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



Pastor John Henry

The Name of Jesus and the New Year



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December 31, 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.

We gather today, only halfway through the season of Christmas, and trusting God's guidance for the new year.

Welcome to worship, one and all.

Opening Hymn Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year

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
- 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.



⁹O | Lord, our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Gloria Patri LSB pg. 186

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

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:

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 (Sung)

- **P** *The Lord be with you.*
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- \mathbf{P} Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 8

¹O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the | heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and infants.

you have established strength because | of your foes,*
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,*
the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,

⁴what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,*
and the son of man that you | care for him?

⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honor.

⁶You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;*
you have put all things under | his feet,

⁷all sheep and | oxen,*
and also the beasts | of the field,

⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish | of the sea,*
whatever passes along the paths | of the seas.

⁹O | Lord, our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Second Lesson Colossians 2:8–15

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel (Sung Responses)

Luke 2:21-40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in

²²And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn What Hope! An Eden Prophesied 342

Sermon

Nicene Creed inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Prayers

Offering

Offertory LSB pgs. 192-193

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

The Preface (Sung)

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** *Lift up your hearts.*
- We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C It good and right so to do.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary [...] evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB pg. 195

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 in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer inside the back cover of the hymnal

The Consecration

Pax Domini (Sung)

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB pg. 198

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

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds	524
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	549
Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love	900

Nunc Dimittis

LSB pgs. 199-200

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. 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.

Thanksgiving & Benediction (Sung)

- **P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.
- And his mercy endureth forever.
- 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 thy spirit.
- **P** Bless we the Lord.
- 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.
- Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

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Lutheran Schools in Martin County St James Lutheran School

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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.**

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.

Paul & Cindy Wolter are sponsoring the bulletins for the month of December, giving thanks to our Lord in as they celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on December 4th. May God continue to bless your marriage.

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 Installation of Officers will be on Sunday, January 7th.

Donations for Christmas Bags on Christmas Eve can still be given to an Elder at either church or placed into the offering plate earmarked "Christmas Bags". Thank you!



- ⇒ Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Cancelled your landline? Please contact the office with your updated contact information.
- Annual Reports will be printed soon. In order to have them ready for the Annual Voter's Meetings in January please submit your reports to the office no later than Wednesday January 3rd. Thank you!
- **2024 Contribution Envelopes** are available in the Narthex. **Please throw away the 2023 envelopes.**

We will **celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord with a Divine Service at 6pm on Friday, January 5th at Zion**. Following the service, we will burn the Christmas greens in the Zion parking lot, and then enjoy time together in the fellowship hall. Feel free to bring your Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands, and greens (real!--no plastic!) to add to the bonfire, and also bring any leftover-but-still-fresh Christmas baked goods to share. For a free will donation to LYF, our youth would also be happy to pick up your Christmas tree and bring it to Zion for you! Contact Larissa Hagen 507-236-2780 to arrange pick-up.



ANNUAL CHURCH VOTER'S MEETINGS

ZION: Jan 10th @ 7:30 (Supper provided by the LWML @ 6:30) **SJL:** Jan 17th @ 7:00

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.



Weather Related Announcements will again be available 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.

SJL Eve Circle is looking for help on Wednesday, Jan 3rd at 6:30pm to take down the Christmas tree and decorations. All extra hands are appreciated.



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

Prayers are requested during the search for a new principal at MLHS.

The committee is currently in the interview process with potential candidates. We pray for the committee and for the candidates. We pray that the transition will be a blessing to everyone involved and God's will be done, all to His Glory.

National Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on January 21-27, 2024. The theme is "Connected" based on John 15:1-5. Early bird student enrollment discounts for the 2024-2025 school year will apply until February 1st. All students are welcome to enroll and be blessed by what Christ in the curriculum gives. Call 507-436-5249.

All families are invited to The Children's Winter Carnival sponsored by the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop National Honor Society and Student Council on Sunday, January 21st from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$5/child or \$15 per family. Parents are free. There will be Games, Prizes, Bouncy House, Snacks and a Parent Lounge.

