.

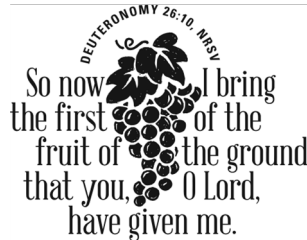


Those Serving our Lord			
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SJL	1-29	Matt & Melissa Schuder	Ashley Burkey
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THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Jan 29 - Feb 5, 2023
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon
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Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30AM
	MLHS Winter Carnival	(ML) 1:00-3:00 PM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Elder's Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School/Bible Class	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30AM

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Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Jan. 22, 2023
Attendance	74 (HC 52)		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Jan. 22, 2023
Attendance	136 (HC 73)	Home	\$5,662.00
Loose Plate	\$344.00	Missions	\$10.00
Online	\$571.37	SJLS Misc	\$720.10
Tuition Angel	\$50.00	Tuition	\$1,650.00