

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Jan 8 - 15, 2023
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon
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Sunday	Installation of Officers	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30AM
	NFL	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	LWML @ Zion	(Z) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Zion Voter's Supper	(Z) 6:30 PM
	Zion Trustees Meeting	(Z) 6:40 PM
	Zion Voter's Meeting	(SJ) 7:30 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

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



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Jan. 1, 2023
Attendance	88 (HC 54)	SS Program Attend	89
Missions	\$175.00	Home	\$3,332.70
Zion Repairs	\$400.00	Loose Plate	\$124.00
SJLS	\$100.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Jan. 1, 2023
Attendance	56 (HC 52)	Home	\$2,390.00
Loose Plate	\$122.00	Missions	\$10.00
Online	\$649.67	Technology	\$1,900.00
MLHS	\$300.00	SJLC Misc	\$3,730.00
Christmas Eve	\$1,000.00	SJLS Misc	\$1,366.57
New Years	\$220.00		

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



Pastor John Henry

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 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 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It* **594**

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 Psalm 89



Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.
I have found David, my servant;*
with my holy oil I have anointed him.*

Gloria Patri *LSB pg. 186*
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.*

Kyrie *LSB pg. 186*
C *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB pgs. 186-189*
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.
 Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

First Lesson *Isaiah 42:1-7*

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
 I have put my Spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,

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.

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.



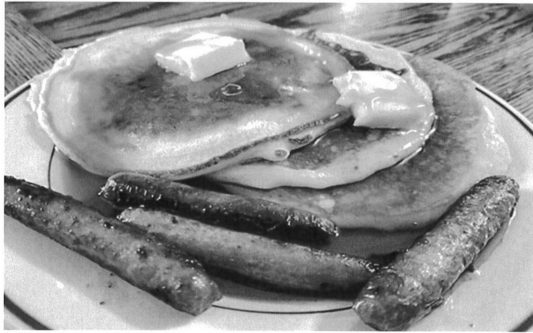
SUPER BOWL PIZZA TIME! Order forms are at the back of the church and must be turned in by **January 8th.**



Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL		
1-8	Garret & Haley Schock	Hailey Simpson
1-15	Greg & Lori Schock	Cedar Bohlsen
Zion		
1-8	Dion & Teresa Montgomery	Sam Marroquin-Balderas
1-15	Cadence & Jadyen Montgomery	Caleb Meyer

Pancake Brunch

SUNDAY, January 22, 2023
10:00 A.M.- NOON



In Celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week

Pancakes & Sausages
(Gluten Free Pancakes available)
Applesauce & Beverages
w/all the trimmings

Cost: FREEWILL DONATION
Proceeds will go towards
Zion's Parsonage Repairs



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and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 2



¹Why do the | nations rage*

and the peoples | plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel to- | gether, *

against the LORD and against his anointed, | saying,
³"Let us burst their | bonds apart*
and cast away their | cords from us."

⁴He who sits in the | heavens laughs;*
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.

⁵Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,*
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,

⁶"As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill."

⁷I will tell of | the decree: *

**The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have be- | gotten you.**

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

⁹You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

¹⁰Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

¹¹*Serve the | LORD with fear, **
and rejoice with | trembling.

¹²*Kiss the Son,*
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
*for his wrath is quickly | kindled.**
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:2–14

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB pg. 190

[C] Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on

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 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.

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.

ANNUAL REPORTS - Zion members can find their copy in the Narthex (please bring to the meeting). **SJL** please submit reports to the church office or email to sjlnorthrop@gmail.com before Wed 1/11. **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

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.

him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* **395**

Sermon "Every Day, Turn Toward the Light"

Nicene Creed *inside the back cover of the hymnal*

The Prayers

Offering

Installation of Officers

Offertory for Epiphany

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. 195*

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

LSB pg. 198

- 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

Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying **597**
Salvation unto Us Has Come **555**

Nunc Dimittis

LSB pgs. 199-200

- 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.
Glorify 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 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **805**

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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: Lynn Becker, Sonia Hoewisch, Sherri Roforth
Sick & In Distress: Mitchell Wagner, Marianne Hagen, Jeff Hagen,
Rochelle Franzen, Berniece Schultz
Homebound: Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Chuck Patsche, Curtis Wille, Addison Schoen
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.

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.



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**.

Installation of Newly Elected Church Officers:

Zion: Kevin Behrens (Elder)
SJL: Bart Johnson (Chairman), Larry Bremer (Elder), Gary Luhmann (Trustee), Haley Schock (Christian Education), Jody Uttech (Stewardship), Lonny Becker & Dereck Bartz (Finance)