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



# Pastor John Henry

# Last Sunday of the Church Year



November 26, 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.

# Welcome, one and all, as we worship Christ the King in song and speech, prayer and praise.

**SJL Opening Hymn** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* 

# **Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

SJL Only

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- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is
- 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,
- 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.
- ... in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# (Zion only) The Baptisms of Luke Brown and Brae Bulfer

LSB pgs. 268-271

**Entrance Psalm** 

Psalm 130:6



<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the | morning,\* more than watchmen for the | morning.

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.

This is the Feast

LSB pg. 155

(Refrain): This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (Refrain)

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with your spirit.
  - Let us pray.

    Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

First Lesson Revelation 21:1–7

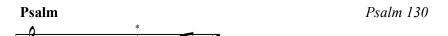
<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I Hanks be to God.



<sup>1</sup>Out | of the depths\*
I cry to you, | O Lord!

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, | hear my voice!\*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

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<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,*
O Lord, | who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>But with you there is for- | giveness,*
that you | may be feared.

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,*
and in his | word I hope;

<sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the | morning,*
more than watchmen for the | morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.

<sup>8</sup>And he will redeem | Israel*
from all his in- | iquities.
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#### Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:16–18; 5:1–10

<sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

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

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB pg. 156

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

**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 25:1–13* 

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

C Praise to You, O Christ.

**Sermon Hymn** Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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Sermon

**Apostles' Creed** inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Prayers

**Offering** 

Offertory LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

#### 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

• 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

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**

Lamb of God	550
Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying	597
Christ, the Life of All the Living	420

# Thank the Lord

LSB pg. 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### 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.
- 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**

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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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: Andrea Wiederhoeft, Heidi Koeritz, Sutton Bohlsen, Higgins Schock, Mike Steuber

Sick & In Distress: Rochelle Franzen, Marilyn Borkenhagen, Marianne Hagen, Tom Koeritz, Sandy Kurseth

Homebound: Carl Luhmann

#### Zion

Baptism Birthdays: Luke Brown, Brae Bulfer, Jaxton Roberts, Klay Brown, Levi Nelson, Marilyn Oelke

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,

Violet Lueth, Yonsey Karasek

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.

# Baptisms at Zion Welcome to God's Family

"Christ Jesus has made me His Own" Philippians 3:12

- Luke John Brown, son of Kory & Ashley Brown, who will be baptized today at Zion. His sponsors are Kolin & Maggie Kelly.
- **Brae Claire Bulfer**, daughter of Levi Bulfer & Sadie Sandersfeld, who will be baptized today at Zion. Her sponsors are Cole Sharp, Lili Bulfer, Bryan Brandt, Abby Scheffler, and Kendra Urrutia is a witness.

Lon & Marilyn Oelke are sponsoring the bulletins for the month of November, giving thanks to our Lord in remembrance of their baptism birthdays in November. May God continue to bless your lives.

**Bulletins are emailed weekly**. If you are not on the list and would like to be, please contact the office. **Bulletins can also be found on the website <u>silnorthrop.com</u> or <u>zionfraser.com</u>. Contact the office if you have questions.** 

**LYF Egg fundraiser** continues. Eggs will be available 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 leave in the SJL narthex.



- ⇒ 2024 Offering envelopes will be here soon. Please contact the church office by Dec 1st if you DO NOT want a box of envelopes. A number will still be assigned and contributions recorded for online giving.
- Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Cancelled your landline? Please contact the office with your updated contact information.

Are you in need of help with meals? **St James Lutheran Stewardship Committee** is starting a meal-train for SJL members who wish to have some help with meals for a short time. This could be due to an illness, a hospital stay, a birth of a child, a death in the family, or for any other reason. Contact Jody Uttech (507-236-6456) if you wish to have a meal-train started for you and/or your family. Also, if you are willing to help by furnishing a meal for a meal-train family when it works with your schedule, please let Jody know.



- Heaven's Table Food Shelf collection of nonperishable food items and personal care items such as shampoo, soap, body wash, toothpaste, etc., now through December 17th. If you would like to contribute any of these items there is a table in the narthex at both churches for your donations. Thank you.
  - **Zion LWML is also collecting NEW SOCKS** for Orphan Grain Train, now through December 17th. All sizes, styles, colors welcomed. There is a basket at the back of church for your donations. Thank you.

Your help is needed to help beautify our churches for the Advent Season on Saturday Dec 2nd. All are welcome to join the festivities. SJ Eve Circle will also have a short meeting afterwards. Zion will start at 8:30AM, SJL will start at 9:00AM.

