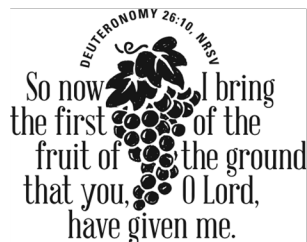


THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD: Feb 5 - 12, 2023
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon
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Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:30AM
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Wednesday	LWML @ Lornas	1:30 PM
	Confirmation Class (6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Zion Trustees's Meeting	(Z) 7:00 PM
	BOCE Meeting	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM
Saturday	LYF Pizza Making Day	(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
	NFL	(SJ) 7:00 PM

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. 29, 2023
Attendance	114 (HC 64)		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Jan. 29, 2023
Attendance	67 (HC 61)	Home	\$5,600.00
Loose Plate	\$125.00	Missions	\$250.00
Online	\$546.37	SJLS Misc	\$1,366.57
Transportation	\$88.40	Tuition	\$4,100.00
Memorials	\$25.00	SJL Church Misc	\$2,523.02
MLHS	\$50.00	Christmas Sacks	\$50.00

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



Pastor John Henry

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 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

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

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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.

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 16:2-3



²I say to the LORD, "You | are my Lord;*
I have no good a- | part from you."

³As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all | my delight.

**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

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.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

February 5 "How sad as we hear of the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade* by the Supreme Court that so many are acting like this is the worst thing that could happen in our world. Stop and think of what they are arguing about. They want the right to kill a baby in their womb. They want the right to do what they want with their body. It is such a selfish, sinful, and demented way of thinking. Yet, as you hear the arguments and as your kids go off to college, you often feel like you as a Christian are such an uncaring person. My friends, we are all sinners. Imagine what Jesus must think of this. He loves every soul!" *Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (6-26-22) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



		Those Serving our Lord	
		Greeters	Acolyte
SJL	2-5	Warren & Carole Schultze	Joseph Crissinger
	2-12	Mike & Heidi Steuber	Hailey Simpson
Zion	2-5	Kelsey Murphy & Dorie Schwieger	Kayden Glidden
	2-12	Austin & Amanda Morris	John Henry IV

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.

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**.

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 will be made fresh for you on Saturday, Feb 11th. Don't forget to pick them up Saturday or Sunday. Contact the youth that sold it to you if you have questions or would like to make other pick-up arrangements.

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.



First Lesson

Isaiah 29:18-23

- ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.
¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.
²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing
and the scoffer cease,
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,
²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender,
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

- “Jacob shall no more be ashamed,
no more shall his face grow pale.
²³For when he sees his children,
the work of my hands, in his midst,
they will sanctify my name;
they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 27:7-14



⁷Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud; *
be gracious to me and | answer me!

⁸You have said, | “Seek my face.” *

*My heart says to you,
“Your face, LORD, | do I seek.”*

⁹Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in | anger, *

*O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my sal- | vation!*

¹⁰For my father and my mother have for- | saken me, *
but the LORD will | take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, | O LORD,*
and lead me on a level path
because of my | enemies.

¹²Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;*
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out | violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD*
in the land of the | living!

¹⁴Wait | for the LORD;*
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait | for the LORD!

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus 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 9:35-41

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and



MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
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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. All teens are welcome to be blessed by a quality Christian high school education.

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. **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.

There are three kinds from which to choose.

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

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!

Bulletins & Broadcast this week are sponsored by Web & Dar Quade in memory of Dar's brother, Ronald Brummund, who went to live with our Lord and Savior in January. Our condolences to the family. 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.

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.

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.

Heaven's Table extends their thankfulness to everyone for the donations in the past year: July 6.5#, November 15#, January 18#.

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.**



said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower* **694**

Sermon "Light in Darkness: Sadness"

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
The Consecration

inside the back cover of the hymnal

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

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord **637**
Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice **556**

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 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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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