

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD:** Feb 12 - 19, 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  
 Easter Breakfast Planning Mtg (Z) 11:00 AM  
 NO NFL  
**Tuesday** Chapel (SJ) 8:40 AM  
**Wednesday** Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM  
 Confirmation Class (8th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM  
 SJL Council 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  
 Easter Breakfast Planning Mtg (Z) 11:00 AM

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Jan. 22, 2023
Attendance	74 (HC 52)	Home	\$2,985.00
Missions	\$275.00	Loose Plate	\$13.00
Zion Repairs	\$175.00	Kitchen	\$100.00
SJL School	\$25.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Jan. 29, 2023
Attendance	114 (HC 64)	Home	\$3,407.70
Missions	\$275.00	Loose Plate	\$81.75
Zion Repairs	\$100.00	MLHS	\$50.00

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Feb 5, 2023
Attendance	105 (HC 74)	Home	\$4,562.70
Missions	\$275.00	Loose Plate	\$7.00
Zion Repairs	\$200.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Feb. 5, 2023
Attendance	68 (HC 58)	Home	\$3,055.00
Loose Plate	\$146.00	Missions	\$155.00
Online	\$571.37	SJLS Misc	\$319.80
MLHS	\$300.00	Bulletins/Broadcast	\$45.00
Christmas Sacks	\$190.00		

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



Pastor John Henry

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 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

Father Most Holy

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#### 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.

*<sup>13</sup>For you have delivered my soul from death,  
yes, my feet from | falling,\*  
that I may walk before God  
in the | light of life.*

## Kyrie

*Repeated 4 times:*

**C** *Lord, have mercy.*

**P** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C** *Amen.*

*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.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

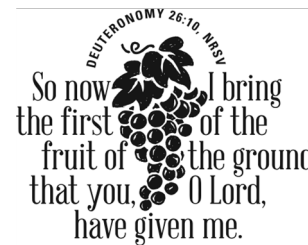
**Sunday morning Adult Bible Class.**

**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.

**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.



*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; [sjlnorthop.com](http://sjlnorthop.com) or [zionfraser.com](http://zionfraser.com)*

Those Serving our Lord			
		Greeters	Acolyte
<b>SJL</b>	<b>2-12</b>	Mike & Heidi Steuber	Hailey Simpson
	<b>2-19</b>	Paul & Cindi Tomlinson	Ashley Burkey
<b>Zion</b>	<b>2-12</b>	Austin & Amanda Morris	John Henry IV
	<b>2-19</b>	Joe & Amy Nelson	Sam Marroquin-Balderas

### LYF

**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 Pizzas** Don't forget to pick them up TODAY if you didn't get them on Saturday. Contact the youth that sold it to you if you have questions.

**Higher Things 2023 Planning Meeting** for students and parents will be Sunday February 26th, 6pm at SJL. If your youth is interested in going or you just want more information, please plan to attend or contact Larissa Hillmer at 507-236-2780.

**Mt Lake Fire Department invites you to a Sub Sandwich Benefit** on Monday, Feb 13th, 5-7:30pm at the Mt Lake Public School Flex Area. Free-will donation with proceeds going to Lynn Schwieger & Caleb Roiger to help with ongoing medical expenses. To go meals also available. Then stay for the Coaches vs Cancer basketball game and other events, all the game funds raised will benefit the local American Cancer Society Relay for Life and The Society's Lifesaving Programs.

**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, Coleslaw, French Bread, Dessert & Beverages.

**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**.

**Thank you to Zion-Fraser and SJL** for all the delicious desserts donated to the benefit for Lynn Schwieger & Caleb Roiger. **There are still some unclaimed pans above the coat racks at SJL.**

**Zion Members:** There will be a meeting after church in the Zion basement to discuss Easter breakfast on **Sunday Feb 12th & 19th**. If you wish to contribute but are unable to attend, please contact Connie Peymann (236-6540) or Peggy Wille (236-1698).

### First Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5

- <sup>1</sup>“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.”

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

Psalm 18:27-30



- <sup>27</sup>*For you save a humble | people,\*  
but the haughty eyes | you bring down.*  
<sup>28</sup>*For it is you who | light my lamp,\*  
the LORD my God lightens my | darkness.*  
<sup>29</sup>*For by you I can run a- | gainst a troop,\*  
and by my God I can leap o- | ver a wall.*  
<sup>30</sup>*This God—his way is | perfect,\*  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take ref- | uge in him.*

### Second Lesson

Romans 15:8-13

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,<sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup> And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup> And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**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 7:33–43*

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

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

<sup>33</sup> Jesus then said, “I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. <sup>34</sup> You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.” <sup>35</sup> The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? <sup>36</sup> What does he mean by saying, ‘You will seek me and you will not find me,’ and, ‘Where I am you cannot come?’”

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

<sup>40</sup> When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.” <sup>41</sup> Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? <sup>42</sup> Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” <sup>43</sup> So there was a division among the people over him.



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

**Waffle Breakfast sponsored by the Freshman Class** at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop will be held on Sunday, February 26th. They will be serving waffles with all the trimmings from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is a free will offering. Proceeds will help fund their senior class trip.

**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.

**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](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”.

**Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year** is now open at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop. Interested families are invited to visit the school at any time. Call 507-436-5249 to set up a time. The Vision of Martin Luther JR/SR High School is: **Partnered** with families and congregations, **Empowered** by the Gospel, **Academically Accredited**, **Christ-Centered** and **Cross-Curricular**, **Engaged in Excellence**. **Early enrollment discounts apply until March 15th.** For more information visit [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com). All teens are welcome to be blessed by a quality Christian high school education.

**Mark your calendar! The OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction** will be held on Saturday, April 22nd. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The committee is gathering new items, handmade items, gift certificates, or collectibles. Your donations are welcome! Notification and pictures are appreciated by March 1st to help with pre-event publicity. Please call 507-436-5249. Thank you!

**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.

**Bulletins & Broadcast** this week are sponsored by Gary & Sandra Luhmann in celebration of Jonah's 25th birthday on February 7th. Wishing you many blessings in the coming year!

**Funeral services** were held yesterday at SJL for Valyn Jerome Schuder-Boyd, son of Alexandra Schuder, who passed away before birth. Our condolences to the family. Prayers that your trust in our Good Shepherd brings you peace and comfort.

**Our deepest sympathies to the families of Lisa Gravlin and David Rode** as they mourn the loss of their nephew, James Rode. May our God be your source of strength and comfort at 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.

**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

**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 or if you can help fill in some of the missing information.

**We would like the names and addresses of our college students** for the yearly recognition project of the Zion LWML & SJL Eve Circle. Please contact the church office with your student's information by Monday, February 20th.

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

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

**Sermon Hymn** *O Christ, Our True and Only Light* **839**

**Sermon "Coming to Jesus, Coming to Church, and Going to Heaven"**

**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

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* 636

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* 761

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB pg. 165



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 prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal 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

*Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

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Lutheran Schools in Martin County  
St James Lutheran School, Martin Luther High School  
All Schools and places of learning

Family of Lisa Gravlin and David Rode at the passing of their nephew,  
James Rode.

#### St James

*Baptism Birthdays:* Lincoln Becker, Bev Graplar, Larry Becker

*Sick & In Distress:* Mitchell Wagner, Marianne Hagen, Jeff Hagen,  
Rochelle Franzen

*Homebound:* Bev Graplar, Carl Luhmann

#### Zion

*Baptism Birthdays:* Carter Wille, Marcus Moeller, Matthew Moeller,  
Nita Dobson, Isaac Wallace, Myla Murphy

*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