**St. Paul's Wilbert LWML** invite you to their annual Christmas Social on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. There will be a salad luncheon, program and a Bake and Craft Sale Table available.

St John's Antrim Church will be having their 8<sup>th</sup> annual Beef Commercial Meal, Sunday Dec. 3<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We will be serving the meal in the church basement from 11:15am-12:30 pm. To go orders will be available. Pre orders for whole homemade pies, (Apple, Pecan, Cherry, Blueberry) can be made by calling 507-236-7292. Orders for the pies are due by Thurs. Nov. 30th. You can pick up the preordered pies on the day of the meal. Suggested donation for the pies is \$10. This is a free will donation event.



Sunday School Christmas Program Practice will start Sunday December 3rd! Please let Jody Uttech from SJL (236-6456) or Deb Wallace from Zion (436-5635) know if your child (ren) will be participating. SJL will practice after Sunday School until 11:30. Zion will practice for one hour after church. Thank you.

**Zion Sunday School Parents**: please help your students learn their November memory verse. *Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.* 



The MLHS Music Department will present "The Joy of Christmas in Concert" on Sat, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in the high school gymnasium in Northrop. The band will give a debut performance of a special piece commissioned exclusively for MLHS written by Kurt Hei-

necke, Veggie Tales composer. Heinecke will be the guest speaker at the concert and will give insight to the design of the piece. Elementary and high school musicians in band and choir will be under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a free will donation.



Please contact Linda Becker (236-1316) to sign up to help with donations of goodies or to help at the sale.



# **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 using the Focus on the Family video series "That the World May Know".

Friday Morning Bible Study at 8am in the Fellowship Hall at SJL.

# **Issues**,Etc.

# Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

- Nov 26 Psalm 67 For a Day of Thanksgiving Dr. Timothy Saleska
- Dec 3 Your Unanswered Bible Questions Pastor Bryan Wolfmuller and Pastor Brian Kachelmeier
- Dec 10 "On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry" Dr. Arthur Just
- Dec 17 The Christmas Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" Pastor Will Weedon
- Dec 24 The First Christmas Dr. Paul Maier
- Dec 31 The Christmas Hymn: "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" Dr. Arthur Just



#### THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY:

# Sundays on KSUM 1370AM-11 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

"Loving Mercy" Will those who do good things be saved? Or, will those who are saved...do good things? Dr. Dean Nadasdy says those who love Christ also love showing mercy to others. (Matthew 25:34-40)

Those Serving our Lord			
	Greeters	Acolyte	
SJL 11-26	Paul & Hayley Luther		
12-3	Mat & Leanna Mahoney	Hailey Simpson	
<b>Zion11-26</b>	Matthew & Jayden Moeller	Luke Henry	
12-3	Dion & Teresa Montgomery	Alex Pittman	
12-6	Austin & Amanda Morris 7pm		

THIS W	EEK WITH OUR LORD	Nov 26 - Dec 3, 2023	
CHURCH	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon		
	Office phone: 436-5289	Pastor phone: 219-713-1604	
Email: sj	lnorthrop@gmail.com Web	site: sjlnorthrop.com or zionfraser.com	
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM	
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM	
Tuesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM	
Wednesday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM	
	Confirmation Class (6	th & 7th grades) (SJ) 4:00 PM	
	Confirmation Class (8	th grade) (SJ) 5:00 PM	
	<b>BOCE Meeting</b>	(SJ) 7:00 PM	
Thursday	Chapel	(SJ) 8:40 AM	
Friday	Morning Bible Study	(SJ) 8:00 AM	
Saturday	Decorate the churches	(Z) 8:30 AM, (SJ) 9:00 AM	
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 AM, (Z) 10:00 AM	
	Sunday School	(Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM	
	Christmas Caroling me		

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; silnorthop.com or zionfraser.com, or through the tithe.ly church app.



SJL Online Giving

Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Nov 19, 2023
Attendance	80 (HC 53)	Home	\$6,233.90
Loose Plate	\$27.00	Missions	\$225.00
MLHS	\$700.00		

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Nov 19, 2023
Attendance	112 (HC 87)	Home	\$1,855.00
Loose Plate	\$243.00	Missions	\$510.00
Online	\$638.88	Tuition	\$200.00
MLHS	\$125.00	Tuition Angel	\$50.00
Bulletins	\$90.00	Memorials	\$45.00
Transportation	\$197.57	Thanksgiving	\$200.00