Everyone is welcome to a fascinating history presentation on the Civil War by Arn Kind at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Tuesday, January 23. (Snow date is January 25.) History will come to life through this interactive lesson. Times are 9-11:15 a.m. for grades 5-8 and noon to 2:15 p.m. for grades 9-12. The event is sponsored by the MLHS Parent/Teacher League. For more information go to www.martinlutherhs.com.

Joint Service Attendance			
Wed 12/20	Sun 12/24	10pm	Mon 12/25 8:30am
43	36 (HC Z:2	22, SJ:6)	67 (HC SJ:45, Z:15)



Reflecting our Stewardship – Zion			Dec 24, 2023
Attendance 10AM	102 (HC 69)		
Loose Plate	\$8.00	Home	\$4,115.00
Christmas Bags	\$115.00	Missions	\$600.00
Advent III - SJLS	\$20.00	Advent III-OPC	\$595.00
Attendance 4PM	114		
SJLS	\$1,252.00	Christmas Bags	\$70.00
Candlelight Service			
Home	\$225.00	MLHS	\$25.00
Loose	\$100.00	Zion Repairs	\$100.00



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.



Sundays on KSUM 1370AM - 9 am

Dec 31 The Christmas Hymn: "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" - Dr. Arthur Just

Jan 7, 2024 The First Christmas - Dr. Paul Maier

Jan 14 John 10:1-21 "I Am The Good Shepherd - Dr. Bill Weinrich

Jan 21 Pastoral Visitation - Dr. Tyler Arnold

Jan 28 Witnessing to LGBTQ People - Dr. John Bombaro



THE LUTHERAN HOUR TODAY: Sundays on KSUM 1370AM- 11 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

"The Exit from Regret" When life becomes an endless roundabout of regret, Christ is your entrance to forgiveness and a new start. (Luke 2:27-28)

Reflecting our Stewardship – St James			Dec 24, 2023
Attendance 8AM	76 (HC 66)	Attendance 7pm	162
Loose Plate	\$148.00	Home	\$5,730.00
Online	\$590.00	Missions	\$125.00
Christmas Bags	\$15.00	Tuition	\$225.00
MLHS	\$50.00	Transportation	\$183.38
SJLC Misc	\$393.75	Advent III -OPC	\$2,471.32
CE Birthday gifts	\$10,997.00	Christmas Day	\$1,672.00

THIS WE	EK WITH OUR LOI	RD: Dec 3	1 - Jan 7, 2024
CHURCH (CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon		
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Email: sjln	orthrop@gmail.com W	ebsite: sjlnorthrop.com	or zionfraser.com
Sunday	New Years Eve		
Sunday	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 A	M, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School	(33) 3133 1	(Z) 8:45 AM
Wednesday	Deadline for Annua	al Reports	,
	Chapel	•	(SJ) 8:40 AM
	Confirmation Class	(6th & 7th grades)	(SJ) 4:00 PM
	Confirmation Class	(8th grade)	(SJ) 5:00 PM
	Joint Elder's Meetin	g	(SJ) 7:00 PM
Thursday	Chapel		(SJ) 8:40 AM
Friday	Morning Bible Stud	y	(SJ) 8:00 AM
	Epiphany Divine S	ervice	(Z) 6:00 PM
	Bonfire & Epiphany	Celebration	
Sunday	Installation of Office	cers	
	Divine Worship	(SJ) 8:30 A	M, (Z) 10:00 AM
	Sunday School (Z) 8:45 AM, (SJ) 9:45 AM		
	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; <u>silnorthop.com</u> or <u>zionfraser.com</u>, or through the tithe.ly church app.



SJL Online Giving

Those Serving our Lord		
	Greeters	Acolyte
SJL 12-31	Dave & Kris Rode 8:30am	
1-7	Kevin & Sherri Roforth 8:30am	
ZION 12-31	Evan & Ashlee Oberdieck 10am	Alex Pittman
1-5	Chuck & Wanda Patsche 6pm	
1-7	Gary & Connie Peymann 10am	Gavin Schoen